ORDER **2020 NSUARB 2**
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NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM of **TRI-MARITIME BUS NETWORK INC.** in Motor Carrier License No. P02958 and Extra-Provincial Operating License No. XP02959

BEFORE: Roland A. Deveau, Q.C., Vice Chair

ORDER

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board issued an Order dated April 10, 2013 [2013 NSUARB 85], approving a Fuel Adjustment Mechanism (FAM) applicable to Regular General Route Public Passenger Service Rates in Motor Carrier License No. P02958 and Extra-Provincial Operating License No. XP02959 issued to Tri-Maritime Bus Network Inc. (Maritime Bus), and confirmation of the methodology for setting the base price under the FAM was issued by the Board in an Order dated April 7, 2014 [2014 NSUARB 66];

AND WHEREAS the FAM is calculated on a quarterly basis, effective the 15th day of April, July, October and January, reflecting the average New York Harbour spot price for ultra-low sulphur diesel fuel (ULSD) for the preceding three calendar months;

AND WHEREAS the average New York Harbour spot price for ULSD for the period January 1, 2010, through June 30, 2010 (base price), was 59.3 cents per litre;

AND WHEREAS the average daily spot price of ULSD for the period October 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, was 71.6 cents per litre, producing an incremental increase in the cost of ULSD of 12.3 cents per litre above the base price;

AND WHEREAS the FAM permits Maritime Bus to assess a surcharge of 0.5% for each 2.5 cent per litre increase in the price of ULSD over the base price;

AND WHEREAS the fuel surcharge may increase or decrease as a consequence of the quarterly calculation, but does not result in a negative adjustment below the base price under the existing Board approved passenger rates;

AND WHEREAS the Board finds that the FAM results in a surcharge of 2.0% over the base price;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT the Board approves a surcharge of 2.0% on the Regular General Route Public Passenger Service Rates under Motor Carrier License No. P02958 and Extra-Provincial Operating License No. XP02959, issued to Maritime Bus, effective on and after 12:01 A.M. January 15, 2020, as set out in the attached Schedule "A", and this surcharge shall remain in effect until such time as any change is approved by the Board.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 9th day of January 2020.

Lisa Wallace
Clerk of the Board

Schedule "A"

Maritime Bus – Approved Rates with Fuel Adjustment Mechanism effective on and after 12:01 A.M. January 15, 2020

Zones of Distance			Approved Rates			FAM	Total
Zone	Distance in KM		Retail Price	Price per Km		adjustment	Price
1	1.0	24.9	$ 8.25	$ 0.3313		$ 0.17	$ 8.42
2	25.0	49.9	$ 12.25	$ 0.2455		$ 0.25	$ 12.50
3	50.0	74.9	$ 14.25	$ 0.1903		$ 0.29	$ 14.54
4	75.0	99.9	$ 20.25	$ 0.2027		$ 0.41	$ 20.66
5	100.0	124.9	$ 25.50	$ 0.2042		$ 0.51	$ 26.01
6	125.0	149.9	$ 29.50	$ 0.1968		$ 0.59	$ 30.09
7	150.0	174.9	$ 33.75	$ 0.1930		$ 0.67	$ 34.42
8	175.0	199.9	$ 38.75	$ 0.1938		$ 0.77	$ 39.52
9	200.0	224.9	$ 47.17	$ 0.2097		$ 0.94	$ 48.11
10	225.0	249.9	$ 46.00	$ 0.1841		$ 0.92	$ 46.92
11	250.0	274.9	$ 49.00	$ 0.1782		$ 0.98	$ 49.98
12	275.0	299.9	$ 53.25	$ 0.1776		$ 1.07	$ 54.32
13	300.0	349.9	$ 58.25	$ 0.1665		$ 1.17	$ 59.42
14	350.0	399.9	$ 63.50	$ 0.1588		$ 1.27	$ 64.77
15	400.0	449.9	$ 68.50	$ 0.1523		$ 1.37	$ 69.87
16	450.0	499.9	$ 72.50	$ 0.1450		$ 1.45	$ 73.95
17	500.0	549.9	$ 78.00	$ 0.1418		$ 1.56	$ 79.56
18	550.0	599.9	$ 82.00	$ 0.1367		$ 1.64	$ 83.64
19	600.0	649.9	$ 87.00	$ 0.1339		$ 1.74	$ 88.74
20	650.0	699.9	$ 91.00	$ 0.1300		$ 1.82	$ 92.82
21	700.0	749.9	$ 95.00	$ 0.1267		$ 1.90	$ 96.90
22	750.0	799.9	$ 98.00	$ 0.1225		$ 1.96	$ 99.96
23	800.0	849.9	$ 100.00	$ 0.1177		$ 2.00	$ 102.00
24	850.0	899.9	$ 102.00	$ 0.1133		$ 2.04	$ 104.04
25	900.0	949.9	$ 104.00	$ 0.1095		$ 2.08	$ 106.08
26	950.0	999.9	$ 106.00	$ 0.1060		$ 2.12	$ 108.12
27	1000.0	1049.9	$ 108.00	$ 0.1029		$ 2.16	$ 110.16
28	1050.0	1099.9	$ 110.00	$ 0.1000		$ 2.20	$ 112.20
29	1100.0	1149.9	$ 112.00	$ 0.0974		$ 2.24	$ 114.24
30	1150.0	1199.9	$ 112.00	$ 0.0933		$ 2.24	$ 114.24
31	1200.0	1249.9	$ 112.00	$ 0.0896		$ 2.24	$ 114.24
32	1250.0	1299.9	$ 112.00	$ 0.0862		$ 2.24	$ 114.24