

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 BLACKWOOD TOURS LIMITED to amend Motor Carrier License No. P03224 under the provisions of the said Act

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

DECISION AND ORDER

Blackwood Tours Limited applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on June 28, 2024, for approval to amend its Motor Carrier License P03224 by adding one 2007 Chevrolet 20-passenger wheelchair accessible bus to operate as follows:

SCHEDULE D RATES

Add Schedule D(3) - Cruise Ship Charter Rate

The rate for this vehicle will be \$1,500 per day plus HST

SCHEDULE E VEHICLES

Add Schedule E(2)

2007 Chevrolet 20-passenger wheelchair accessible bus

SCHEDULE F AUTHORITIES

Add F(3) Authority:

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

To provide services to cruise ship vendors such as Ambassatours, Maritime Travel, and Global Travel; and to assist other motor carrier companies by transporting cruise ship passengers from the Port of Sydney to anywhere in the Province of Nova Scotia and return.

Notice of the application was published in the Royal Gazette on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, and notice provided to the industry.

Bannockburn Tours Limited objected to the application by the stated deadline of July 10, 2024. However, it stated it would agree to the license amendment for the 2024 season only, and then the matter would be reviewed by the Board to determine if there was sufficient demand for this authority to continue. Blackwood Tours Limited agreed with this condition.

The Board will hold a hearing in January 2025 to determine if the additional vehicle and authority are to be approved on a permanent basis.

The application was considered by the Board without a hearing on July 12, 2024.

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, as amended in this Order.

The Board approves the application, as amended, and orders that the license be amended to add the new vehicle, rates and Schedule F(3) authority as described above, for the 2024 season only, to be reviewed by the Board at the end of the season, following a report filed by Blackwood no later than December 1, 2024.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 12th day of July 2024.



Clerk of the Board