

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) APPLICATION NO. LR-240
Prescription of Reasonable Rates)
and Charges for Motor Carriers) GRANTED
Passengers and Property for Hire)
subject to the Provisions of) ENTERED: SEPTEMBER 23, 2003
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 1996),)
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On June 19, 2003, Omaha Ambulance Service, Omaha, Nebraska filed an application for authority to amend its transportation rates as follows:

Description	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
I. Transportation Rates:		
A. Between points within the immediate Omaha area (includes: Bellevue, LaVista, Ralston, Papillion, and Millard)		
1. One-way	\$32	\$34
2. Round-trip (Same Day)	\$60	\$65
B. Between points in Omaha and points beyond the immediate Omaha area:		
1. Base rate: First 14 miles	\$45	\$48
2. Mile 15 - 74	\$1.00/mi.	\$1.25/mi.
3. Mile 75 and beyond	\$2.00/mi.	\$2.50/mi.
II. Ancillary Rates:		
A. Extra Technician	\$15	\$15
B. Waiting Time (See Notes 1 & 2)	\$30/hour	\$35/hour
C. Weekend/Holiday Service	No extra charge	

Note 1: Waiting time defined as when vehicle is out of service.

Note 2: First 15 minutes free. After the expiration of free time, waiting time will be assessed in one-half hour increments.

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska on July 15, 2003, pursuant to the Commission rules. There were no protests filed.

The Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1250. The certificate authorizes the transportation of handicapped or incapacitated passengers and their baggage between points in Nebraska over irregular routes.

According to the Applicant, a rate increase is necessary to offset the rising costs of fuel, insurance, employee compensation and other costs associated with operating a business. In the past two years all costs have continued to rise.

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Applicant's current rates were last authorized in July 2001. The proposed rates are an approximate 7% increase. The Consumer Price Index, in the past two years, has increased approximately 4.5%. In the same time frame, energy costs have increased approximately 29% and fuel costs have increased approximately 6%. Applicant's proposed rates are competitive with the rates on file for other carriers providing similar services in the Omaha metropolitan area.

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 Omaha Ambulance Service, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend its transportation rates as follows:

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