

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	APPLICATION NO. BR-441
of Camelot Transportation, Inc.,)	
Kearney, seeking to adjust its)	
rates and charges subject to the)	GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)	BASIS
(Reissue 2012), Chapter 75,)	
Articles 1 and 3. (Camelot)	
Transportation))	ENTERED: JANUARY 14, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On January 7, 2014, Camelot Transportation, Inc., dba Prince of the Road, Kearney, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its non-charter individual passenger service rates as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
I. Statewide Mileage Rate	\$1.50	\$1.50
Statewide mileage rate:		
0 to 5 miles	\$7.65	\$22.00
Over five miles	\$1.50/mi	\$1.50/mi
II. State wide in Town Rate	\$19.69	Deleted
(Includes Omaha Metropolitan: Bellevue, LaVista, Ralston, Papillion Bennington, Gretna)		
III. Holiday or after hours:	\$20.00	Deleted
IV. Rural Escort/second driver (Loaded mile)	\$0.35/mi	\$20/hour
V. In Town Escort/second driver	\$9.52	\$20/hour
I. Additional Passenger	\$6.05	\$10.00

Emergency action is requested.

The proposed rate changes are in the mileage charge, the escort/second driver charge and the additional passenger charge. The Statewide Mileage rate is changing from a statewide rate of \$7.65 for the first five miles and \$1.50 per mile thereafter

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with the \$19.69 Statewide in-town rate. The new combined rate charge of \$22.00 per trip represents an eleven percent increase in the charge from that currently charged. The per-mile rate remains the same. The Escort/Second Driver charge is changed from a per mile charge to an hourly charge. The Application also proposes to add a Waiting Time charge that is common in the industry but is new for the Applicant. The last change is in the Additional Passenger charge, which would rise from \$6.05 per person to \$10.00 per person.

The Applicant, in information shared with the Commission, represents that it has experienced an increase in costs over the last year necessitates the proposed changes in its rates. The Applicant spends a significant amount of money to attract and hire drivers, and additional funds in training these drivers. It has spent more money on salaries for these drivers as they find it beneficial to retain these drivers as opposed to recruiting new drivers. The Applicant has also invested in a new computer system that includes GPS for the drivers as well as training in the use of Android devices for dispatch. This additional training is also a factor in the increase in salaries, as well as an additional expense for the Applicant.

The Applicant has also experienced an increase in costs since the last rate increase in 2010. The primary driver is insurance costs, which have risen between seven and ten percent in the last year and more increases are expected in the next year.

The Applicant represents to the Commission that the proposed rates are competitive with rates charged by other carriers providing a similar service. The proposed changes are all either at or close to rates charged by these other companies.

The Commission finds that the proposed changes are reasonable and should be approved. There are changes in the overall structure of the rates, including changes to the Statewide Mileage Rate and the deletion of the Holiday and After Hours charges. The proposed changes are reasonable and competitive.

In order to grant an application on an emergency basis, the applicant must show and the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. The Commission does find that the rates should be approved on an emergency basis due to the fact that the applicant will be at a disadvantage with regards to its transportation if the rate change is not granted.

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Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application should be granted on an emergency basis effective January 24, 2014.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Camelot Transportation, Inc., dba Prince of the Road, Kearney, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its non-charter individual passenger service rates on an emergency basis effective January 24, 2014, as follows:

Description	Rate
I. Statewide mileage rate:	
0 to 5 miles	\$22.00
Over five miles	\$1.50/mi
III. Rural Escort/Second Driver/ Waiting Time	\$20/hour
IV. Additional Passenger	\$10.00

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that public notice of this action be published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121, R.R.S. 2012, and the Commission rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 14th day of January, 2014.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING

Anne Boyle
Tim Schram
James Wray

Frank E. Landis
Chair

ATTEST:

Steve Meredith
Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis