

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the	)	APPLICATION NO. LR-346
Prescription of Reasonable	)	
Rates and Charges for Motor	)	
Carriers Passengers and	)	GRANTED ON AN EMERGENCY
Property for Hire subject to	)	BASIS
the Provisions of Neb. Rev.	)	
Stat. (Reissue 2014), Chapter	)	
75, Articles 1 and 3.	)	ENTERED: JULY 28, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

### OPININON AND FINDINGS

On July 23, 2015, Larry Schmidt dba Your Own Limousine, Kearney, Nebraska, filed an application for authority to amend its rates as follows:

Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
2 to 4 passenger sedan	\$60/hr	unchanged
Down Time	\$30/hr	unchanged
1 to 5 passenger SUV	n/a	\$70/hr
Down Time	n/a	\$30/hr
4 to 9 passenger sedan	\$90.00/hr	\$110/hr
Down Time	\$40.00/hr	\$ 30/hr
10 to 15 passenger SUV Limousine	\$150.00/hr	\$170/hr
Down Time	\$ 50.00/hr	\$ 40/hr
15 to 24 passenger SUV Limousine	\$230.00/hr	unchanged
Down Time	\$ 50.00/hr	unchanged

(NEW) Airport Runs: If the passenger is dropped off in Lincoln or Omaha or further distant city, additional dead head mileage charge is \$0.45/mile.

Note 1: All rates have a two (2) hour minimum.

Note 2: All times start at scheduled arrival times and end when the client releases the limousine and driver.

Note 3: A fuel surcharge of \$1.50 per mile, mileage from Kearney to beginning destination is added.

Emergency action is requested.

Applicant is a certificated common carrier which holds Certificate Number B-1771. The certificate allows the transportation of passengers and their baggage by limousine between points in Hall County, and between points in Hall County, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. RESTRICTIONS: The transportation of railroad train crews and their baggage is not authorized. SUPP. 1: Passengers and their baggage between points in Hamilton, Clay, Adams, Buffalo, Sherman, Hoard, Merrick, and York counties and between points in said counties, on the one hand, and on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes.

The Applicant received authority to operate from the Commission under Certificate No. B-1771 on July 13, 2010. The Applicant is amending rates that were approved by the Commission on April 9, 2013.

The Applicant represents to the Commission that the proposed rates are based upon increases in expenses such as the cost of diesel, gasoline and insurance. The Applicant also notes that it has targeted the changes in the rates so as to be competitive with the current market conditions. The small sedan rate and the large SUV rate are proposed to remain unchanged, and while the passenger sedan and mid-size SUV are requested for increases, the hourly rate has been reduced and the minimum has been reduced from two hours to one hour. The Applicant is also requesting the addition of a dead-head mileage charge for trips that end in locations such as Lincoln or Omaha without a return trip scheduled.

The rates as proposed by the Applicant are competitive with rates charged by other companies providing a similar service. The increases are reasonable in light of the increases in expenses, particularly gasoline, and the length of time since the last increase approved by the Commission.

In applications such as these, the Commission must find that an emergency situation exists. Such a situation exists in this application as the Applicant should be

placed in a position to take advantage of the proposed rates as soon as possible so as to place the Applicant in a better competitive position. Therefore, the Commission finds that an

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emergency basis exists that allows the Commission to grant the Application on an emergency basis.

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 July 31, 2015.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that effective July 31, 2015, Larry Schmidt dba Your Own Limousine, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend rates for the vehicles listed for its use as follows:

Description	Rate
2 to 4 passenger sedan	\$60/hr
- Down time	\$30/hr
1 to 5 passenger SUV	\$70/hr
-Down Time	\$30/hr
4 to 9 passenger sedan	\$110/hr
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that public notice of this action be published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, pursuant to the provisions of Section 75-121. R.R.S. 2014, and the Commission Rules.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

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