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Dear Darlene Whalen:

Thank you for your correspondence of September 7, 2022, in which you provided a proposed work plan for the petroleum pricing review I requested in my letter of June 7, 2022.

I thank the Board of Commissioners, along with staff of the Board, for meeting with me and my officials to discuss the proposed work plan. I also appreciate your consideration and further analysis of the various options that my officials and I suggested to shorten the timelines. I strongly encourage the Board of Commissioners to continue to work with the contracted consultant and explore ways to move up the timetable for completion of the various steps as much as possible, particularly as it relates to the wholesale and retail markups for motor fuels.

I understand that the review is contingent upon gathering critical information from suppliers and retailers. I would expect that these key stakeholders should appreciate the urgency for the completion of this review and provide the requested information on a timely basis. If there is anything that I could do, within my authority as Minister, to encourage participation in that aspect, please let me know.

Public input into this review is critical. I stress the importance of providing opportunities for public engagement throughout the review.

Please keep me updated on the progress of this review, particularly should there be any changes in the timelines.

Sincerely,



**SARAH STOODLEY, MHA**  
District of Mount Scio  
Minister

cc: Sean Dutton, Deputy Minister, Digital Government and Service NL