

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) APPLICATION NO. BR-454
of Handivan Transports, Inc.,)
Papillion, Nebraska, seeking to)
amend its rates and charges) GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY
subject to the Provisions of) BASIS
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 2012),)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)
) ENTERED: JUNE 24, 2014
)

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPININON AND FINDINGS

On June 18, 2014, Handivan Transports, 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	
Regular Rate (up to 5 miles)		\$38.00 one way
Mileage Rate	\$1.32/loaded mile	\$1.66/mile
If client uses Handivan oxygen:	\$10.00	Deleted
Waiting Time	\$37.00/hour	Deleted

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated carrier which holds Certificate Number B-1808. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers by wheelchair accessible vans in open class service over irregular routes between points within the Omaha corporate city limits. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes.

The Applicant received authority to operate from the Commission under Certificate Number B-1808 on May 14, 2013. The Applicant is amending its rates for use in this certificate.

The Applicant is seeking to raise its rates from \$32.00 per trip one way to \$38.00 for the first five (5) miles per trip one way. After the first five (5) miles the charge would be set at \$1.66 per mile. The Applicant is also proposing the deletion of a charge for oxygen that the Applicant provides of \$10.00, as well as the deletion of the Waiting Time charge.

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The primary justification for this increase is that the company is entering into a contract with entities, primarily the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, that are seeking their services as a wheelchair provider and are willing to pay the proposed rate.

The proposed rate for service of \$38.00 appears to be reasonable. Other companies are receiving \$38.00 or more for wheelchair transportation, and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Service is authorizing the \$38.00 per trip for one-way transportation of this service type.

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 a 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 contract and not place the Applicant in a position that will negatively impact its ability to pursue this contract 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 June 27, 2014.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective June 27, 2014, Handivan Transports Inc., Papillion, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend rates for its use as follows:

Description	Rates
Regular Rate (up to 5 miles)	\$38.00 one way
Mileage Rate	\$1.66/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. 2012, and the Commission's Rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of June, 2014.

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//s//Frank E. Landis