## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.P. 12(2025)

| <b>IN THE MATTER OF</b> the <b>Petroleum Products Act</b> , SNL 2001, Chapter P-10.1 and regulations thereunder; and  |
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| IN THE MATTER OF a request from the Minister pursuant to Section 8.1(3) of the Petroleum Products Act to 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 |
| IN THE MATTER OF changes with respect to wholesale mark-ups, zone differentials and total allowed mark-ups for all regulated petroleum products as a result of the Board's Petroleum Products Pricing Review.   |

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

**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

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 other pricing matters, for the Island portion of the Province; and

**WHEREAS** on January 27, 2025, the Board issued a final report for the Island which outlined in detail the changes to petroleum products pricing to be implemented on the Island portion of 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:

> 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

of Thursday;

necessary for Zone 5b: Little Bay Islands;
The effective day of weekly maximum price adjustments should move to Friday instead

 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

**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

**WHEREAS** in Order Nos. P.P. 8(2025) and P.P. 10(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

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

## **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 27, 2025.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

Đwanda Newman, LL.B.

Vice-Chair

John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA

Commissioner

Jo-Anne Galarneau Board Secretary

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| Gasoline Motor Fuels |                 |         |                     |       |  |  |  |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| All Island Zones     |                 |         |                     |       |  |  |  |
| Product              | Type of Mark-Up | Current | Phase-In Adjustment | New   |  |  |  |
|                      | Wholesale       | 15.65   | N/A                 | 15.65 |  |  |  |
| Gasoline             | Retail          | 13.28   | +1.0                | 14.28 |  |  |  |
|                      | Total Allowed   | 28.93   | +1.0                | 29.93 |  |  |  |

| Diesel Motor Fuel |                 |         |                     |       |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| All Island Zones  |                 |         |                     |       |  |  |  |  |
| Product           | Type of Mark-Up | Current | Phase-In Adjustment | New   |  |  |  |  |
|                   | Wholesale       | 14.07   | N/A                 | 14.07 |  |  |  |  |
| Diesel            | Retail          | 17.03   | +1.0                | 18.03 |  |  |  |  |
|                   | Total Allowed   | 31.10   | +1.0                | 32.10 |  |  |  |  |

| Furnace Oil Heating Fuel All Island Zones |                 |         |                     |       |  |  |  |  |
|---|-----------------|---------|---------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Product                                   | Type of Mark-Up | Current | Phase-In Adjustment | New   |  |  |  |  |
|   | Wholesale       | 9.11    | N/A                 | 9.11  |  |  |  |  |
| Furnace Oil                               | Retail          | 21.27   | +1.0                | 22.27 |  |  |  |  |
|   | Total Allowed   | 30.38   | +1.0                | 31.38 |  |  |  |  |