

NEW BRUNSWICK ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Coach Atlantic Transportation Group Inc. to temporarily modify its scheduled public motor bus service in the Province of New Brunswick.

ORDER

WHEREAS Coach Atlantic Transportation Group Inc. (Applicant), a licensed motor carrier, provides scheduled, intercity motor coach service in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, with connections to Quebec and points west.

AND WHEREAS the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (Board) approved the Applicant's routes and schedules in its Decisions dated November 9, 2012 and November 30, 2012 (Matter 192). Accordingly, the Applicant was required to provide a minimum level of service, which could not be reduced without an application to the Board, together with the flexibility to add additional frequencies, without the requirement of a hearing before the Board.

AND WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick declared a State of Emergency throughout New Brunswick on March 19, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the accompanying risks to the health and safety of all citizens of New Brunswick.

AND WHEREAS the Applicant filed an application on April 1, seeking approval of a modification to its scheduled public motor bus service to take effect on an immediate basis. It seeks to temporarily reduce its minimum level of service to three days a week, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

AND WHEREAS the Applicant notified the members of the travelling public of its intent to temporarily change its scheduled public motor bus service by posting a schedule on its website and social media pages, in terminals and advising customers verbally.

AND WHEREAS given the State of Emergency and the notification measures undertaken by the Applicant, the Board abridged the Notice period that would normally be provided to the public. The Board issued a notice on April 1 seeking written comments regarding the application filed by the Applicant. Members of the public had until April 2 at noon to file written comments. The Board received no comments.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The application is granted to temporarily reduce the minimum level of service provided by the Applicant in the Province of New Brunswick to three days a week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday;
2. This reduction of service takes effect immediately;
3. The Applicant must provide advance notice to the Board of any further reduction, suspension, alternation, or discontinuance in services, prior to their implementation; and
4. This Order will remain in effect until such time as changes are made by the Board.

DATED at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick, this 2nd day of April, 2020.

BY THE BOARD



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