## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Thursday, December 23, 2010

## Weekly Adjustment of Maximum Prices of Regulated Petroleum Products

Effective 12:01 a.m. Thursday, December 23, 2010, the Public Utilities Board will set maximum prices for all regulated petroleum products in all areas of the province, except where maximum price adjustments have been suspended for the winter months.

Maximum fuel prices will change as follows:

- all types of gasoline motor fuel will increase by 0.6 or 0.7 cents per litre (cpl);
- diesel motor fuel will increase by 0.5 cpl;
- furnace oil heating fuel will increase by 0.80 cpl;
- stove oil heating fuel will increase by 1.06 cpl; and,
- propane heating fuel will increase by 1.4 cpl.

These maximum prices reflect the change in the average benchmark price of the products over the seven-day period ending Tuesday of this week. As an example, the average benchmark price for gasoline, as tracked on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) and converted to Canadian dollars, increased over the period by 0.61 cpl, resulting in a 0.7 cpl increase, accounting for taxation and rounding.

The next scheduled price change is Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010.

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