

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	APPLICATION NO. LR-259
Prescription of Reasonable Rates)	
And Charges for Motor Carriers)	
Passengers and Property for Hire)	DENIED ON AN
Subject to the Provisions of)	EMERGENCY BASIS
Neb. Rev. Stat. (Reissue 2003),)	
Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3.)	ENTERED: SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On September 13, 2005, R & F Hobbies, Inc., dba Aquila Limousine Service, Ravenna, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its limousine rates for its use as follows:

Description	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
A. Standard Hourly Rate:		
1. Per hour of service	\$70.00	\$80.00
2. Per hour waiting time	\$25.00	\$35.00
3. Per mile to pick-up location (from limousine base)	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.00

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certified common carrier which holds Certificate B-1441, Supplement 3. The Certificate authorizes COMMON: Transportation of passengers and their baggage by limousine between points in Sherman, Buffalo, Custer, Garfield, Hall and Howard counties and between points within said counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: No transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage or transportation originating in Hall County is authorized. Supp A: Transportation of passengers and their baggage by limousine between points in Loup, Blaine, Wheeler, Valley, Greeley, Hamilton, Kearney, and Phelps counties and between pints within said counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Lancaster County over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. Supp. B: Transportation of passengers and their baggage by luxury limousine between points in Adams, Webster, Clay and Hall counties over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. Supp. C: Transportation of passengers by luxury limousine between points in Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Frontier, Red Willow, Furnas, Gosper, Dawson, Harlan, Franklin, Nuckolls, Holt, Knox, Antelope, Boone, Nance, and Merrick counties on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTION: (1) The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not

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authorized; (2) Transportation of passengers in vehicles other than sedan-style luxury limousines is not authorized; (3) The governmentally financed transportation of clients of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and/or of private contractors of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, such as, but not limited to, FHC Options, Partners, and Curtis & Association, and/or persons in the custody of the Nebraska Department of Corrections, in capacity as such clients and/or persons in custody is not authorized.

In support of the application, the applicant represents to the Commission that increasing fuel expenses and other costs of the operation necessitates the proposed increase. The applicant believes they are necessary for the public interest and the transportation needs of the citizens of Nebraska to be properly served.

The cost of gasoline, while increasing greatly at the end of August and the first week of September, have receded in the last two weeks. Gasoline prices, which reached as high as \$3.40 per gallon, have, at the time of this order, receded to under \$2.70 per gallon in many areas. The Commission is of the opinion and finds that this decrease in the cost of gasoline has reduced the price pressure involved with gasoline prices, and that an emergency situation does not currently exist to justify taking emergency action in this matter.

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 denied on an emergency basis, and that said matter be processed in accordance with the Commission's regular procedures and Section 75-119, R.R.S., 2003, as amended.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the matter docketed in Application TR-159 be, and hereby is, denied on an emergency basis, and that the said matter be processed in accordance with the Commission's regular procedures in Section 75-119, R.R.S. 2003, as amended.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of
September, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Larry Johnson

Chairman

Gerald L. Vap

Ann C. Boyle

ATTEST:

Ed S. Pollack

Executive Director

Ed Johnson

//s// Gerald L. Vap

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