

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) APPLICATION NO. BR-478
of Handivan Transports, Inc.,)
Inc., Papillion, Nebraska,)
seeking to amend its rates and) GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY
charges subject to the) BASIS
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)
(Reissue 2014), Chapter 75,)
Articles 1 and 3.)
ENTERED: MARCH 31, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On March 24, 2015, 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 (up to 5 mi)	\$38.00 one way	\$42.00 one way
Mileage Rate	\$1.66/loaded mile	\$1.66/loaded mile

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common 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.; and in Supplement 1, the transportation of passengers by wheelchair accessible vans only in open class service over irregular routes between points within Douglas and Sarpy counties. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. HHS Designation: Yes. The Applicant is proposing to amend its rates for use in this certificate.

The Applicant is seeking to raise its rates from \$38.00 per trip one way to \$42.00 for the first five (5) miles per trip one way. The mileage charge for trips after the first five (5) miles charge would remain at \$1.66 per mile

The primary justification for this increase is that the company has a contract with entities, primarily the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, that are currently paying a rate that is higher than the Applicant's current published rate. The Applicant is also anticipating an increase

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from the Department of Health and Human Services that would take effect in July of 2015.

The proposed rate for service of \$42.00 appears to be reasonable. According to information available to the Commission, the Department of Health and Human Services is currently paying \$39.77 to providers for services such as that performed by the Applicant. The proposed rate is designed to place the Applicant in a position to take advantage of the current rate and also place them in a position that they will be able to sign for the anticipated new, higher rate in July of 2015.

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 current contract rates and allow it to benefit from the anticipated contract rates. The Applicant should be placed in a position that will allow it to make use of 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 April 10, 2015.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective April 10, 2015, 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)	\$42.00 one way
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. (2014), and the Commission's Rules.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 31st day of
March, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Gerald L. Vap

Chairman

Crystal Knodes

ATTEST:

Debra Johnson

Steve Meredith

Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis

//s//Gerald L. Vap