## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	APPLICATION	ON NO.	LR-214	
Prescription of Reasonable	)				
Rates and Charges for Motor	)	GRANTED			
Carriers Passengers and	)				
Property for Hire Subject to	)		4		
the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.	)	ENTERED:	DECEMB!	ER 21,	2000
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,	)				•
Articles 1 and 3.	)				

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

On October 30, 2000, Steven L. Gill, dba Cookies Limousine Service, Beatrice, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its limousine rates for use in Richardson county as follows:

Desc	cription (Subject to Notes 1 and 2)	Proposed Rate
II.	Six Passenger Ten Passenger (120 Inch)	\$60/hour 75/hour

Note 1: Subject to a one hour minimum charge.

Note 2: Time begins when customer is picked up and ends when the customer releases the car and driver.

Notice of the application was published in <u>The Daily Record</u>, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 1, 2000, pursuant to the Commission's rules. The application is unprotested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1536. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers by luxury limousine service between points in Richardson county, and between points within said county on the one hand, and, on the other, points within a 150 mile radius of Falls City over irregular routes.

According to the applicant, the proposed rates are believed necessary to offset increases in costs (i.e. fuel, maintenance, and insurance). In the past year, fuel prices have risen approximately 40% and maintenance costs have risen approximately 8%. The cost of insurance has also increased approximately 2%. The proposed rates will be more competitive with the competition.

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The proposed rates are an increase of \$10 per hour for the six passenger limousine and \$15 per hour for the ten passenger limousine. The average hourly limousine rate for limousine carriers operating in the eastern half of Nebraska is \$60 per hour for a six passenger limousine and \$80 per hour for a ten passenger limousine. The proposed rates are competitive with other limousine carriers providing service in the area. In the last two year, the cost of living has increased approximately 7%.

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 December 29, 2000.

## ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective December 29, 2000, Steven L. Gill, dba Cookies Limousine Service, Beatrice, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its limousine rates for use in Richardson county as follows:

## Description (Subject to Notes 1 and 2)

Rate

I. Six Passenger

II. Ten Passenger (120 Inch)

\$60/hour 75/hour

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customer releases the car and driver.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of December, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTESTS:

Executive Director

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller