

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	APPLICATION NO. BR-452
of Platte County Ambulance dba)	
Midwest Medical Transport Co.,)	
Columbus, in the Prescription of)	
Reasonable Rates and Charges for)	GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY
Motor Carriers Passengers and)	BASIS
Property for Hire subject to the)	
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)	
(Reissue 2013), Chapter 75,)	
Articles 1 and 3.)	ENTERED: MAY 6, 2014

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On April 7, 2006, Platte County Ambulance Co., dba Midwest Medical Transport Co., Columbus, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to establish transportation rates for handicapped or incapacitated passengers as follows:

Description	Current	Proposed
1. Base Rate (Trips up to fourteen miles from point of origin; one way)	\$36	\$30
Base Rate (Round Trip, same day service)	\$70	\$60
2. Out-of-town trips (one way)	\$36	\$36
a. Mileage 1-14 (over 14 miles)	\$0.00/mi	\$0.00/mi
b. Mileage 15-75 (over 14 miles)	\$2.15/mi	\$1.90/mi
c. Mileage 76 and over (over 14 mi)	\$2.60/mi	\$2.90/mi
Out-of-town trips (round trip)		\$70
a. Mileage 1-14 (over 28 miles)	\$0.00/mi	\$0.00/mi
b. Mileage 15-75 (over 28 miles)	\$2.15/mi	\$1.90/mi
c. Mileage 76 and over (over 28 mi)	\$2.60/mi	\$2.90/mi
3. Waiting Time:		
a. First 15 minutes	No Charge	
b. Next 30 minutes	\$36/hr	\$30/hr
(billed in 15 minute increments)		
4. Extra attendant	\$15/hr from time of pick-up to destination	
Extra attendant (proposed):		no change
5. Oxygen Tank	\$15	\$10

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6. Chair usage charge

(If client chooses to stay at appointment and use Midwest's chair, a fee will be charges for the use of the chair)

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| a. | Regular chair | \$10.00 | No change |
| b. | Extra-wide chair | \$15.00 | No change |

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1588. The Certificate authorizes the transportation of handicapped or incapacitated passengers between points in Columbus, Fremont, and Grand Island and between points in said cities, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes.

The proposed rates represent a seventeen percent reduction in the base, one-way trip and a fourteen percent decrease in the base round trip. The mileage rate for longer trips over 75 miles from the initial mileage included in the base rates increases by eleven percent, but the mileage rate for shorter distances between fifteen and seventy-five miles is decreased by twelve percent. The wait time hourly charge is proposed to be reduced by seventeen percent, and the charge for an oxygen tank is reduced by one-third. There is no change in the attendant charge.

The Applicant last received a rate change in December of 2006. The Applicant states that the proposed rates are necessary for it to be competitive with other providers. The Applicant further states will be disadvantaged relative to other providers if the application is not granted on an emergency basis

The Commission finds that the rates as proposed are reasonable and should be approved. The proposed rates are competitive with other carriers providing a similar service with like equipment. The application is filed in compliance with Section 75-308 (Rates) R.R.S. 2005 and the Commission rules.

The Commission further finds that the basis exists for the application to be granted on an emergency basis. He Applicant will find itself in a disadvantaged position relative to other providers, and that it should be placed in apposition to utilize these rates as soon as possible.

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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 effective May 16, 2014.

O R D E R

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective May 16, 2014, Platte County Ambulance Co., dba Midwest Medical Transport Co., Columbus, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish transportation rates for handicapped or incapacitated passengers as follows:

Description	Rates
1. Base Rate (Trips up to fourteen miles from point of origin; one way)	\$30
Base Rate (Round Trip, same day service)	\$60
2. Out-of-town trips (one way)	\$36
a. Mileage 1-14 (over 14 miles)	\$0.00/mi
b. Mileage 15-75 (over 14 miles)	\$1.90/mi
c. Mileage 76 and over (over 14 mi	\$2.90/mi
Out-of-town trips (round trip)	\$70
a. Mileage 1-14 (over 28 miles)	\$0.00/mi
b. Mileage 15-75 (over 28 miles)	\$1.90/mi
c. Mileage 76 and over (over 28 miles)	\$2.90/mi
3. Waiting Time:	
a. (Billed in 15 minute increments)	\$30/hour
4. Extra attendant:	\$15/hr from time of pick-up to destination
5. Oxygen Tank	\$10
6. Chair usage charge	
(If client chooses to stay at appointment and use Midwest's chair, a fee will be charges for the use of the chair)	
a. Regular chair	\$10.00
b. Extra-wide chair	\$15.00
c. Paramedic	\$25/hour

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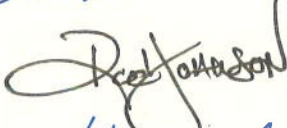

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day of May, 2014.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis