

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Acadian Coach Lines LP for approval of a change in its fare structure and an increase in certain tariffs of passenger fares for its inter-city scheduled services within the Province of New Brunswick (the "Application")

ORDER

WHEREAS ACADIAN COACH LINES LP ("Acadian") applied to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities of New Brunswick ("Board") for an order approving its fare structure and an increase in certain tariffs of passenger fares for its inter-city scheduled services within the Province of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the Board deemed it in the public interest to hold a concurrent public hearing of the matter with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

AND WHEREAS after due public notice in various daily and weekly newspapers throughout the Province of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the Board held a hearing on June 15, 2005, at the Wandlyn Inn, 1539 Southampton Road, Amherst, Nova Scotia, and several witnesses testified on behalf of the Applicants, including Sylvain Langis, President and CEO; Manon Fiche, Vice-President of Marketing; John Huneault, Controller/Treasurer; and Linda Deloughery, Accounting Manager;

AND WHEREAS no written objections were received opposing the granting of this application and no objectors appeared at the public hearing;

AND WHEREAS the Board finds that fuel costs have increased significantly since the Applicant's rates, tolls and charges were last approved and that the Applicant is experiencing a financial loss from its line run operations in New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the Board is satisfied that it is in the public interest to provide customers with rates, tolls and charges that are uniform in terms of the distance to be travelled; to provide customers with rates, tolls and charges that are consistent, regardless of the route taken; and to provide customers with two-way return rates;

AND WHEREAS the Board finds that the application should be approved pursuant to s. 14 of the *Motor Carrier Act*, Chapter M-16 R. S. N. B. ;

AND WHEREAS the Board rendered its decision on the date of the hearing;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application be approved, effective July 1, 2005 and that Motor Carrier License No. 502 be amended by deleting the existing tariff and replacing it with Schedules "A" and "B" attached.

DATED at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick this 28 day of June, 2005.

BY THE BOARD



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SCHEDULE "A"



The existing fare structure shall be discontinued and replaced by fares based on 52 zones of distance with each zone containing 25 kilometres ("km"). The 52 zones will cover destinations from 1 km to 1299.9 kms.

Fares

- Each zone will have a specific retail price attached to it, as shown in Schedule "B";
- The price represents the adult one-way fare pricing, exclusive of taxes;
- All origins/destinations having the same distance will have the same basic price;
- Fares are rounded to the nearest dollar amount;
- Basic fares will start at \$6.00 for an adult one-way fare and reach a maximum of \$100.00;
- The zone of distance pricing structure will commence with a cost per km of \$0.2410 for a 24.9 km trip in Zone 1 moving incrementally down to a cost per km of \$0.0769 for a 1299.9 km trip in Zone 52, as shown in Schedule "B";
- The fares between points in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will have the Confederation Bridge cost of \$7.00 per crossing shown separately.

Discounts

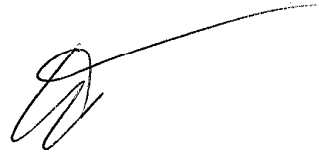
1. 15% to all adult customers purchasing a two-way trip.
2. All tickets will have no expiration date;
3. Students with valid ID cards will receive a 15% discount on one-way trips and a further 15% discount for two-way trips;
4. Students in the age group of 13 to 17 years old will automatically be qualified as students upon presentation of an ID card and birth date;
5. Students 18 years and older will have to present a school ID card of the current year to qualify for student status.
6. Seniors Club 60 will receive a discount of 15% on one-way adult fare, and a further 15% discount for two-way trips.
7. Children under 5 years of age when travelling with a full adult fare will pay a flat fee of \$5.00 and be guaranteed a seat despite any distance they may travel. Children under 5 years of age travel free both ways when traveling with an adult purchasing a full adult two-way trip.
8. Children 5 to 12 years old will receive a discount of 40% on one-way trips and a further 15% discount for two-way trips.

SSCHEDULE "B"
ACADIAN ZONES OF DISTANCE FARES

Zones	Km	Km	Detail	R.P.K.
1	1	24.9	\$6.00	\$0.2410
2	25	49.9	\$10.00	\$0.2004
3	50	74.9	\$12.00	\$0.1602
4	75	99.9	\$16.00	\$0.1602
5	100	124.9	\$20.00	\$0.1601
6	125	149.9	\$24.00	\$0.1601
7	150	174.9	\$28.00	\$0.1601
8	175	199.9	\$32.00	\$0.1601
9	200	224.9	\$35.00	\$0.1556
10	225	249.9	\$38.00	\$0.1521
11	250	274.9	\$41.00	\$0.1491
12	275	299.9	\$44.00	\$0.1467
13	300	324.9	\$47.00	\$0.1447
14	325	349.9	\$50.00	\$0.1429
15	350	374.9	\$53.00	\$0.1414
16	375	399.9	\$56.00	\$0.1400
17	400	424.9	\$58.00	\$0.1365
18	425	449.9	\$60.00	\$0.1334
19	450	474.9	\$62.00	\$0.1306
20	475	499.9	\$64.00	\$0.1280
21	500	524.9	\$66.00	\$0.1257
22	525	549.9	\$68.00	\$0.1237
23	550	574.9	\$70.00	\$0.1218
24	575	599.9	\$72.00	\$0.1200
25	600	624.9	\$74.00	\$0.1184
26	625	649.9	\$76.00	\$0.1169
27	650	674.9	\$78.00	\$0.1156
28	675	699.9	\$80.00	\$0.1143
29	700	724.9	\$82.00	\$0.1131
30	725	749.9	\$84.00	\$0.1120
31	750	774.9	\$86.00	\$0.1110
32	775	799.9	\$87.00	\$0.1088
33	800	824.9	\$88.00	\$0.1067
34	825	849.9	\$89.00	\$0.1047
35	850	874.9	\$90.00	\$0.1029
36	875	899.9	\$91.00	\$0.1011
37	900	924.9	\$92.00	\$0.0995
38	925	949.9	\$93.00	\$0.0979
39	950	974.9	\$94.00	\$0.0964
40	975	999.9	\$95.00	\$0.0950
41	1000	1024.9	\$96.00	\$0.0937
42	1025	1049.9	\$97.00	\$0.0924
43	1050	1074.9	\$98.00	\$0.0912
44	1075	1099.9	\$99.00	\$0.0900
45	1100	1124.9	\$100.00	\$0.0889
46	1125	1149.9	\$100.00	\$0.0870
47	1150	1174.9	\$100.00	\$0.0851
48	1175	1199.9	\$100.00	\$0.0833
49	1200	1224.9	\$100.00	\$0.0816
50	1225	1249.9	\$100.00	\$0.0800
51	1250	1274.9	\$100.00	\$0.0784
52	1275	1299.9	\$100.00	\$0.0769

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