

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Prescription of Reasonable)	APPLICATION NO. LR-223
Rates and Charges for Motor Carriers Passengers)	
and Property for Hire subject to the Provisions of)	GRANTED AS AMENDED
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 1996), Chapter 75,)	
Articles 1 and 3.)	ENTERED: MARCH 5, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On November 2, 2001, Sandhills Limos, Inc., Ord, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its limousine rates and to establish single passenger rates for its use as follows:

I. Limousine Rates:

Description	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
A. 60 inch Limo within city of garage (See Notes 1, 2, & 3)	\$55/hour	\$65/hour
B. 60 inch Limo in areas outside the city of garage (See Notes 1, 2, 3, & 4)	55/hour	65/hour
C. Empty mileage charge	\$0.50/mile	\$0.60/mile
D. Waiting Time: A waiting charge in lieu of any other charge while vehicle is idle.	27.50/hour	27.50/hour

Note 1: All limousine service is subject to a one-hour minimum charge at full rate.

Note 2: Hourly rates begin when client is picked up and end when client releases the driver and vehicle.

Note 3: Empty mileage charge applies from principal place vehicle is garaged to point of pick up and from point vehicle and driver are released back to principal place vehicle is garaged.

Note 4: (New) Waiting time charge will not exceed \$110 per trip per day.

II. (New) Single Passenger Rate (Value Options Program, Airport Drop-off/ Pick up, etc.)

Description	Proposed Rates
A. Minimum charge	\$20.00
B. Per loaded mile	1.06
C. Waiting time after the first one-half hour	10.00/hour

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- Note 1: An additional 10% of the total charge will be accessed on trips occurring between 6:00 p.m. Central Time and 7:00 a.m. Central Time, on holidays and weekends, on trips requiring a second driver due to trip length, or requiring a special driver.
- Note 2: Cancellation of an authorized trip without prior notice of four hours or less or after the driver has arrived at the pick up point will be billed 50% of the planned trip fare.

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 5, 2001, pursuant to the Commission's rules. A timely protest to the granting of this application was filed on November 13, 2001, by R & F hobbies, Inc., dba Prince of the Road, through its attorney, John Boehm. An amendment to the application deleting the single passenger rate schedule was filed on February 12, 2002. On February 19, 2002, the Protestant withdrew its protest.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1372. The Certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by limousine between points in Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Box Butte, Dawes and Sheridan counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points within a 300 mile radius of Alliance over irregular routes. Supp 1: Passengers and their baggage between points in and west of Keya Paha, Rock, Loup, Garfield, Valley, Sherman, Buffalo, Kearney, and Franklin counties, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska. Supp 2: Passengers by limousine, luxury automobile and passenger van, between points in Boyd, Holt, Wheeler, Greeley, Howard, Boone, Knox, and Antelope counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in and east of Boyd, Holt, Wheeler, Greeley, Howard, Hall, Adams and Webster counties over irregular routes.

According to the Applicant, a rate increase is necessary to reflect the increasing cost of doing business. The cost of maintaining the vehicles, insurance, and other operating expenses continue to rise. The proposed rates are competitive with other limousine carriers operating in the area.

Applicant's current rates were approved in August, 1994. The proposed rates are an approximate 18% increase. Since August of 1994, the Consumer Price Index has increased in excess of 18%. The proposed rates are comparable to the rates and charges on file for other limousine companies operating within the same geographic area as the Applicant.

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 Sandhills Limos, Inc., Ord, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its limousine rates as follows:

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of March, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Frank E. Landis

Gerald A. Vay

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//s//Anne C. Boyle

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Anne Boyle
Chair

ATTEST:

Frank J. Pollack
Executive Director

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