

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Triumph) Application No. BR-511/
Transportation, Inc., Kearney,) B-1798
Nebraska, seeking to amend its)
rates and charges subject to the) GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY
Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.) BASIS
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)
Entered: October 12, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On September 27, 2016, Triumph Transportation, Inc., Kearney, filed an application for authority to amend its rates as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Statewide Wheelchair Base Rate	\$33.00	\$30.00
Statewide Mileage Rate:		
6 or more miles	\$1.50/mi.	\$2.50/mi.
Additional passengers:	\$6.05/passenger	\$10.00/per passenger
Rural Escort/Second Driver/Waiting Time	\$0.35/loaded mile	\$20.00/hour

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated carrier that holds Certificate Number B-1798. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers in open class service by van, handicapped equipped passenger and cutaway vans, SUVs and sedans between points in Nebraska over irregular routes. The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. Applicant is not authorized to provide point-to-point transportation of passengers in Lancaster County or to provide transportation of passengers originating in Lancaster County except for a continuation of a trip originating outside Lancaster County and shown on the same billing document as a continuation of the originating trip. The transportation of passengers and their baggage by sedan originating from or point-to-point within any territory where a taxicab company holds a certificate or permit is not authorized. The Commission reserves the right to further restrict this authority with respect to the use of sedans, on its own motion or the motion of another, in the event that a carrier which meets all applicable requirements offers taxi services in territories underserved as of November 26, 2002. The HHS Designation is yes. The Certificate was granted on November 13, 2013.

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The proposed changes reduces the wheelchair base rate, increases the mileage rate, sets a per passenger rate for each additional passenger, and changes the rural escort/second driver/wait time rate from a mileage rate to an hourly rate. The remainder of Applicant's rates remain unchanged.

Applicant states that the proposed changes are necessary due to an increase in operational expenses, such as insurance, new vehicles and routing software, over the four years since it last updated its rates. Triumph Transportation submitted documentation regarding its increased insurance costs, new vehicle purchases, and the software contract used for GPS routing of its vehicles. Based upon the documentation submitted, the Commission finds that the proposed rates are reasonable.

In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. Such a situation exists in this application as Applicant should be placed in a position to take advantage of its new rates as soon as possible.

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 October 17, 2016.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Triumph Transportation, Inc., Kearney, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend rates for its services on an emergency basis effective October 17, 2016, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Wheelchair Base Rate:	\$30.00
6 or more miles:	\$2.50/mi.
Additional passengers:	\$10.00/per passenger
Rural Escort/Second Driver/Waiting Time	\$20.00/hour

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 Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-121 and Commission rules.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th
day of October, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING

//s//Rod Johnson
//s//Crystal Rhoades
//s//Tim Schram
//s//Gerald L. Vap



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director