

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 September 21, 2023

NOVA SCOTIA PETROLEUM PRICE SCHEDULE										
Petroleum Prices in Cents/Litre					Self-Service Pump Prices (Pump Prices Include 15% HST)		Full-Service Pump Prices			
					Min	Max	Min	Max		
					Base Wholesale Price	Federal Excise Tax	Prov. Tax	Wholesale Selling Price		
Zone 1										
Regular Unleaded	128.00	10.0	15.5	153.50	183.3	185.6	183.3	999.9		
Mid-Grade Unleaded	134.71	10.0	15.5	160.21	191.0	193.3	191.0	999.9		
Premium Unleaded	141.42	10.0	15.5	166.92	198.7	201.0	198.7	999.9		
Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel	158.27	4.0	15.4	177.67	211.3	213.6	211.3	999.9		
Zone 2										
Regular Unleaded	128.50	10.0	15.5	154.00	183.9	186.2	183.9	999.9		
Mid-Grade Unleaded	135.21	10.0	15.5	160.71	191.6	193.9	191.6	999.9		
Premium Unleaded	141.92	10.0	15.5	167.42	199.3	201.6	199.3	999.9		
Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel	158.77	4.0	15.4	178.17	211.9	214.2	211.9	999.9		
Zone 3										
Regular Unleaded	128.90	10.0	15.5	154.40	184.3	186.6	184.3	999.9		
Mid-Grade Unleaded	135.61	10.0	15.5	161.11	192.1	194.4	192.1	999.9		
Premium Unleaded	142.32	10.0	15.5	167.82	199.8	202.1	199.8	999.9		
Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel	159.17	4.0	15.4	178.57	212.4	214.7	212.4	999.9		
Zone 4										
Regular Unleaded	129.00	10.0	15.5	154.50	184.5	186.8	184.5	999.9		
Mid-Grade Unleaded	135.71	10.0	15.5	161.21	192.2	194.5	192.2	999.9		
Premium Unleaded	142.42	10.0	15.5	167.92	199.9	202.2	199.9	999.9		
Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel	159.27	4.0	15.4	178.67	212.5	214.8	212.5	999.9		
Zone 5										
Regular Unleaded	129.00	10.0	15.5	154.50	184.5	186.8	184.5	999.9		
Mid-Grade Unleaded	135.71	10.0	15.5	161.21	192.2	194.5	192.2	999.9		
Premium Unleaded	142.42	10.0	15.5	167.92	199.9	202.2	199.9	999.9		
Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel	159.27	4.0	15.4	178.67	212.5	214.8	212.5	999.9		
Zone 6										
Regular Unleaded	129.70	10.0	15.5	155.20	185.3	187.6	185.3	999.9		
Mid-Grade Unleaded	136.41	10.0	15.5	161.91	193.0	195.3	193.0	999.9		
Premium Unleaded	143.12	10.0	15.5	168.62	200.7	203.0	200.7	999.9		
Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel	159.97	4.0	15.4	179.37	213.3	215.6	213.3	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:

Bruce H. Fisher, MPA, CPA, CMA, 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. However, the Board may prescribe a benchmark price any time, and due to significant changes in the price of petroleum products, the Board has determined that it is appropriate to adjust its most recently prescribed weekly prices.

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 approved an adjustment mechanism to retail mark-ups for gasoline and diesel oil to account for the impact of credit card fees charged to retailers in its Decision 2022 NSUARB 140.

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. September 21, 2023:

TABLE “A”
(cents per litre)

Petroleum Product	Benchmark Price	Forward Averaging (+/-)	Winter Blending
Regular Gasoline (Grade 1)	98.51	+0.0	
Mid-grade Gasoline (Grade 2)	105.22	+0.0	
Premium Gasoline (Grade 3)	111.93	+0.0	

TABLE “B”
(cents per litre)

Credit Card Fee Retail Mark-up Adjustment	
Gasoline Minimum Self-Service and Full-Service	+0.50
Gasoline Maximum Self-Service	+0.50

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 20th day of September 2023.


Clerk of the Board