

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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.P. 16(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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20 **WHEREAS** on June 7, 2022, pursuant to Section 8.1(3) of the **Petroleum Products Act**, the
21 Minister of Digital Government and Service NL requested that the Board review the suitability
22 of the pricing mechanism for benchmark prices and the maximum mark-up between the
23 wholesale price to the retailer and the retail price to the consumer for all regulated fuels; and
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25 **WHEREAS** as part of the Petroleum Products Pricing Review the Board engaged consultants and
26 sought information and feedback from the industry, consumers and community groups; and
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28 **WHEREAS** on June 6, 2024 the Board issued a consultation document for industry and public
29 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

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

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- 5 • No adjustments to current wholesale mark-ups for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and
6 furnace oil heating fuel are warranted, except in Zones 4a and 7b for furnace oil heating
7 fuel;
- 8 • Increases to the zone differentials for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and furnace oil
9 heating fuel are warranted in most Island pricing zones;
- 10 • Increases to the retail mark-ups for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and furnace oil
11 heating fuel are warranted;
- 12 • Adjustments to the total allowed mark-ups and zone differentials for propane heating
13 fuel are warranted;
- 14 • The resulting changes to mark-ups and zone differentials should be phased-in weekly
15 over a period of 6 weeks;
- 16 • The setting of maximum prices for stove oil heating fuel on the Island portion of the
17 Province is no longer necessary;
- 18 • The setting of maximum prices for all regulated petroleum products is no longer
19 necessary for Zone 5b: Little Bay Islands;
- 20 • The effective day of weekly maximum price adjustments should move to Friday instead
21 of Thursday;
- 22 • Argus Media-reported market data will replace Platts US Marketscan-reported market
23 data in the calculation of average benchmark prices;
- 24 • A 5-day average, rather than a 7-day average, will be used in the calculation of
25 benchmark prices; and
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27 **WHEREAS** in Order No. P.P. 6(2025) the Board commenced the implementation of the changes
28 flowing from the Review, including mark-up and zone differential changes for gasoline and
29 diesel motor fuels and furnace oil and propane heating fuels on the Island; and
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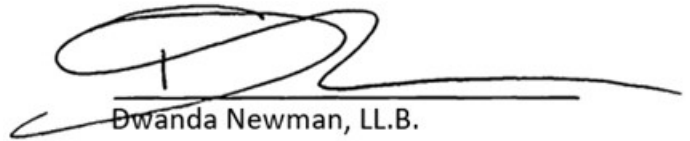
31 **WHEREAS** in Order Nos. P.P. 8(2025), P.P. 10(2025), P.P. 12(2025) and P.P. 14(2025) the Board
32 continued the implementation of the changes flowing from the Review, including mark-up and
33 zone differential changes for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and furnace oil heating fuel on the
34 Island; and
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36 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the implementation of changes flowing from the Review
37 should continue and therefore the zone differentials for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and
38 furnace oil heating fuel on the Island should change accordingly.


1 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**
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- 3 1. The zone differentials for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and furnace oil heating fuel, as
4 set out in Schedule A to this Order, are approved for the Island portion of the Province
5 effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025.


DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 12th day of March, 2025.



Dwanda Newman, LL.B.
Vice-Chair



John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA
Commissioner



Jo-Anne Galarneau
Board Secretary

Gasoline Motor Fuels Zone Differentials Island (cents per litre)			
Zone	Current	Phase-In Adjustment	New
1 - Avalon Peninsula	0.00	0.00	0.00
1a - Bell Island	0.58	+0.10	0.68
2 - Burin Peninsula / Bonavista Peninsula	2.01	+0.40	2.41
3 - Central Newfoundland / Notre Dame Bay East	2.73	+0.55	3.28
3a - St. Brendan's (Island)	6.43	+0.55	6.98
3b - Fogo Island	6.87	+0.55	7.42
3c - Change Islands	10.15	+0.55	10.7
4 - Connaigre Peninsula	6.12	+1.00	7.12
4a - Gaultois / McCallum / Rencontre East	9.09	+1.00	10.09
5 - Springdale-Green Bay / Triton / Baie Verte Peninsula	4.02	+0.60	4.62
5a - Long Island	7.57	+0.60	8.17
6 - Deer Lake / Corner Brook / Bay of Islands / Gros Morne	0.77	+0.15	0.92
7 - Stephenville / Port au Port / Codroy Valley / Channel-Port aux Basques / Burgeo	1.74	+0.35	2.09
7a - Ramea	11.135	+0.35	11.485
7b - Grey River / François / Grand Bruit / La Poile	12.41	+0.35	12.76
8 - Northern Peninsula - Gros Morne National Park to Bellburns	1.95	+0.40	2.35
9 - Northern Peninsula to Englee and St. Anthony	3.83	+0.55	4.38

Diesel Motor Fuel Zone Differentials Island (cents per litre)			
Zone	Current	Phase-In Adjustment	New
1 - Avalon Peninsula	0.00	0.00	0.00
1a - Bell Island	0.58	+0.10	0.68
2 - Burin Peninsula / Bonavista Peninsula	2.01	+0.40	2.41
3 - Central Newfoundland / Notre Dame Bay East	2.73	+0.55	3.28
3a - St. Brendan's (Island)	6.43	+0.55	6.98
3b - Fogo Island	6.87	+0.55	7.42
3c - Change Islands	10.15	+0.55	10.70
4 - Connaigre Peninsula	6.12	+1.00	7.12
4a - Gaultois / McCallum / Rencontre East	9.09	+1.00	10.09
5 - Springdale-Green Bay / Triton / Baie Verte Peninsula	4.02	+0.60	4.62
5a - Long Island	7.57	+0.60	8.17
6 - Deer Lake / Corner Brook / Bay of Islands / Gros Morne	0.77	+0.15	0.92
7 - Stephenville / Port au Port / Codroy Valley / Channel-Port aux Basques / Burgeo	1.74	+0.35	2.09
7a - Ramea	4.03	+0.35	4.38
7b - Grey River / François / Grand Bruit / La Poile	9.95	+0.35	10.30
8 - Northern Peninsula - Gros Morne National Park to Bellburns	1.95	+0.40	2.35
9 - Northern Peninsula to Englee and St. Anthony	3.83	+0.55	4.38

Furnace Oil Heating Fuel Zone Differentials Island (cents per litre)			
Zone	Current	Phase-In Adjustment	New
1ANE - Avalon Peninsula Northeast	0.00	0.00	0.00
1ANW - Avalon Peninsula Northwest	3.75	+0.75	4.50
1AS - Avalon Peninsula South	5.05	+0.75	5.80
1a - Bell Island	1.60	+0.30	1.90
2 - Burin Peninsula / Bonavista Peninsula	5.05	+0.75	5.80
3 - Central Newfoundland / Notre Dame Bay East	4.75	+0.75	5.50
3a - St. Brendan's (Island)	7.75	+0.75	8.50
3b - Fogo Island	7.25	+0.75	8.00
3c - Change Islands	9.15	+0.75	9.90
4 - Connaigre Peninsula	8.20	+1.00	9.20
4a - Gaultois / McCallum / Rencontre East	18.3	+1.00	19.30
5 - Springdale-Green Bay / Triton / Baie Verte Peninsula	5.25	+0.75	6.00
5a - Long Island	5.75	+0.75	6.50
6 - Deer Lake / Corner Brook / Bay of Islands / Gros Morne	1.10	+0.20	1.30
7W - Stephenville / Port au Port / Codroy Valley / Channel-Port aux Basques	5.30	+1.00	6.30
7SE - Burgeo	7.80	+1.00	8.80
7a - Ramea	11.40	+1.00	12.40
7b - Grey River / François / Grand Bruit / La Poile	17.50	+1.00	18.50
8 - Northern Peninsula - Gros Morne National Park to Bellburns	2.35	+0.45	2.80
9 - Northern Peninsula to Englee and St. Anthony	7.25	+0.75	8.00