

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF NEW BRUNSWICK**

**IN THE MATTER OF an application by
S.M.T. (EASTERN), LIMITED d/b/a ACADIAN
LINES FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO
SCHEDULED SERVICES FOR ITS INTER-CITY
PUBLIC MOTOR BUS SERVICES**

ORDER

WHEREAS S.M.T. (EASTERN), LIMITED d/b/a ACADIAN LINES (“**SMT**”) has applied to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities of New Brunswick (“**Board**”) by application dated May 16, 2003 (the “**Application**”) for approval of proposed changes to it’s scheduled services throughout New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the proposed schedule changes would result in specific modifications affecting Mill Cove and Salisbury;

WHEREAS the proposed miscellaneous changes create a time notice period for flag stops;

AND WHEREAS SMT notified the Board in May, 2003 of numerous additional changes to its scheduled services; including changes to the frequency of service to Hampton, Salisbury, Petitcodiac and Sussex, as well as designating Allardville as a flag stop (the “**Other Changes**”);

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application will proceed by way of written submissions as unless interveners demonstrate in writing to the Board, in accordance with this Order, that it is in the public interest to proceed by way of an oral public hearing;
2. The English and French notices of such hearing as set out in Schedule “A” hereto (the “**Notices**”) be published once in the newspapers as set out in Schedule “B” hereto on or before June 4, 2003; and,

- a. the Notices of such hearing, be posted in all the company's terminals and SMT's Web Site noted in paragraph 2 (c), commencing not later than June 4, 2003 and shall remain posted until June 20, 2003;
- b. the Application, together with a copy of this Order and a copy of the Other Changes will be placed on file for examination by interested parties, during normal business hours, at the office of the Board noted below; and
- c. parties who wish to receive a copy of the Application and the Other Changes should contact SMT at:

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100 Midland Drive
Dieppe, N.B.
E1A 6X4
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3. Persons intending to formally intervene regarding the Application must do so in writing no later than June 20, 2003 by notifying the Board at the address below and SMT at the address in paragraph 2; and, such interveners shall:
 - a. set out the name of the person and any authorized representative of the person and the mailing address, address for personal service, telephone number and other telecommunications numbers of the person's authorized representative;
 - b. state the preference for the type of proceeding (written or oral), along with reasons;
 - c. state the official language in which the person wishes to be heard;

and,

- d. state the nature of the intervener's position with respect to the Application.
4. Persons who do not wish to formally intervene but who wish to make comments to the Board regarding the Application or the Other Changes must provide their comments in writing to the Board at the address below and SMT at the address in paragraph 2 of this Notice, on or before June 20, 2003.
5. If formal written interventions are received by the Board on or before June 20, 2003 then the Application shall proceed by an oral pre-hearing on June 24, 2003 and during such pre-hearing the date, time and the procedure up to and including the hearing shall be set by the Board.

DATED at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick this 27th day of May, 2003.

BY THE BOARD

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