

Schedule "A"

**Prices Prescribed for Petroleum Products
under the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and the
Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations
effective on and after 12:01 a.m. on March 31, 2023**

NOVA SCOTIA PETROLEUM PRICE SCHEDULE

| Petroleum Prices in Cents/Litre | | | | | Self-Service Pump Prices (Pump Prices Includes 15% HST) | | Full-Service Pump Prices | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Base Wholesale Price | Federal Excise Tax | Prov. Tax | Wholesale Selling Price | Min | Max | Min | Max |
| Zone 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Regular Unleaded | 103.09 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 128.59 | 154.4 | 156.7 | 154.4 | 999.9 |
| Mid-Grade Unleaded | 106.09 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 131.59 | 157.9 | 160.2 | 157.9 | 999.9 |
| Premium Unleaded | 109.09 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 134.59 | 161.3 | 163.6 | 161.3 | 999.9 |
| Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel | 116.74 | 4.0 | 15.4 | 136.14 | 163.1 | 165.4 | 163.1 | 999.9 |
| Zone 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Regular Unleaded | 103.59 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 129.09 | 155.0 | 157.3 | 155.0 | 999.9 |
| Mid-Grade Unleaded | 106.59 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 132.09 | 158.5 | 160.8 | 158.5 | 999.9 |
| Premium Unleaded | 109.59 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 135.09 | 161.9 | 164.2 | 161.9 | 999.9 |
| Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel | 117.24 | 4.0 | 15.4 | 136.64 | 163.7 | 166.0 | 163.7 | 999.9 |
| Zone 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Regular Unleaded | 103.99 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 129.49 | 155.5 | 157.8 | 155.5 | 999.9 |
| Mid-Grade Unleaded | 106.99 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 132.49 | 158.9 | 161.2 | 158.9 | 999.9 |
| Premium Unleaded | 109.99 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 135.49 | 162.4 | 164.7 | 162.4 | 999.9 |
| Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel | 117.64 | 4.0 | 15.4 | 137.04 | 164.2 | 166.5 | 164.2 | 999.9 |
| Zone 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Regular Unleaded | 104.09 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 129.59 | 155.6 | 157.9 | 155.6 | 999.9 |
| Mid-Grade Unleaded | 107.09 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 132.59 | 159.0 | 161.3 | 159.0 | 999.9 |
| Premium Unleaded | 110.09 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 135.59 | 162.5 | 164.8 | 162.5 | 999.9 |
| Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel | 117.74 | 4.0 | 15.4 | 137.14 | 164.3 | 166.6 | 164.3 | 999.9 |
| Zone 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Regular Unleaded | 104.09 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 129.59 | 155.6 | 157.9 | 155.6 | 999.9 |
| Mid-Grade Unleaded | 107.09 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 132.59 | 159.0 | 161.3 | 159.0 | 999.9 |
| Premium Unleaded | 110.09 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 135.59 | 162.5 | 164.8 | 162.5 | 999.9 |
| Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel | 117.74 | 4.0 | 15.4 | 137.14 | 164.3 | 166.6 | 164.3 | 999.9 |
| Zone 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Regular Unleaded | 104.79 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 130.29 | 156.4 | 158.7 | 156.4 | 999.9 |
| Mid-Grade Unleaded | 107.79 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 133.29 | 159.8 | 162.1 | 159.8 | 999.9 |
| Premium Unleaded | 110.79 | 10.0 | 15.5 | 136.29 | 163.3 | 165.6 | 163.3 | 999.9 |
| Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel | 118.44 | 4.0 | 15.4 | 137.84 | 165.1 | 167.4 | 165.1 | 999.9 |

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PRICING ACT**

- and -

IN THE MATTER OF PRESCRIBING PRICES for **Petroleum Products** under Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

BEFORE:



Steven Murphy, MBA, P.Eng., Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Under s. 16 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*, the Board must prescribe a benchmark price for specified petroleum products every Friday.

The benchmark price prescribed by the Board is the average of the average of the daily high and low reported product prices (in Canadian cents) since the last benchmark price adjustment for the petroleum product.

The Board must also prescribe retail mark-ups and calculate wholesale margins considering any factors the Board finds relevant, including transportation adjustments. The Board last set wholesale margins in its Decision, 2021 NSUARB 146; retail mark-ups in its Decision, 2021 NSUARB 50; and transportation adjustments in its Decision, 2016 NSUARB 168.

The Board also issued an Order on September 12, 2022 [2022 NSUARB 140], approving an adjustment mechanism to retail mark-ups for gasoline and diesel oil to account for the impact of credit card fees charged to retailers.

At each price setting, the Board may apply a forward averaging correction, based on historical prices, to achieve revenue neutrality.

At appropriate times of the year, the Board may also require an additional margin for winter blending of ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil.

Based on the foregoing and other requirements in the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and *Regulations*, the Board finds it appropriate to prescribe the benchmark prices and adjustments in Table “A”, the credit card fee retail mark-up adjustments in Table “B”, and the prices for Petroleum Products in Schedule “A” effective on and after 12:01 A.M., March 31, 2023:

TABLE “A”
(cents per litre)

| Petroleum Product | Benchmark Price | Forward Averaging (+/-) | Winter Blending |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Gasoline (Grade 1) | 91.99 | +0.60 | |
| Gasoline (Grade 2) | 94.99 | | |
| Gasoline (Grade 3) | 97.99 | | |
| Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel Oil | 98.15 | -2.00 | +9.02 |

TABLE “B”
(cents per litre)

| Credit Card Fee Retail Mark-up Adjustment | |
|--|-------|
| Gasoline Minimum Self-Service and Full-Service | +0.30 |
| Gasoline Maximum Self-Service | +0.30 |
| Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel Minimum Self-Service and Full-Service | +0.30 |
| Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel Maximum Self-Service | +0.30 |

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 30th day of March 2023.



Clerk of the Board