## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

## NO. P.P. 10(2025)

- 1 IN THE MATTER OF the Petroleum Products
- 2 Act, SNL 2001, Chapter P-10.1 and regulations
- 3 thereunder; and
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- 5 **IN THE MATTER OF** a request from the Minister
- 6 pursuant to Section 8.1(3) of the Petroleum
- 7 Products Act to review the suitability of the
- 8 pricing mechanism for benchmark prices and
- 9 the maximum mark-up between the wholesale
- 10 price to the retailer and the retail price to the
- 11 consumer for all regulated fuels; and
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- 13 IN THE MATTER OF changes with respect to
- 14 wholesale mark-ups, zone differentials and
- 15 total allowed mark-ups for all regulated
- 16 petroleum products as a result of the Board's
- 17 Petroleum Products Pricing Review.
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- WHEREAS on June 7, 2022, pursuant to Section 8.1(3) of the Petroleum Products Act, the Minister of Digital Government and Service NL requested that the Board review the suitability of the pricing mechanism for benchmark prices and the maximum mark-up between the wholesale price to the retailer and the retail price to the consumer for all regulated fuels; and
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- WHEREAS as part of the Petroleum Products Pricing Review the Board engaged consultants and
   sought information and feedback from the industry, consumers and community groups; and
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- WHEREAS on June 6, 2024 the Board issued a consultation document for industry and public
   input which outlined potential changes to benchmarking, mark-ups and zone differentials, and
- 30 other pricing matters, for the Island portion of the Province; and
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- 32 **WHEREAS** on January 27, 2025, the Board issued a final report for the Island which outlined in 33 detail the changes to petroleum products pricing to be implemented on the Island portion of
- 34 the Province, including the Board's rationale and implementation plan for those changes; and

WHEREAS the Board considered all information and feedback provided by its consultants, the
 industry, consumers and community groups during the Review related to the Island and
 concluded that:

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  5 No adjustments to current wholesale mark-ups for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and furnace oil heating fuel are warranted, except in Zones 4a and 7b for furnace oil heating fuel;
- Increases to the zone differentials for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and furnace oil heating fuel are warranted in most Island pricing zones;
- Increases to the retail mark-ups for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and furnace oil heating fuel are warranted;
- Adjustments to the total allowed mark-ups and zone differentials for propane heating fuel are warranted;
- The resulting changes to mark-ups and zone differentials should be phased-in weekly
   over a period of 6 weeks;
- The setting of maximum prices for stove oil heating fuel on the Island portion of the
   Province is no longer necessary;
- The setting of maximum prices for all regulated petroleum products is no longer necessary for Zone 5b: Little Bay Islands;
- The effective day of weekly maximum price adjustments should move to Friday instead
   of Thursday;
- Argus Media-reported market data will replace Platts US Marketscan-reported market
   data in the calculation of average benchmark prices;
- A 5-day average, rather than a 7-day average, will be used in the calculation of benchmark prices; and
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WHEREAS in Order No. P.P. 6(2025) the Board commenced the implementation of the changes
flowing from the Review, including mark-up and zone differential changes for gasoline and
diesel motor fuels and furnace oil and propane heating fuels on the Island; and

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WHEREAS in Order No. P.P. 8(2025) the Board continued the implementation of the changes
 flowing from the Review, including mark-up changes for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and
 furnace oil heating fuel on the Island; and

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35 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the implementation of the mark-up changes should 36 continue and therefore retail mark-ups for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and furnace oil 37 heating fuel on the Island should change accordingly.

## 1 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

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1. The total allowed mark-ups for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and furnace oil heating fuel, as set out in Schedule A to this Order, are approved for the Island portion of the Province effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, February 20, 2025.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

Đwanda Newman, LL.B.

Vice-Chair

John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA Commissioner

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Gasoline Motor Fuels					
All Island Zones Excluding Zones 4a and 7b					
Product	Type of Mark-Up	Current	Phase-In Adjustment	New	
Gasoline	Wholesale	15.65	N/A	15.65	
	Retail	12.28	+1.0	13.28	
	Total Allowed	27.93	+1.0	28.93	

Gasoline Motor Fuels					
Zones 4a and 7b					
Product	Type of Mark-Up	Current	Phase-In Adjustment	New	
Gasoline	Wholesale	15.65	N/A	15.65	
	Retail	12.67	+0.61	13.28	
	Total Allowed	28.32	+0.61	28.93	

Diesel Motor Fuel All Island Zones					
Product	Type of Mark-Up	Current	Phase-In Adjustment	New	
Diesel	Wholesale	14.07	N/A	14.07	
	Retail	16.03	+1.0	17.03	
	Total Allowed	30.10	+1.0	31.10	

Furnace Oil Heating Fuel All Island Zones					
Product	Type of Mark-Up	Current	Phase-In Adjustment	New	
Furnace Oil	Wholesale	9.11	N/A	9.11	
	Retail	20.27	+1.0	21.27	
	Total Allowed	29.38	+1.0	30.38	