

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	APPLICATION NO. LR-218
Prescription of Reasonable)	
Rates and Charges for Motor)	GRANTED
Carriers Passengers and)	
Property for Hire Subject to)	
the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat.)	ENTERED: MAY 23, 2001
(Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,)	
Articles 1 and 3.)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On April 5, 2001, Lou & Mary Jo Marshall, dba Double Diamond Limousine, North Platte, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its six (6) and ten (10) passenger limousine rates and to establish a rate for an eight (8) passenger limousine as follows:

Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
I. 6 Passenger (60" Stretch)		
D. Waiting time (Only change requested)	\$10/hour	\$15/hour
II. 8 Passenger (100" stretch) (Subject to Notes 1, 2, 3, & 4) (New)		
A. Scheduled service of one hour or less		\$80/hour
B. Scheduled service greater than one hour		75/hour
C. Each additional hour after two hours		70/hour
D. Waiting time		15/hour
E. Mileage charges:		
1. Empty mileage		.75/mile
2. Loaded mileage		1.00/mile
III. 10 Passenger (120" Stretch)		
A. Scheduled service of one hour or less	\$80/hour	\$90/hour
B. Scheduled service greater than one hour	75/hour	85/hour
C. Each additional hour after two hours	70/hour	80/hour

All other rates and notations not shown remain unchanged.

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Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 9, 2001, pursuant to the Commission's rules; and republished on April 12, 2001, to correct a publication error. The application is unprotested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1437. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by limousine between points in Lincoln, Keith, Frontier and Red Willow counties and between points within said counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Supplement 1, to its authority, authorizes the transportation of passengers by luxury limousine between points in Perkins, Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Cherry, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, Logan, McPherson and Arthur counties.

Applicant states that it is adding an eight passenger limousine to its fleet for which a rate is nonexistent. Additionally, it is requesting a rate increase averaging 13.4% for its ten passenger limousine and a \$5 increase on its waiting time charge for its six passenger limousine. In addition to maintaining the vehicles, cosmetic repairs have been made updating the vehicles for the public. The increases in fuel and maintenance costs plus the need for additional drivers substantiate the need for a rate increase.

Applicant provided its profit and loss (P&L) statement for 1999 and 2000. The P&L statement reflects a loss in the year 2000 of \$1728.00 compared to a profit in 1999 of \$860.00. Its insurance costs increased 204% (\$1146.00 in 1999 to \$3484.00 in 2000), fuel costs jumped 141% (\$1233.00 in 1999 to \$2975.00 in 2000), while maintenance costs increased 80% (\$1381.00 in 1999 to \$2481.00 in 2000). Overall its total expenses for 2000 increased 85% over 1999. Its operating ratio for the year 2000 is 108.2 versus an operating ratio of 93.5 in 1999. The proposed rates are comparable to rates on file for similar sized limousines operating throughout Nebraska.

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.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Lou & Mary Jo Marshall, dba Double Diamond Limousine, North Platte, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its six (6) and ten (10) passenger limousine rates and to establish a rate for an eight (8) passenger limousine as follows:

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MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of May, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Anne C. Boyle

Frank E. Landis

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Frank Landis
Chairman

ATTESTS:

Ed S. Pollack
Executive Director

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