

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 SOUTHLAND TRANSPORTATION LTD.
to amend Motor Carrier License No. P03357

BEFORE:



Bruce H. Fisher, MPA, CPA, Member

Jennifer L. Nicholson, CPA, CA, Member

Marc Dunning P.Eng., LL.B., Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Southland Transportation Ltd applied to the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board on May 27, 2025, for approval to amend its Motor Carrier License No. P03357 by adding a Schedule F(2) Authority as follows:

F(2) SPECIALTY SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

The transportation of special needs children to and from various schools serviced by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. Service to be provided by specially equipped school bus vehicles in accordance with Section 32(3) of the *Board Public Passenger Motor Carrier Act Regulations*. All pick-ups and drop-offs shall be at the right of the shoulder/curb or off the highway and no passenger shall be required to pass the highway to board the bus. Also, for the transportation of special needs children, teachers, and chaperones of said schools including their transportation to and from school social, dramatic, musical or athletic functions or competitions within the Province of Nova Scotia as per contract with Halifax Regional Centre for Education, effective as and from July 15, 2025, and ending on July 15, 2030, with an option to extend up to and including July 15, 2032.

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 June 30, 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. P03357 be amended accordingly, effective immediately.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 3rd day of July 2025.

Pamela McGarrigle

Clerk of the Board