




NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PRICING ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF an application by **H. CORMIER SERVICE STATION LTD.** to charge a different maximum self-service retail price under subsection 14(3) of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

BEFORE:

 Roland A. Deveau, Q.C., Vice Chair
 Richard J. Melanson, LL.B., Member
 Stephen T. McGrath, LL.B., Member

ORDER

WHEREAS the purpose of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations* is to ensure just and reasonable prices for specified petroleum products taking into consideration the objectives of preserving the availability of such products in rural areas, stabilizing prices of such products and minimizing the variances in prices of such products across the Province;

AND WHEREAS, upon application under subsection 14(3) of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*, the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board may prescribe a different fixed wholesale price, a different retail mark-up or different minimum and maximum retail prices that a wholesaler, wholesaler-retailer or retailer may charge for a type of petroleum product at a particular point of sale in order to, among other things,

preserve the availability of a petroleum product in rural areas, or for another reason the Board considers appropriate;

AND WHEREAS recent benchmark prices for petroleum products prescribed by the Board have declined suddenly and dramatically due to a significant reduction in the global market and reduced demand caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the Board is satisfied, based on the information provided by the applicant in its application, that it is necessary to increase the maximum self-service retail price that may be charged by the applicant in order to preserve availability of a petroleum product in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS the Board finds that the financial loss suffered by the applicant be fixed at an amount determined by the Board respecting the loss from March 11 to April 24, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE the Board prescribes that the following additional amounts may be added to the maximum self-service retail price that may be charged by the applicant for the following petroleum products, during the times, at the locations and subject to the conditions specified below:

- (a) Gasoline: (All Grades) 1.0¢ per litre, including taxes.
Ultra-low sulfur diesel oil 1.0¢ per litre, including taxes.
- (b) The additional amounts may be charged from 12:01 AM on **May 22, 2020**.
- (c) The additional amounts may be charged at the following location:
 - a. **15437 Cabot Trail, Cheticamp, Nova Scotia**

- (d) The additional amounts may be charged until a volume of petroleum products have been sold that are deemed by the Board to provide the applicant with an opportunity to recover the financial loss.
- (e) The applicant must provide the Board with the following information, for each petroleum product covered by this Order, as required by the Board:
 - a. volume of petroleum product sold while this Order is in effect; and
 - b. volume of petroleum product purchased while this Order is in effect.
- (f) If the applicant fails to comply with any term or condition herein, this Order may be revoked by the Board.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 20th day of May, 2020.


Clerk of the Board



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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Cormier:

**M09694 – Application for Petroleum Product Pricing Relief – H. Cormier Service Station Ltd.
(GO-20-05)**

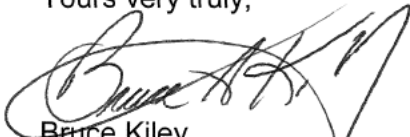
Please find enclosed an Order issued on May 20, 2020, by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board approving your application to charge an increased maximum self-service retail price under s. 14(3) of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*.

Based on your application, the Board has fixed your financial loss at [REDACTED], to be recovered over the sales volume of [REDACTED] litres of gasoline and [REDACTED] litres of diesel as listed in the Order. The Board assigns confidential treatment to commercially sensitive information provided in the application.

Starting on May 22, 2020, you may start charging the additional amount per litre noted in the Order until the respective volume(s) of listed product(s) has been sold. Once the volume for each listed product has been sold, you must stop charging the additional amount and revert to the regular pricing schedules issued each week by the Board. As noted in the Order, you must provide information to the Board on a regular basis to confirm the ongoing volume of petroleum product sold.

The Board recommends that you keep a copy of the Order available for viewing at your outlet. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Eric Kirby, Advisor to the Board, at eric.kirby@novascotia.ca or 902-424-4448 ext. 226.

Yours very truly,



Bruce Kiley
Chief Clerk of the Board

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