

**NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of ABSOLUTE CHARTERS  
INCORPORATED to amend Motor Carrier License No. P02697**

**BEFORE:**



Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair

**DECISION AND ORDER**

Absolute Charters Incorporated applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on February 1, 2024, for approval to amend its motor carrier license as follows:

- Amend the capacity of Plate P1498 from 47 to 77
- Amend the capacity of Plate P1767 from 55 to 77
- Amend the capacity of Plate P01571 from 56 to 77
- Amend the capacity of Plate P01614 from 47 to 77

This would allow Absolute Charters to substitute its current authorized vehicles to the vehicles having the increased capacity requested above.

Absolute Charters also applied to amend F(3) authority to remove the restriction for the number of vehicles and passenger capacity so it reads:

**F(3) SPECIALTY IRREGULAR RESTRICTED AREA PUBLIC  
PASSENGER CHARTER SERVICE**

The carriage of any organized group by charter arrangement from any point within the Halifax Regional Municipality to points within Nova Scotia one way or return. This service is to be provided between April 1 and December 15.

Notice of the application was published in the Royal Gazette on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, and notice provided to the industry. There were no objections received by the stated deadline of February 14, 2024.

The application was considered by the Board without a hearing on February 15, 2024. The Board accepts the evidence filed in support of the application that the amendments are needed because of demand in the Halifax cruise ship market.

Having considered the *Motor Carrier 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 and orders that the license be amended as noted above, effective immediately.**

**DATED** at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.



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Clerk of the Board