

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. A.I. 2(2020)

1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Automobile*
2 *Insurance Act*, RSNL 1990, c. A-22,
3 as amended, and regulations
4 thereunder; and
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6 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application
7 by Aviva Insurance Company of Canada
8 for approval to implement a revised
9 rating program for its Public Vehicles
10 category of automobile insurance.
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13 **WHEREAS** effective January 1, 2020 changes to the *Automobile Insurance Act* and regulations
14 thereunder came into effect which included mandatory reforms of the automobile insurance
15 product; and
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17 **WHEREAS** the mandatory reforms included the introduction of Direct Compensation Property
18 Damage (“DCPD”) coverage for all vehicles and an increase in the deductible applicable to all
19 pain and suffering awards from \$2,500 to \$5,000; and
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21 **WHEREAS** on November 5, 2019 the Board implemented a simplified “Reform” filing option
22 and Reform Filing Guidelines to expedite the approval of the mandatory reform changes; and
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24 **WHEREAS** the Reform Filing Guidelines provide step-by-step procedures for splitting existing
25 Board approved Third Party Liability rates into rates for Bodily Injury, Property Damage-Tort and
26 DCPD sub-coverages as well as for reflecting the deductible increase into Bodily Injury rates; and
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28 **WHEREAS** on February 13, 2020 Aviva Insurance Company of Canada applied to the Board for
29 approval of a revised rating program under the Reform filing option for its Public Vehicles
30 category of automobile insurance; and
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32 **WHEREAS** the rate filing proposed changes to the following types of Public Vehicles: (i) Private
33 Buses, (ii) School Buses, (iii) Hotel, Golf or Country Club Buses, (iv) Public Buses and (v) Taxis
34 and Airport Limousines; and

1 **WHEREAS** on February 18, 2020 the Board’s actuarial consultants, Oliver Wyman Limited,
2 reported that the revised rating program is consistent with the Reform Filing Guidelines and is
3 supported; and
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5 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the proposed rates are just and reasonable in the
6 circumstances, do not impair the solvency of the insurer, are not excessive in relation to the
7 financial circumstances of the insurer, and do not violate the *Automobile Insurance Act* or the
8 *Insurance Companies Act* or the respective regulations thereunder.
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11 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**
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- 13 1. The revised rating program received February 13, 2020 from Aviva Insurance Company of
14 Canada for its Public Vehicles category of automobile insurance is approved to be effective no
15 sooner than July 1, 2020 for new business and for renewals.

DATED at St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 3rd day of March, 2020.



Darlene Whalen, P.Eng., FEC
Chair and Chief Executive Officer



Christopher Pike, LL.B., FCIP
Commissioner



Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary