

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of ABERDEEN BUS CHARTERS AND TOURS INC. to amend its Motor Carrier Licence No. P02704 and Extra-Provincial Operating Licence No. XP02466

BEFORE:



Bruce H. Fisher, MPA, CPA, CMA, Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Aberdeen Bus Charters and Tours Inc. applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on November 1, 2024, for approval to amend its Motor Carrier Licence No. P02704 and Extra-Provincial Operating Licence No. XP02466 (Licences) by adding one 24-passenger vehicle.

Notice of the application was published in the Royal Gazette on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, and notice provided to the industry. One objection was received by the stated deadline from Coach Atlantic Transportation Group Inc.

Coach stated that it would withdraw its objection if the vehicle was only authorized to operate seasonally from May to October 31. By email dated November 20, 2024, the Applicant agreed to this amendment to the application.

The application was considered by the Board by way of a paper hearing on November 25, 2024.

Having considered the *Motor Carrier Act* and the *Motor Vehicle Transportation Act*, including the factors set out in s. 13, the Board finds it is in the public interest to approve the application.

The Board approves the application, as amended, and orders that the Licences be amended as follows, effective immediately:

1. With respect to the Motor Carrier Licence P02704:

Add a new Schedule E(2) with one 24-passenger vehicle.

Add a corresponding F(2) that states:

F(2) SPECIALTY IRREGULAR RESTRICTED AREA PUBLIC PASSENGER CHARTER SERVICE

The transportation of any organized group from any point within Halifax Regional Municipality to any point within Nova Scotia, one way or return, between May 1 and October 31 in any given year, using the vehicle from Schedule E(2) herein.

2. With respect to the Extra-Provincial Operating Licence XP02466:

Add a new Schedule E(2) with one 24-passenger vehicle.

Add a corresponding F(3) that states:

F(2) SPECIALTY IRREGULAR RESTRICTED AREA PUBLIC PASSENGER CHARTER SERVICE

The transportation of any organized group from any point within Halifax Regional Municipality to any point in the Provinces and Territories of Canada and the United States of America as authorized thereby, one way or return, between May 1 and October 31 in any given year, using the vehicle from Schedule E(2) herein.

3. All other terms and conditions remain.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 25th day of November 2024.

Lisa Wallace

Clerk of the Board