



DECISION

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SAINT JOHN TRANSIT COMMISSION
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ComeX**

December 22, 2008

New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board

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PARTICIPANTS:

CHAIRMAN

Mr. Raymond Gorman , Q.C.

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Mr. Cyril Johnston

MEMBERS:

Mr Edward McLean

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Ms. Ellen Desmond, Board Counsel
Mr. David Keenan
Ms. Lorraine Légère, Board Secretary

APPLICANT:

Saint John Transit Commission

Mr. John McNair, Solicitor Gorman Nason
Mr. Frank McCarey, Saint John Transit Commission

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This matter arises out of an application by Saint John Transit Commission to the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (“the Board”) seeking an order approving an increase to its passenger fares for its regular scheduled Community Express Service, known as ComeX. The fares, which are currently in existence, were approved by this Board on August 24, 2007.

The Board held a public hearing on December 22 , 2008 to consider the Applicant’s request for the proposed increase to its fares.

The Applicant provided Affidavits verifying that it had complied with the Board Order regarding notice of the hearing to the public.

There were no intervenors present at the hearing, nor did the Board hear from any persons indicating that they were in opposition to the proposed increase in fares.

The Board has considered the filed evidence as well as the oral evidence of Frank McCarey, General Manager for the Applicant.

The proposed increase in fares is as follows:

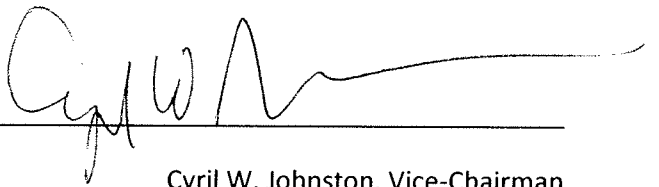
1. Cash fares per trip from \$3.00 to \$3.25
2. 10 ride transcard from \$27.00 to \$ 30.00
3. 20 ride transcard from \$49.00 to \$ \$55.00
4. Monthly pass from \$89.00 to \$99.00.

The applicant has demonstrated that the current and proposed fares still do not allow the Applicant to recover the full cost of operating the ComeX routes. The Board is satisfied that the proposed fares are just and reasonable and approves the new fares, effective January 1st 2009.


Dated at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick this 22nd Day of December, 2008.



Raymond Gorman, Q.C. Chairman



Cyril W. Johnston, Vice-Chairman



Edward McLean, Member