SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	Application No.	LR-25
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: June 8	, 2004
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)		

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On March 17, 2004, Limo One, Inc., dba Old Market Limousine Service, Omaha, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates and charges applying in Nebraska intrastate commerce for the transportation of passengers and their baggage between points in Nebraska as follows:

- 1. To change its rates for local airport transfers;
- 2. To add a five percent (5%) fuel surcharge to all services; and
- 3. to add a \$5.00 insurance charge to each reservation.

Notice of the application was published in the Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on March 31, 2004, pursuant to the Commission's rules. The application is unprotested.

Applicant is a certified common carrier which holds Certificate B-1322 and B-1322, Supplement 1. The certificate authorizes the transportation of passengers and their baggage by luxury or stretch limousines or antique or classical automobiles, and by limousine in Supplement 1, on a statewide basis.

In support of this application, the Applicant notes that its last increase was in 1999. The Applicant suggests that the increase is necessary to meet significant increases in its operation costs.

The applicant cited increased expenses involved in airport transfers. Pick up times can change due to flight delays, which add to the cost of the reservation. The applicant also incurs expenses for "no shows" due to flight changes or cancellations.

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The basis stated by the applicant for the fuel surcharge is the large increase in fuel prices that has occurred since 1999. The applicant requests a percentage calculation for the surcharge so as to tie it this charge to the duration of the reservation, with the longer reservation receiving a higher charge.

The applicant's insurance premiums are another stated reason for the requested charges. The annual premium that the applicant pays increased 140% in 2002. The applicant also faces an increase in insurance due to a federally mandated increase in liability insurance requirements from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

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 on an emergency basis effective January 19, 2004.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective June 15, 2004, Limo One, Inc., dba Old Market Limousine Service, Omaha, Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to establish rates for its use as follows:

Rate Schedule		
Executive Sedan	\$50/hr	\$55 local airport transfer
Up to 70" Stretch		
Limousine (6)	\$55/hr	\$60 local airport transfer
Up to 100" Stretch	•	
Limousine (8)	\$65/hr	\$70 local airport transfer
Up to 120" Stretch		
Limousine	\$75/hr	\$80 local airport transfer
15 Passenger Van	\$75/hr	\$80 local airport transfer

- Note 1: Local airport service is subject to a one hour minimum according to vehicle size.
- Note 2: Services provided Sundays through Thursdays are subject to a two hour minimum.
- Note 3: Services provided Fridays, Saturdays and Holidays are subject to a three hour minimum.
- Note 4: Within the Omaha Metropolitan area, time begins when the client is picked up and ends when the client releases the vehicle and driver.

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Note 5: Outside the Omaha Metropolitan area, time begins when the vehicle and driver leave the garage and ends when the vehicle and driver return to the garage.

Note 6: A 5% charge is added to all services to cover fuel costs.

Note 7: A \$5.00 charge is added to each reservation to cover insurance costs.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of June, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director

/s/ Frank E. Landis /s/ Gerald L. Vap