M.C. 2 (2005)

IN THE MATTER OF the Motor Carrier Act, Chapter M-19, R.S.N. 1990 (the "Act")

AND

IN THE MATTER OF an Application for a Motor Carrier Certificate by Thomas Bus Company Ltd. (the "Applicant")

AND

IN THE MATTER OF a Notice of Objection by DRL Coachlines Limited ("DRL").

WHEREAS the Applicant has applied to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the "Board"), pursuant to the Act for issuance of a Certificate as a motor carrier to provide the following service:

REGULAR PUBLIC PASSENGER BUS SERVICE for the transportation of passengers and their baggage at separate fares from St. John's to Corner Brook and the reverse thereof via Highway Route 1. This authority includes pick up and drop off privileges at intermediate points enroute;

and

WHEREAS following due publication of a Notice of Application, a Notice of Objection to the issuance of such Certificate was filed with the Board by DRL; and

WHEREAS the Board, having considered the Application and the Notice of Objection, has determined, pursuant to s. 9(4) of the Act, having particular reference to s. 24 (a) and s. 24(b) of the Motor Carrier Regulations, that the Notice of Objection raises sufficient grounds for holding a hearing with respect to the Application for a Certificate.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

A hearing be held into the Application by Thomas Bus Company Ltd. for a Certificate to provide a Regular Public Passenger Bus Service for the transportation of passengers and their baggage at separate fares from St. John's to Corner Brook and the reverse thereof via Highway Route 1. This authority includes pick up and drop off privileges at intermediate points enroute.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 22nd day of March, 2005.

J. William Finn, Q.C. Presiding Chair.

Gerard Martin, Q.C. Commissioner.

G. Cheryl Blundon, Board Secretary.