

**NOVA SCOTIA REGULATORY AND APPEALS BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of AUTOBUS TRANSCO (1988) INC. o/a FIRST CANADA ULC to amend Motor Carrier License No. P03412**

**BEFORE:**



Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair

**DECISION AND ORDER**

Autobus Transco (1988) Inc. o/a First Canada ULC applied to the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board on December 5, 2025, for approval to amend Motor Carrier License No. P03412 as outlined in Appendix A.

Applications in relation to school bus licenses are exempt from the public notice and public hearing requirements set out in s. 12 of the *Motor Carrier Act*.

The application was considered by the Board on December 11, 2025.

Having considered the *Motor Carrier Act*, including the factors set out in s. 13, the Board finds it is in the public interest to approve the application.

**The Board approves the application and orders that the Motor Carrier License No. P03412 be amended accordingly, effective immediately.**

**DATED** at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

*Pamela McGarrigle*

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Clerk of the Board

## **Appendix “A”**

### **AUTOBUS TRANSCO (1988) INC. o/a FIRST CANADA ULC**

#### **SCHEDULE A: LIST OF SERVICES:**

##### **Remove: A(2) List of Services**

SPECIALTY SCHOOL BUS SERVICE in accordance with Schedules "B"(1), "E"(1) and "F"(2).

##### **Amend: A(3) List of Services (Change to A(2))**

SPECIALTY SCHOOL BUS SERVICE in accordance with Schedules "B"(1), "E"(1), "E"(2) and "F"(2)

##### **Remove: A(4) List of Services**

4. SPECIALTY SCHOOL BUS SERVICE in accordance with Schedules "B"(1), "E"(1) and "F"(4).

#### **SCHEDULE E: VEHICLES**

##### **Add: E(2) Vehicles**

NCNN0167 – 4UZABRFD2NCNN0167 – 2022 Thomas School Bus  
NCNN9880 – 4UZABRFD1NCNN9880 – 2022 Thomas School Bus  
NCNN9888 – 4UZABRFD8NCNN9888 – 2022 Thomas School Bus  
NCNN9890 – 4UZABRFD4NCNN9890 – 2022 Thomas School Bus  
PCUK8337 – 4UZABRFD1PCUK8337 – 2023 Thomas School Bus  
PCUK8341 – 4UZABRFD3PCUK8341 – 2023 Thomas School Bus  
PCUK8335 – 4UZABRFD8PCUK8335 – 2023 Thomas School Bus  
PCUK8332 – 4UZABRFD2PCUK8332 – 2023 Thomas School Bus  
PCUK8336 – 4UZABRFDXPCUK8336 – 2023 Thomas School Bus  
PCUK8333 – 4UZABRFD4PCUK8333 – 2023 Thomas School Bus

#### **SCHEDULE F: AUTHORITIES**

##### **Remove:**

##### **F(2) SPECIALTY SCHOOL BUS SERVICE**

The transportation of pupils, teachers, volunteers and chaperones to and from all schools operated by the Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education within the Province of Nova Scotia and also for the transportation of pupils, teachers, volunteers and chaperones of said schools for any school purpose including their transportation to and

from school social, dramatic, musical or athletic functions or competitions, teachers' institutes and similar activities in the Province of Nova Scotia as per contract with the Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education, effective as and from August 1, 2020, and ending July 31, 2025 with an option to extend up to and including July 31, 2029.

**Add:**

**F(2) SPECIALTY SCHOOL BUS SERVICE**

The transportation of pupils to and from various schools serviced by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education; also for the transportation of pupils, teachers and chaperones of said schools including their transportation to and from school social, dramatic, musical or athletic functions or competitions, teachers' institutes and similar activities within the Province of Nova Scotia, in accordance with a contract filed with the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board, effective as and from December 15, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2026.

Under this authority any vehicles on the license beyond those identified in E(2) may only be used to accommodate breakdowns and inspections, as per the requirement for spares in s. 9.1(b) of the contract.

**Remove:**

**F(3) SPECIALTY SCHOOL BUS SERVICE**

“The transportation of pupils to and from various schools serviced by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education; also for the transportation of pupils, teachers and chaperones of said schools including their transportation to and from school social, dramatic, musical or athletic functions or competitions, teachers' institutes and similar activities within the Province of Nova Scotia, in accordance with a contract filed with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, effective as and from 2020, and ending on July 15, 2025, with an option to extend up to and including July 15, 2027.”

**Remove:**

**F(4) SPECIALTY SCHOOL BUS SERVICE**

The transportation of special needs children to and from various schools serviced by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. Also

for the transportation of special needs children, teachers, volunteers and chaperones of said schools for any school purpose including their transportation to and from school social, dramatic, musical or athletic functions or competitions, teachers' institutes and similar activities in the Province of Nova Scotia as per contract with the Province of Nova Scotia, effective as and from January 16, 2020, and ending on July 15, 2025, with an option to extend up to and including July 15, 2027.