

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	APPLICATION NO. LR-243
Prescription of Reasonable Rates)	
and Charges for Motor Carriers)	GRANTED
Passengers and Property for Hire)	
subject to the Provisions of)	
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 1996),)	ENTERED: DECEMBER 9, 2003
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On October 6, 2003, Top Star Services, LLC, Weeping Water, Nebraska filed an application for authority to amend its limousine rates as follows:

Description	Proposed Rates
A. 10-passenger limousine (See Notes 1 & 2)	
1. First two hours	\$70/hour
2. Each succeeding hour thereafter	60/hour
3. Waiting time after first two hours	45/hour
Note 1: Subject to a two-hour minimum.	
Note 2: Hourly rate, after the first two hours, applies to driving time only.	
B. Weddings:	
1. First hour	\$ 95/hour
2. One & one-half hour of service	120/flat
3. Two hours or more, same as 10-passenger limousine service in A above.	

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 7, 2003, pursuant to the Commission's rules. The application was not protested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate B-1503. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers by luxury limousine between points in Cass and Otoe counties, and between points in said counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: Service is further restricted against transportation of passengers to or from Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Supplement 1: Transportation of passengers by luxury limousine between points in Cass and Otoe counties, including Plattsmouth, and between points in said counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes.

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According to the Applicant, the proposed rates are necessary to offset the rising costs of fuel, insurance, employee compensation and other costs associated with operating a business. The proposed rates are considered acceptable for the services supplied and the amenities that were added to the car.

Applicant's current rates were authorized in August 1999. The requested rates are an increase averaging approximately 49%. The proposed rates are competitive with other limousine companies operating in the same 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 Top Star Services, LLC, Weeping Water, 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 9th day of December, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

[Signature of Anne C. Boyle]
[Signature of Rod Johnson]

//s//Anne C. Boyle
 //s//Rod Johnson

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 Chair

ATTEST:

[Signature of Executive Director]
 Executive Director