

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Papio)	APPLICATION NO. BR-448
Transportation in the)	
Prescription of Reasonable)	
Rates and Charges for Motor)	GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY
Carriers Passengers and)	BASIS
Property for Hire subject to)	
the Provisions of Neb. Rev.)	
Stat. (Reissue 2013), Chapter)	
75, Articles 1 and 3.)	ENTERED: MARCH 11, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On March 6, 2014, Papio Transport Service, Inc., Papillion, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend rates for its use in its operations as follows:

Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rates
Regular Rate	\$32.00 one way	\$20.00 one way
If client uses Papio oxygen:	\$10.00	Delete
Mileage Rate:	\$1.32/loaded mile	\$1.66/loaded mile
Additional Passenger Rate:	n/a	\$10.00

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate Number B-1733. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers in open class service over irregular routes between points in Douglas and Sarpy counties and between points in said counties. HHS Designation: Yes. Transportation of Railroad Train Crews: No.

The Applicant is seeking to reduce its rates from \$32.00 per trip one way to \$20.00 per trip one way. The Applicant is also proposing the addition of a charge for additional passengers of \$10.00, and an increase in the per mile charge from \$1.32 per loaded mile to \$1.66 per loaded mile. The Applicant is requesting the deletion of the After Hour Rate.

The primary justifications for the proposed changes are that the service that this Applicant is providing can

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be done at the proposed reduced rate without adversely impacting its operations. The reduction is being done to place itself in a better competitive position with those providers that are providing a similar service.

The increase in the per mile rate and the addition of the Additional Passenger Rate are both requested pursuant to contract provisions that are available to the Applicant. The Applicant is able to be compensated by AMR/Access to Care at the proposed mile rate of \$1.66 per loaded mile. The Additional Passenger Charge is another provision that the Applicant has negotiated with an entity that will pay them for that service if the provision is approved by the Commission.

The proposed rate for service of \$20.00 appears to be reasonable. The Commission also finds that the per mile charge and the Additional Passenger Charge are reasonable as they are the result of negotiations in contracts by the Applicant. These charges should also be approved.

In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. Such a situation exists in this application. The Applicant has requested that the rate be changed so that it can take advantage of contract that will allow it to benefit from the proposed rates. The Applicant should be placed in a position that will allow it to make use the proposed rates for the contracts and not place the Applicant in a position that will negatively impact its ability to pursue these contracts fully.

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 March 14, 2014.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective March 14, 2014, Papio Transport Service, Inc., Papillion, Nebraska, be, and it is

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hereby, authorized to amend rates for its use as follows:

Description	Rates
Regular Rate (first 13 miles)	\$20.00 one way
Additional Passenger Charge:	\$10.00
Mileage Rate	\$1.66/loaded mile

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. 2013, and the Commission's Rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of March, 2014.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Anne Boyle
Tim Schram
Bob Johnson
Gerald Lugo

Frank E. Landis
Chairman

ATTEST:

Steve Meredith
Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis