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**In force date of regulations:** As of March 4, 2005\*, the date a regulation comes into force is determined by subsection 3(6) of the *Regulations Act*. The date a regulation is made, the date a regulation is approved, the date a regulation is filed and any date specified in a regulation are important to determine when the regulation is in force.

\*Date that subsections 3(6) and (7) and Sections 11 and 13 of the *Regulations Act* and amendments to the *Regulations Act* made by Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2004 were proclaimed in force.

**N.S. Reg. 6/2014**

Made: January 16, 2014

Filed: January 17, 2014

Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated January 16, 2014  
made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board  
pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*  
and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

**Order****NSUARB-GAS-W-14-03****In the Matter of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*****- and -**

**In the Matter of Prescribing Prices for Petroleum Products  
pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and  
Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations***

**Before:** Murray E. Doehler, CA, P. Eng., 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** the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (“Board”) considered the manner in which it would proceed to set petroleum prices in its decision, 2006 NSUARB 108, issued on October 16, 2006;

**And whereas** the Board revised the retail margin and transportation allowance effective January 6, 2012, in its decision, 2011 NSUARB 181, issued on November 23, 2011;

**And whereas** the Board revised the wholesale margin effective January 4, 2013, in its decision 2012 NSUARB 213, issued on December 12, 2012;

**And whereas** the average of the average of the daily high and low reported product prices (in Canadian cents) for the week ended January 15, 2014, are:

Grade 1 Regular gasoline	76.4¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil	85.9¢ per litre

**Now therefore** the Board prescribes the benchmark prices for petroleum products to be:

Gasoline:	
Grade 1	76.4¢ per litre
Grade 2	79.4¢ per litre
Grade 3	82.4¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil	85.9¢ per litre

**And now therefore** the Board has determined, based on historical data regarding price changes and to achieve revenue neutrality, it is appropriate to apply, and the Board so orders, forward averaging corrections of:

Gasoline:	Nil per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil:	plus 0.6¢ per litre

**And whereas** a winter blending adjustment of plus 4.9¢ per litre is required for ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil;

**And now therefore** the Board prescribes the prices for petroleum products as set forth in Schedule “A” effective on and after 12:01 a.m., January 17, 2014.

**Dated** at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 16th day of January, 2014.

Sgd: *Elaine Wagner*  
Clerk of the Board

**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 January 17, 2014**

<b>Nova Scotia Petroleum Price Schedule</b>								
<b>Petroleum Prices in Cents/Litre</b>					<b>Self-Service Pump Prices</b>		<b>Full-Service Pump Prices</b>	
					<b>(Pump Prices includes 15% HST)</b>			
	<b>Base Wholesale Price</b>	<b>Fed. Excise Tax</b>	<b>Prov. Tax</b>	<b>Wholesale Selling Price</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>
<b>Zone 1</b>								
Regular Unleaded	83.5	10.0	15.5	109.0	130.9	132.9	130.9	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	86.5	10.0	15.5	112.0	134.3	136.4	134.3	999.9
Premium Unleaded	89.5	10.0	15.5	115.0	137.8	139.8	137.8	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	98.6	4.0	15.4	118.0	141.2	143.3	141.2	999.9
<b>Zone 2</b>								
Regular Unleaded	84.0	10.0	15.5	109.5	131.4	133.5	131.4	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	87.0	10.0	15.5	112.5	134.9	137.0	134.9	999.9
Premium Unleaded	90.0	10.0	15.5	115.5	138.3	140.4	138.3	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	99.1	4.0	15.4	118.5	141.8	143.9	141.8	999.9
<b>Zone 3</b>								
Regular Unleaded	84.4	10.0	15.5	109.9	131.9	134.0	131.9	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	87.4	10.0	15.5	112.9	135.4	137.4	135.4	999.9
Premium Unleaded	90.4	10.0	15.5	115.9	138.8	140.9	138.8	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	99.5	4.0	15.4	118.9	142.3	144.3	142.3	999.9
<b>Zone 4</b>								
Regular Unleaded	84.5	10.0	15.5	110.0	132.0	134.1	132.0	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	87.5	10.0	15.5	113.0	135.5	137.5	135.5	999.9
Premium Unleaded	90.5	10.0	15.5	116.0	138.9	141.0	138.9	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	99.6	4.0	15.4	119.0	142.4	144.4	142.4	999.9
<b>Zone 5</b>								
Regular Unleaded	84.5	10.0	15.5	110.0	132.0	134.1	132.0	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	87.5	10.0	15.5	113.0	135.5	137.5	135.5	999.9
Premium Unleaded	90.5	10.0	15.5	116.0	138.9	141.0	138.9	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	99.6	4.0	15.4	119.0	142.4	144.4	142.4	999.9
<b>Zone 6</b>								
Regular Unleaded	85.2	10.0	15.5	110.7	132.8	134.9	132.8	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	88.2	10.0	15.5	113.7	136.3	138.3	136.3	999.9
Premium Unleaded	91.2	10.0	15.5	116.7	139.7	141.8	139.7	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	100.3	4.0	15.4	119.7	143.2	145.2	143.2	999.9

**N.S. Reg. 7/2014**

Made: January 21, 2014

Filed: January 21, 2014

Renewable Electricity Regulations

Order in Council 2014-18 dated January 21, 2014  
Amendment to regulations made by the Governor in Council  
pursuant to Section 5 of the *Electricity Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Energy dated December 19, 2013, and pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2004, the *Electricity Act*, is pleased to amend the *Renewable Electricity Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 155/2010, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2010-381 dated October 12, 2010, to make certain provisions in respect of developmental tidal arrays, in the manner set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after January 21, 2014.

**Schedule “A”**

**Amendment to the *Renewable Electricity Regulations*  
made by the Governor in Council under Section 5  
of Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2004,  
the *Electricity Act***

- 1 (1) Section 2 of the *Renewable Electricity Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 155/2010, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2010-381 dated October 12, 2010, is amended by adding the following definition immediately after the definition of “designated lands”:  
  
“device” means 1 or more turbines on a single frame or platform;
- (2) Section 2 of the regulations is further amended by
  - (a) redesignating it as subsection 2(1); and
  - (b) adding the following subsection immediately after subsection (1):
    - (2) In the definition of “device” in subsection (1), “turbine” means a rotating blade or appliance that is designed to capture the kinetic energy of the ocean.
- 2 Subsection 3(1) of the regulations is amended by
  - (a) repealing the definition of “developmental tidal array” and substituting the following definition:  
  
“developmental tidal array” means
    - (i) a tidal generation facility consisting of a single device with a capacity greater than 0.5 MW, or
    - (ii) a tidal generation facility consisting of multiple devices, each of which has a capacity greater than 0.5 MW;

- (b) adding the following definition immediately after the definition of “not-for-profit body corporate”:

“Province” includes the lands and submarine areas within the limits of the offshore area described in Schedule I to the *Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act* as amended by the *Schedule I (Offshore Area Limits) Amending Regulations* made under that Act;

- (c) repealing the definition of “small-scale in-stream tidal” and substituting the following definition:

“small-scale in-stream tidal” means a tidal generation facility that

- (i) consists of 1 or more devices, each of which has a capacity of 0.5 MW or less, and
- (ii) is capable of being interconnected with the electrical grid through a distribution system.

- 3 Clause 13(1)(a) of the regulations is amended by striking out “, including the marine waters in the Province”.

- 4 (1) Subsection 20(1) of the regulations is amended by striking out “qualify as a generator” and substituting “qualifies as a generator for a community feed-in-tariff”.
- (2) Subsection 20(2) of the regulations is amended by adding “to qualify as a generator for a community feed-in tariff” immediately after “requirements”.
- (3) Subsection 20(3) of the regulations is amended by striking out “A generator” and substituting “To qualify as a generator for a community feed-in tariff, a generator”.

- 5 Section 22 of the regulations is repealed and the following Section substituted:

**Developmental tidal array tariff qualifications**

**22 (1)** For the purposes of clause 4A(8)(f) of the Act, in addition to the entities listed in clauses 4A(8)(a) to (e) of the Act, a privately owned developmental tidal array qualifies as a generator for a developmental tidal array tariff.

**(2)** To qualify as a generator for a developmental tidal array tariff, a generation facility must meet all of the following requirements:

- (a) it must be located in the Province;
- (b) it must meet the definition of “developmental tidal array” in these regulations;
- (c) it must interconnect with the electrical grid;
- (d) it must have been issued a feed-in tariff approval.

- 6 (1) The heading to Section 24 of the regulations is amended by adding “community” immediately before “feed-in tariff approval”.
- (2) Section 24 of the regulations is amended by adding “community” immediately before “feed-in tariff approval” in the text preceding clause (a).

7 The regulations are further amended by adding the following Sections immediately after Section 24:

**Application for developmental tidal array feed-in tariff approval**

**24A (1)** An application for a developmental tidal array feed-in tariff approval may be made only in response to

- (a) an invitation from the Minister to apply for an approval; or
- (b) a public call for applications from the Minister.

**(2)** The Minister may invite or make a public call for an application for a developmental tidal array feed-in tariff approval

- (a) at any time and in respect of any location that the Minister considers appropriate; and
- (b) subject to subclause 18(2)(a)(iv) and Section 32, on any terms and conditions that the Minister considers appropriate.

**Contents of an application for developmental tidal array feed-in tariff approval**

**24B (1)** Except as provided in subsection (2), an application for a developmental tidal array feed-in tariff must include all of the following information or documentation:

- (a) the information and documentation listed in clauses 24(a) to (f);
- (b) a project plan, including all of the following:
  - (i) details about the previous applicable experience of the generator,
  - (ii) a detailed description of the proposed facility,
  - (iii) a resource and site assessment,
  - (iv) a site plan,
  - (v) a schedule identifying key milestones in the construction and deployment of the developmental tidal array;
- (c) a stakeholder and public engagement plan;
- (d) a full description of the proposed technology to be deployed, including all of the following:
  - (i) a description of the devices and ancillary equipment to be used,
  - (ii) the total nameplate capacity,
  - (iii) evidence of ownership or licence to use the technology,
  - (iv) evidence of any applicable certifications;
- (e) a business plan that demonstrates the financial viability of the project, including all of the following:

- (i) a detailed financial analysis based on the applicable tariff set by the Board under Section 4A of the Act and Section 18,
  - (ii) projected costs, revenue and cash flow over the life of the developmental tidal array;
- (f) a risk management plan, including descriptions of all of the following:
- (i) any risks to health, safety and the environment,
  - (ii) any risks relating to the construction, operation and schedule for the developmental tidal array,
  - (iii) any risks relating to technology failures;
- (g) detailed plans to manage any risks described under clause (f) using industry best practices;
- (h) information demonstrating how the proposed developmental tidal array will contribute to each of the following:
- (i) building and maintaining public trust in the use of the marine environment to generate tidal energy,
  - (ii) developing approaches and technologies for generating tidal energy that are technically, economically and environmentally sustainable,
  - (iii) building a tidal energy industry, and developing Nova Scotia skills, experience and technology relating to tidal energy;
- (i) any plans the applicant has for future tidal energy development in the Province;
- (j) any additional information required by the Minister in the invitation or public call for an application for a developmental tidal array feed-in tariff approval.
- (2) The Minister may waive, in whole or in part, a requirement for any of the information or documentation to be provided by an applicant under subsection (1) if the Minister is satisfied that the applicant has already provided the Department of Energy with information or documentation that meets the requirement.

8 Section 26 of the regulations is repealed and the following Section substituted:

**26** In order to complete the application process and for the purposes of the “one-window” committee identified in Section 35, the information in an application for a feed-in tariff approval may be shared with another department or agency of the Government of Nova Scotia, a department or agency of another provincial government or the Government of Canada, or a load-serving entity.

9 (1) Section 28 of the regulations is amended by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

- (1) The Minister may approve or reject an application for a feed-in tariff approval if
- (a) the application satisfies the requirements of the Act and these regulations; and

- (b) the Minister determines that the application is consistent with the Department of Energy's policies and objectives for the development of renewable low-impact electricity resources and industries.
- (2) Section 28 of the regulations is further amended by adding the following subsection immediately after subsection (1):
- (1A)** In deciding whether to approve or reject an application for a feed-in tariff approval, the Minister may take into account any matter that the Minister considers relevant and in the public interest.
- 10 (1) Section 32 of the regulations is amended by adding the following subsection immediately after subsection (1):
- (1A)** A separate standard form of power purchase agreement may be prepared and approved for any class of generation facility to which the feed-in tariff program applies.
- (2) Subsection 32(2) of the regulations is amended by striking out "NSPI places the applicant in the interconnection queue as required by Section 31" and substituting "of the approval".
- 11 (1) Subsection 35(1) of the regulations is amended by striking out "The Ministers of each of the following departments must each designate 1 or more representative" and substituting "To coordinate applications for community feed-in tariff approvals, the Ministers of the following departments must each designate 1 or more representatives".
- (2) Section 35 of the regulations is further amended by adding the following subsection immediately after subsection (1):
- (1A)** A separate "one-window committee" must be established to coordinate applications for developmental tidal array feed-in tariff approvals under the direction of the Minister of Energy, and must include 1 or more designates from each of the following departments or agencies:
- (a) Energy;
  - (b) Environment;
  - (c) Fisheries and Aquaculture;
  - (d) Natural Resources;
  - (e) Labour and Advanced Education;
  - (f) Office of Aboriginal Affairs;
  - (g) any department or agency of another provincial government or the Government of Canada that agrees to participate on the "one-window" committee at the request of the Minister of Energy.



**N.S. Reg. 8/2014**

Made: January 21, 2014

Filed: January 21, 2014

Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act General Regulations

Order in Council 2014-16 dated January 21, 2014  
Amendment to regulations made by the Governor in Council  
pursuant to Section 29 of the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education dated November 21, 2013, and pursuant to Section 29 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2003, the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act*, is pleased to amend the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act General Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 129/2003, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2003-304 dated June 27, 2003, to provide for terms and conditions pertaining to journeypersons and apprentices in relation to the minimum ratio to be set out in trade regulations, in the manner set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after January 21, 2014.

**Schedule “A”**

**Amendment to the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act General Regulations*  
made by the Governor in Council under  
Section 29 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2003,  
the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act***

The *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act General Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 129/2003, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2003-304 dated June 27, 2003, are amended by repealing subsection 23(1) and substituting the following subsection:

- (1) An employer must maintain a minimum ratio of 1 journeyperson to each apprentice in a designated trade, unless otherwise indicated in the trade regulations for that designated trade, and subject to any additional terms and conditions pertaining to journeypersons and apprentices in relation to the minimum ratio that may be set out in the trade regulations.

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**N.S. Reg. 9/2014**

Made: January 21, 2014

Filed: January 21, 2014

Metal Fabricator (Fitter) Trade Regulations

Order in Council 2014-17 dated January 21, 2014  
Repeal of regulations and regulations made by the Governor in Council  
pursuant to Section 29 of the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education dated November 21, 2013, and pursuant to Section 29 of Chapter 1 the Acts of 2003, the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act*, is pleased to, effective on and after January 21, 2014:

- (a) repeal the regulations respecting the metal fabricator (fitter) trade (formerly known as the steel fabricator (fitter) trade and originally the metal fabricator trade), N.S. Reg. 128/84, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 84-756 dated June 26, 1984; and

- (b) make regulations respecting the metal fabricator (fitter) trade in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation.

### Schedule “A”

**Regulations Respecting the Metal Fabricator (Fitter) Trade  
made by the Governor in Council pursuant to  
Section 29 of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 2003,  
the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act***

#### Citation

- 1 These regulations may be cited as the *Metal Fabricator (Fitter) Trade Regulations*.

#### Definitions

- 2 (1) In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act*;

“General Regulations” means the *Apprenticeship and Trades Qualifications Act General Regulations* made under the Act;

“manufacturing facility” includes a facility in which the manufacture and assembly of metal parts is carried out before delivery of the parts to the point of final installation;

“metal fabricator (fitter) trade” means the occupation of laying out, cutting, fitting, tacking and fabricating structural steel, plate and miscellaneous metals for use in manufacturing and construction industries, and consisting of 1 or both of the following:

- (i) making and repairing metal parts in a manufacturing facility for use in constructing buildings, bridges, tanks, towers, boilers, pressure vessels, ships and other structures and products,
- (ii) assembling and fitting metal sections and plates together to form complete units or sub-units, such as frames, plates, girders and chutes, to be used later in the assembly process.

- (2) The definitions contained in the General Regulations apply to these regulations.

#### Term of apprenticeship for metal fabricator (fitter) trade

- 3 The term of apprenticeship for the metal fabricator (fitter) trade is 6000 hours of combined practical experience and technical training approved by the Director, including a probationary period of up to 3 months, and a certification examination.

#### Ratio of apprentices to journeypersons

- 4 (1) Subject to subsection (2), an employer in the metal fabricator (fitter) trade must maintain a minimum ratio of 1 journeyperson to every 3 apprentices, unless the Director permits the ratio to be varied in accordance with Section 24 of the General Regulations.
- (2) In order for an employer to maintain the minimum ratio of 1 journeyperson to every 3 apprentices, at least 1 of the apprentices must be in the final year of his or her term of apprenticeship.

**Wage schedule for apprentices**

- 5 (1) Subject to subsection (2), the minimum wage for each hour worked by a metal fabricator (fitter) apprentice is a percentage of the wage for a metal fabricator (fitter) journeyman in the same place of employment, as set out in the following table:

<b>Wages for Metal Fabricator (Fitter) Apprentice</b>	
<b>Hours in Term of Apprenticeship</b>	<b>Minimum Wage (% of journeyman's wage)</b>
0–1500	55
1501–3000	65
3001–4500	75
4501–6000	90

- (2) An employer must not employ a metal fabricator (fitter) apprentice at a wage for actual hours worked that is lower than the wage that would be paid at the minimum wage rate prescribed in the *Minimum Wage Order (General)* made under the *Labour Standards Code*.

**Certificate through trade qualification**

- 6 For the purpose of paragraph 30(1)(a)(ii)(B) of the General Regulations, which authorizes the Director to issue a certificate of qualification in a designated trade to a person who does not hold a certificate of apprenticeship in the trade if the person applies and meets certain requirements, 9000 hours is prescribed as the period of employment required for the metal fabricator (fitter) trade.

**Transition**

- 7 A person who, immediately before the coming into force of these regulations, was an apprentice in an apprenticeship program under the trade regulations for the metal fabricator (fitter) trade (formerly known as the steel fabricator (fitter) trade and originally the metal fabricator trade), N.S. Reg. 128/84, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 84-756 dated June 26, 1984, continues as an apprentice in that apprenticeship program under these regulations.

**N.S. Reg. 10/2014**

Made: January 21, 2014

Filed: January 21, 2014

General Civil Service Regulations

Order in Council 2014-22 dated January 21, 2014  
Amendment to regulations made by the Public Service Commission  
and approved by the Governor in Council  
pursuant to Section 45 of the *Civil Service Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of the Public Service Commission dated December 2, 2013, and pursuant to Section 45 of Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Civil Service Act*, is pleased to approve of an amendment made by the Public Service Commission to the *General Civil Service Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 311/2009, made by the Public Service Commission and approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2009-453 dated October 27, 2009, to enable recognition of prior service for the management employee transferring from the Health Administrative Systems Program into the Civil Service, in the manner set forth in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after January 21, 2014.

**Schedule "A"**

The Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 45 of Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Civil Service Act*, hereby amends the *General Civil Service Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 311/2009, made by the Public Service Commission and approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2009-453 dated October 27, 2009, to enable recognition of prior service for the management employee transferring from the Health Administrative Systems Program to the Civil Service, in the manner attached.

This amendment is effective on and after the date of its approval by the Governor in Council.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, December 2, 2013.

Sgd: *Labi Kousoulis*  
Honourable Labi Kousoulis  
Minister of the Public Service Commission

**Amendment to the *General Civil Service Regulations*  
made by the Public Service Commission under Section 45 of  
Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,  
the *Civil Service Act***

Section 18 of the *General Civil Service Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 311/2009, made by the Public Service Commission and approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2009-453 dated October 27, 2009, is amended by

- (a) striking out the period at the end of clause (d) and substituting a semicolon; and
- (b) adding the following clause immediately after clause (d):
  - (e) for the Health Administrative Systems Program management employee who transferred to the Civil Service under the terms of the Employee Transfer Agreement between the Province and the Health Administrative Systems Program signed October 4, 2013, the employee's total years of service with the Health Administrative Systems Program.

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**N.S. Reg. 11/2014**

Made: January 24, 2014

Filed: January 24, 2014

General Civil Service Regulations

Order in Council 2014-23 dated January 24, 2014  
Amendment to regulations made by the Public Service Commission  
and approved by the Governor in Council  
pursuant to Section 45 of the *Civil Service Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of the Public Service Commission dated December 13, 2013, and pursuant to Section 45 of Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Civil Service Act*, is pleased to approve of amendments made by the Public Service Commission to the *General Civil Service Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 311/2009, made by the Public Service Commission and approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2009-453 dated October 27, 2009, to require payment in advance for benefits while on special leave without pay, to change shift and weekend premiums, to clarify eligibility requirements for public service awards, to clarify rules regarding the repayment of voluntary severance and other minor amendments in the manner set forth in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after January 24, 2014.

**Schedule "A"**

The Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 45 of Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Civil Service Act*, hereby amends the *General Civil Service Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 311/2009, made by the Public Service Commission and approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2009-453 dated October 27, 2009, to require payment in advance for certain benefits while on special leave without pay, to change shift and weekend premiums, to clarify public service award eligibility requirements, to clarify rules regarding the repayment of voluntary severance and other minor amendments in the manner attached.

This amendment is effective on and after the date it is approved by the Governor in Council.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dec. 13, 2013.

Sgd: *Labi Kousoulis*  
Honourable Labi Kousoulis  
Minister of the Public Service Commission

**Amendment to the *General Civil Service Regulations*  
made by the Public Service Commission under Section 45 of  
Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,  
the *Civil Service Act***

- 1 Section 2 of the *General Civil Service Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 311/2009, made by the Public Service Commission and approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2009-453, dated October 27, 2009, is amended by adding the following definition immediately after the definition of "CFS agency":

"Agreement" means the Civil Service Master Agreement between the Province of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union, as amended;

- 2 Subsection 13(2) of the regulations is amended by striking out "*Part-Time Employees Regulations*" and substituting "*Public Service Superannuation Plan Regulations*".
- 3 The regulations are further amended by repealing Section 16 and substituting the following Sections:

**Sections 16A to 16D apply except as otherwise provided**

**16** Sections 16A to 16D apply to an employee who is on special leave without pay, except as otherwise provided in a particular benefit plan or a specific provision of these regulations or the *Public Service Superannuation Plan Regulations*.

**Health, dental and life insurance plan premiums must be prepaid**

- 16A (1)** Before an employee's leave begins, an employee must pay the employee's portion of the Consolidated Health and Dental Plan, Basic Group Life Insurance Plan and Optional Group Life Insurance Plan premiums for the entire period of the employee's special leave.
- (2)** If an employee does not pay premiums under subsection (1) for the entire period of their special leave, the benefits for which premiums have not been paid are suspended for the period of the employee's special leave.

**Disability premiums must be prepaid**

- 16B (1)** Except as provided in subsection (2), before an employee's special leave begins, the employee must pay the employee's portion of the Nova Scotia's Long Term Disability Plan premiums for the entire period of their leave.

- (2) An employee is not required to make payments under subsection (1) if the employee is employed by another employer who requires participation in the Nova Scotia's Long Term Disability Plan or another long-term disability plan.
- (3) An employee who is participating in a long-term disability plan under subsection (2) must provide the employer with confirmation of the coverage.

**Payment of premiums under Sections 16A and 16B**

- 16C (1)** Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, a payment under Section 16A or 16B must be made by 1 of the following methods:
- (a) post-dated cheques;
  - (b) money order;
  - (c) deductions from the employee's salary.
- (2) The employer must notify an employee by certified mail if payments received from the employee under clause (1)(a) or (b) are not received or are insufficient.
- (3) No later than 14 days after the date a certified letter is sent under subsection (2), the employee must pay the amount owing, including any arrears, by 1 of the following methods:
- (a) money order;
  - (b) certified cheque.
- (4) If an employee does not make the payment required under subsection (3), the employer must discontinue the employee's benefits retroactive to the last date for which the employee paid the premiums.

**Participation in pension plan during special leave without pay**

**16D** Pensionable service and pensionable earnings for an employee on special leave without pay are determined in accordance with the *Public Service Superannuation Plan Regulations* made under the *Public Service Superannuation Act*.

- 4 Section 36 of the regulations is amended by
- (a) striking out "of \$1.50 per hour" in subsection (1) and substituting "per hour as established under the Agreement"; and
  - (b) striking out "of \$1.50 per hour" in subsection (2) and substituting "per hour as established under the Agreement".
- 5 Subsection 115(3) of the regulations is repealed.
- 6 Subsection 125(3) of the regulations is amended by adding "no later than 2 calendar months after the date the application under subsection (2) is made" immediately after "rejection".
- 7 Section 128 of the regulations is amended by
- (a) adding "under the *Canada Pension Plan* (Canada) and its regulations", which is currently in the text of clause (b), immediately after "when the salary is paid"; and

- (b) repealing clauses (a) and (b).
- 8 Section 137 of the regulations is amended by adding the following subsection immediately after subsection (4):
- (5) For an employee who retires or resigns from the civil service and is subsequently reappointed to the civil service, months of service used to grant a public service award to the employee under Section 18 and this Section are not included when calculating the amount of a subsequent public service award granted to the employee upon retirement or resignation from the reappointed position.
- 9 Subsection 149C(8) of the regulations is amended by striking out “reappointed to the civil service” and substituting “re-employed with the Province of Nova Scotia”.
- 10 Subsection 149D(8) of the regulations is amended by striking out “reappointed to the civil service” and substituting “re-employed with the Province of Nova Scotia”.

**N.S. Reg. 12/2014**

Made: January 23, 2014

Filed: January 27, 2014

Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated January 23, 2014  
made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board  
pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*  
and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

**Order****NSUARB-GAS-W-14-04****In the Matter of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*****- and -****In the Matter of Prescribing Prices for Petroleum Products  
pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and  
Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*****Before:** Peter W. Gurnham, Q.C., Chair**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** the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (“Board”) considered the manner in which it would proceed to set petroleum prices in its decision, 2006 NSUARB 108, issued on October 16, 2006;

**And whereas** the Board revised the retail margin and transportation allowance effective January 6, 2012, in its decision, 2011 NSUARB 181, issued on November 23, 2011;

**And whereas** the Board revised the wholesale margin effective January 4, 2013, in its decision 2012 NSUARB 213, issued on December 12, 2012;

**And whereas** the average of the average of the daily high and low reported product prices (in Canadian cents) for the week ended January 22, 2014, are:

Grade 1 Regular gasoline	77.1¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil	89.8¢ per litre

**Now therefore** the Board prescribes the benchmark prices for petroleum products to be:

Gasoline:	
Grade 1	77.1¢ per litre
Grade 2	80.1¢ per litre
Grade 3	83.1¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil	89.8¢ per litre

**And now therefore** the Board has determined, based on historical data regarding price changes and to achieve revenue neutrality, it is appropriate to apply, and the Board so orders, forward averaging corrections of:

Gasoline:	plus 0.5¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil:	plus 1.5¢ per litre

**And whereas** a winter blending adjustment of plus 2.7¢ per litre is required for ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil;

**And now therefore** the Board prescribes the prices for petroleum products as set forth in Schedule “A” effective on and after 12:01 a.m. January 24, 2014.

**Dated** at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 23rd day of January, 2014.

Sgd: *Elaine Wagner*  
Clerk of the Board

### 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 January 24, 2014**

Nova Scotia Petroleum Price Schedule								
Petroleum Prices in Cents/Litre					Self-Service Pump Prices		Full-Service Pump Prices	
					(Pump Prices includes 15% HST)			
	Base Wholesale Price	Fed. Excise Tax	Prov. Tax	Wholesale Selling Price	Min	Max	Min	Max
<b>Zone 1</b>								
Regular Unleaded	84.7	10.0	15.5	110.2	132.2	134.3	132.2	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	87.7	10.0	15.5	113.2	135.7	137.8	135.7	999.9
Premium Unleaded	90.7	10.0	15.5	116.2	139.2	141.2	139.2	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	101.2	4.0	15.4	120.6	144.2	146.3	144.2	999.9
<b>Zone 2</b>								
Regular Unleaded	85.2	10.0	15.5	110.7	132.8	134.9	132.8	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	88.2	10.0	15.5	113.7	136.3	138.3	136.3	999.9
Premium Unleaded	91.2	10.0	15.5	116.7	139.7	141.8	139.7	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	101.7	4.0	15.4	121.1	144.8	146.9	144.8	999.9



<b>Zone 3</b>								
Regular Unleaded	85.6	10.0	15.5	111.1	133.3	135.4	133.3	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	88.6	10.0	15.5	114.1	136.7	138.8	136.7	999.9
Premium Unleaded	91.6	10.0	15.5	117.1	140.2	142.3	140.2	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	102.1	4.0	15.4	121.5	145.2	147.3	145.2	999.9
<b>Zone 4</b>								
Regular Unleaded	85.7	10.0	15.5	111.2	133.4	135.5	133.4	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	88.7	10.0	15.5	114.2	136.8	138.9	136.8	999.9
Premium Unleaded	91.7	10.0	15.5	117.2	140.3	142.4	140.3	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	102.2	4.0	15.4	121.6	145.4	147.4	145.4	999.9
<b>Zone 5</b>								
Regular Unleaded	85.7	10.0	15.5	111.2	133.4	135.5	133.4	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	88.7	10.0	15.5	114.2	136.8	138.9	136.8	999.9
Premium Unleaded	91.7	10.0	15.5	117.2	140.3	142.4	140.3	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	102.2	4.0	15.4	121.6	145.4	147.4	145.4	999.9
<b>Zone 6</b>								
Regular Unleaded	86.4	10.0	15.5	111.9	134.2	136.3	134.2	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	89.4	10.0	15.5	114.9	137.7	139.7	137.7	999.9
Premium Unleaded	92.4	10.0	15.5	117.9	141.1	143.2	141.1	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	102.9	4.0	15.4	122.3	146.2	148.2	146.2	999.9

**N.S. Reg. 13/2014**

Made: January 27, 2014

Filed: January 28, 2014

Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated January 27, 2014  
made by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board  
pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*  
and Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*

**Order****NSUARB-GAS-W-14-05****In the Matter of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*****- and -**

**In the Matter of Prescribing Prices for Petroleum Products  
pursuant to Section 14 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act* and  
Sections 16 to 19 of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations***

**Before:** Peter W. Gurnham, Q.C., Chair**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** the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (“Board”) considered the manner in which it would proceed to set petroleum prices in its decision, 2006 NSUARB 108, issued on October 16, 2006;

**And whereas** the Board revised the retail margin and transportation allowance effective January 6, 2012, in its decision, 2011 NSUARB 181, issued on November 23, 2011;

**And whereas** the Board revised the wholesale margin effective January 4, 2013, in its decision 2012 NSUARB 213, issued on December 12, 2012;

**And whereas** the Board has determined that due to a significant increase in the price of ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil it is appropriate to adjust the most recently prescribed weekly price by the Board.

**Now therefore** the Board prescribes the benchmark price for ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil products to be:

Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil                    95.5¢ per litre

**And now therefore** the Board has determined, based on historical data regarding price changes and to achieve revenue neutrality, it is appropriate to apply, and the Board so orders, forward averaging corrections of:

Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil:                    plus 1.5¢ per litre

**And whereas** a winter blending adjustment of plus 2.7¢ per litre is required for ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil;

**And now therefore** the Board prescribes the prices for petroleum products as set forth in Schedule "A" effective on and after 12:01 a.m., January 28, 2014.

**Dated** at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 27th day of January, 2014.

Sgd: *Elaine Wagner*  
Clerk of the Board

#### 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 January 28, 2014**

Nova Scotia Petroleum Price Schedule								
Petroleum Prices in Cents/Litre					Self-Service Pump Prices		Full-Service Pump Prices	
					(Pump Prices includes 15% HST)			
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Premium Unleaded	90.7	10.0	15.5	116.2	139.2	141.2	139.2	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	106.8	4.0	15.4	126.2	150.6	152.7	150.6	999.9
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Regular Unleaded	85.2	10.0	15.5	110.7	132.8	134.9	132.8	999.9
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Premium Unleaded	91.2	10.0	15.5	116.7	139.7	141.8	139.7	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	107.3	4.0	15.4	126.7	151.2	153.3	151.2	999.9

<b>Zone 3</b>								
Regular Unleaded	85.6	10.0	15.5	111.1	133.3	135.4	133.3	999.9
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Premium Unleaded	91.6	10.0	15.5	117.1	140.2	142.3	140.2	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	107.1	4.0	15.4	127.1	151.7	153.8	151.7	999.9
<b>Zone 4</b>								
Regular Unleaded	85.7	10.0	15.5	111.2	133.4	135.5	133.4	999.9
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