

MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Regular Adjustment of Maximum Prices of Regulated Petroleum Products

Effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, October 22, 2009, the Public Utilities Board, following its regular adjustment schedule, will set maximum prices for all regulated petroleum products in all areas of the province.

Maximum fuel prices will change as follows:

- all types of gasoline will increase by 1.8 or 1.9 cents per litre (cpl) – depending on the HST rounding impact;
- ultra low sulphur diesel (ULSD) will increase by 3.3 or 3.4 cpl – also depending on HST rounding;
- furnace and stove oil will increase by 3.36 cpl, and;
- residential propane used for home heating purposes will decrease 0.1 cpl.

These maximum prices reflect the change in the average benchmark price of the products since the last pricing period. As an example, the average benchmark price for gasoline, as tracked on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), converted to Canadian dollars increased over the period by 1.62 cpl, resulting in a 1.8 cpl increase, accounting for taxation and rounding. The commodity market movements for the period were offset to some extent by a higher Canadian dollar. Since fuel on the commodity markets is priced in U.S. currency, a higher Canadian dollar means it is not as expensive to purchase these products.

The next scheduled price change is Thursday, November 5, 2009.

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