## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

## NO. P.P. 26(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 total allowed mark-ups for all regulated
- 15 petroleum products in Labrador as a result of
- 16 the Board's Petroleum Products Pricing Review.
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- 19 WHEREAS on June 7, 2022, pursuant to Section 8.1(3) of the Petroleum Products Act, the 20 Minister of Digital Government and Service NL requested that the Board review the suitability 21 of the pricing mechanism for benchmark prices and the maximum mark-up between the 22 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 "Review") the Board engaged
   consultants and sought information and feedback from the industry, consumers and
   community groups; and
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- WHEREAS on October 1, 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 Labrador; and
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- 32 **WHEREAS** on March 13, 2025, the Board issued a final report for Labrador which outlined in 33 detail the changes to petroleum products pricing to be implemented in Labrador, including the
- 34 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 and concluded that for
 Labrador:

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- Wholesale mark-ups for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and stove oil heating fuel will be adjusted in all Labrador pricing zones to align with the wholesale mark-ups implemented on the Island portion of the Province in Order No. P.P. 6(2025);
- Zone differentials for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and stove oil heating fuel will be decreased in all Labrador pricing zones to reflect the net impact of:
  - $\circ$   $\;$  changes to offset the wholesale mark-up increases; and,
  - o changes to reflect cost increases since the differentials were last adjusted;
- Increases to the retail mark-ups for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and stove oil heating
   fuel in all Labrador pricing zones are warranted;
- The resulting changes to mark-ups and zone differentials should be phased-in weekly over a period of 5 weeks;
- Adjustments to the total allowed mark-ups and zone differentials for propane heating
   fuel in Labrador are warranted;
- Zone 11b Coastal Labrador South (Drum Delivery) should be combined with Zone 11a Coastal Labrador South (Tanker Supplied) at Zone 11a's pricing.
- The Town of Cartwright should be established as a new pricing zone 11c in Labrador,
   with new zone differentials reflecting the cost of supply;
- Maximum prices should continue to be adjusted seasonally based on actual acquisition
   costs in marine tanker supplied areas of Labrador;
- The effective day of weekly maximum price adjustments should move to Friday instead
   of Thursday for Zones 13 and 13a;
- Argus Media-reported market data should replace Platts US Marketscan-reported
   market data in the calculation of average benchmark prices for Zones 13 and 13a;
  - A 5-day average, rather than a 7-day average, should be used in the calculation of benchmark prices for Zones 13 and 13a; and
    - A new diesel motor fuel blend schedule should be implemented commencing in the fall of 2025 for Zones 13 and 13a; and
- 33 WHEREAS in Order No. P.P. 18(2025) the Board lifted the suspension of maximum price 34 adjustments for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and stove oil heating fuel in Zones 10, 11, 11a, 35 12 and 14 to implement changes flowing from the Review; and
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- WHEREAS in Order No. P.P. 19(2025) the Board commenced the implementation of the
  changes flowing from the Review for Labrador, including mark-up and zone differential changes
  for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and stove oil and propane heating fuel in Labrador; and
- 41 WHEREAS in Order No. P.P. 21(2025) the Board continued the implementation of the changes
- 42 flowing from the Review for Labrador, including retail mark-up changes for gasoline and diesel
- 43 motor fuels and stove oil heating fuel; 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 stove oil heating fuel in Labrador should change accordingly.

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## 6 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The total allowed mark-ups for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and stove oil heating
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fuel, as set out in Schedule A to this Order, are approved for Labrador effective 12:01 a.m. Friday, April 4, 2025.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2025.

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Gasoline Motor Fuels					
All Labrador Zones Excluding Zones 11a and 14					
Product	Type of Mark-Up	Current	Phase-In Adjustment	New	
Gasoline	Wholesale	15.65	N/A	15.65	
	Retail	11.28	+1.00	12.28	
	Total Allowed	26.93	+1.00	27.93	

Gasoline Motor Fuels					
Zones 11a and 14					
Product	Type of Mark-Up	Current	Phase-In Adjustment	New	
Gasoline	Wholesale	15.65	N/A	15.65	
	Retail	12.67	N/A	12.67	
	Total Allowed	28.32	N/A	28.32	

Diesel Motor Fuel All Labrador Zones					
Product	Type of Mark-Up	Current	Phase-In Adjustment	New	
Diesel	Wholesale	14.07	N/A	14.07	
	Retail	15.03	+1.00	16.03	
	Total Allowed	29.10	+1.00	30.10	

Stove Oil Heating Fuel All Labrador Zones					
Product	Type of Mark-Up	Current	Phase-In Adjustment	New	
Stove Oil	Wholesale	9.11	N/A	9.11	
	Retail	21.28	+0.99	22.27	
	Total Allowed	30.39	+0.99	31.38	