



October 3, 2005

Acadian Bus Lines Requests Change in Routes

The New Brunswick Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities will hold a hearing into an application by Acadian Coach Lines LP to amend its routing and scheduling in New Brunswick, P.E.I. and Nova Scotia. The requests affecting New Brunswick corridors are as follows:

- **Moncton – Saint John – St. Stephen – Bangor**
The company proposes to increase service from three days a week to 7 days a week. The company also requests reducing service from Saint John to St. Stephen from 2 trips a day to 1 trip a day. There will also be changes in arrival and departure times.
- **Riviere-du-Loup – Fredericton – Moncton – Halifax**
The company proposes to eliminate Trip 19 from Halifax to Moncton and Trip 18 from Moncton to Truro. The company suggests the frequency of service from Edmundston to Riviere-du-Loup be reduced from 3 trips a day to 2 trips a day and the frequency of service between Riviere-du-Loup and Edmundston would be increased by one trip per day. As well, the frequency of trips between Moncton and Fredericton would increase by one trip per day. There would also be changes to departure and arrival times.
- **Moncton – Amherst – Charlottetown**
The company proposes to offer Trip 54 between Moncton and Charlottetown on Friday and Sunday only. As well Trip 54 would be via Amherst and would operate as a local run. There would also be changes to departure and arrival times.
- **Campbellton – Fredericton – Saint John**
The company proposes to add one additional trip per day from Fredericton to Saint John and change arrival and departure times.

- Moncton – Miramichi – Campbellton
The company proposes changes to arrival and departure times.

The Board will hold a concurrent hearing with the Nova Scotia Utilities and Review Board to hear the application on Wednesday, October 19, 2005. The hearing will be held in the Municipal Council Chambers, 110 Main Street **Sackville, New Brunswick**, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Anyone wishing present evidence or cross-examine witnesses should notify the Board of their intention by October 11, 2005. Those who do not wish to formally intervene but still want to comment on the changes may call or write the Board at:

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The Board is also willing to conduct telephone conference calls with intervenors at the Board's expense. If you wish to take advantage of this option please call the Board office at 1-866-766-2782 by noon October 11, 2005.

For reporters:

For more information about the proposed changes please call Acadian Bus Lines LP. For information about the hearing process please call

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