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To: Gabor Lukacs <lukacs@airpassengerrights.ca>
Subject: RE: The "verbal instructions" of the Agency Chair

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Dr. Lukacs,

I can advise that the meeting at which these instructions were given took place on October 29, 2015, but that no minutes were produced for this meeting.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gabor Lukacs [mailto:lukacs@AirPassengerRights.ca]
Sent: January-20-16 5:30 PM
To: secretariat
Subject: The "verbal instructions" of the Agency Chair

Dear Madam Secretary,

Thank you for your message below.

Kindly please clarify on what date these verbal instructions were made, whether they were recorded in the minutes of the meeting, and if so, kindly please provide me with a copy of the relevant portion of the minutes.

Best wishes,
Dr. Gabor Lukacs

On Wed, 20 Jan 2016, secretariat wrote:

> Dr. Lukacs,
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> We are unable to provide you with a copy of these instructions as they
> were provided verbally to Agency staff.
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> Elizabeth C. Barker
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Gabor Lukacs [<mailto:lukacs@AirPassengerRights.ca>]
> Sent: January-19-16 6:28 PM
> To: secretariat
> Subject: The "instructions" of the Agency Chair
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> Dear Madam Secretary,

> Thank you for your message.

> Due to the absence of a formal order or decision, I am requesting that
> you provide me with a copy of the "instructions" of the Agency Chair,
> acting in his capacity as CEO, referenced in your email below.

> Best wishes,
> Dr. Gabor Lukacs
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> On Tue, 19 Jan 2016, secretariat wrote:
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>> Dr. Lukacs,
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>> Further to our telephone conversation yesterday morning and your
>> request for a copy of the Agency's decision granting an exemption to
>> NewLeaf Travel Company Inc. (NewLeaf) from the licensing requirements
>> of the Canada Transportation Act, I can confirm that the Agency has
>> not, in fact, issued an exemption or any other decision with respect to NewLeaf at
>> this time.

>> Rather, in the context of the emergence of this new business model
>> and a discussion between the Panel assigned to the NewLeaf matter and
>> Agency staff, the Panel instructed staff to conduct broad
>> consultations with industry as expeditiously as possible to inform
>> the Agency's consideration of this new model. At this same meeting,
>> the Agency Chair, acting in his capacity as CEO, also instructed
>> staff to not seek a licence application from NewLeaf and other
>> companies like it pending the completion of this consultation and the
>> issuance of an Agency decision on the issue, provided they met three
>> criteria. These criteria were detailed in my email to you of Friday, January 15,
>> 2016.

>> Elizabeth C. Barker
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>> Secretary of the Canadian Transportation Agency
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