



NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

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Change In Regulation of Automobile Insurance Industry

By Order in Council 2008-474, the Governor in Council assigned to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) the powers, functions and duties of the Nova Scotia Insurance Review Board (NSIRB) effective today, October 1, 2008.

The Governor in Council appointed two current members of the NSIRB to act as part-time members of the NSUARB to facilitate this transfer. Former NSIRB Chair E.A. Nelson Blackburn, Q.C. and NSIRB member J. Thomas Langley, M.S., F.C.G.A. will act in this capacity for the next year. In addition, the current staff of the NSIRB joined the NSUARB and will continue to perform their current duties.

The procedures and policies adopted by the NSIRB will continue to be used by the NSUARB until such time as the NSUARB determines changes are required. As such, industry should continue to use the current contacts and filing requirements to facilitate the processing of applications. The NSUARB will notify industry of any changes in advance.

The NSUARB's website, www.nsuarb.ca, contains a wealth of information outlining the history, the mandate and the makeup of the Board. I invite you to review this site.

Any questions or concerns about the change in the responsibility for regulating automobile insurance can be directed to Paul G. Allen, C.A., Executive Director of the NSUARB (PAUL@gov.ns.ca), or to Barry Cotnam, Senior Advisor for the NSUARB (cotnambj@gov.ns.ca).

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