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*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. 152/2012

Made: August 2, 2012

Filed: August 7, 2012

Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated August 2, 2012
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-12-31****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 average of the average of the daily high and low reported product prices (in Canadian cents) for the week ended August 1, 2012, are:

Grade 1 Regular gasoline	73.2¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil	78.2¢ per litre

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

Gasoline:	
Grade 1	73.2¢ per litre
Grade 2	76.2¢ per litre
Grade 3	79.2¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil	78.2¢ 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 0.2¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil:	plus 0.5¢ per litre

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., August 3, 2012.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 2nd day of August, 2012.

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 August 3, 2012**

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
Zone 1								
Regular Unleaded	79.9	10.0	15.5	105.4	126.7	128.8	126.7	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	82.9	10.0	15.5	108.4	130.2	132.3	130.2	999.9
Premium Unleaded	85.9	10.0	15.5	111.4	133.6	135.7	133.6	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	85.2	4.0	15.4	104.6	125.8	127.9	125.8	999.9
Zone 2								
Regular Unleaded	80.4	10.0	15.5	105.9	127.3	129.4	127.3	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	83.4	10.0	15.5	108.9	130.8	132.8	130.8	999.9
Premium Unleaded	86.4	10.0	15.5	111.9	134.2	136.3	134.2	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	85.7	4.0	15.4	105.1	126.4	128.5	126.4	999.9
Zone 3								
Regular Unleaded	80.8	10.0	15.5	106.3	127.8	129.8	127.8	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	83.8	10.0	15.5	109.3	131.2	133.3	131.2	999.9
Premium Unleaded	86.8	10.0	15.5	112.3	134.7	136.7	134.7	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	86.1	4.0	15.4	105.5	126.8	128.9	126.8	999.9
Zone 4								
Regular Unleaded	80.9	10.0	15.5	106.4	127.9	130.0	127.9	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	83.9	10.0	15.5	109.4	131.3	133.4	131.3	999.9
Premium Unleaded	86.9	10.0	15.5	112.4	134.8	136.9	134.8	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	86.2	4.0	15.4	105.6	127.0	129.0	127.0	999.9
Zone 5								
Regular Unleaded	80.9	10.0	15.5	106.4	127.9	130.0	127.9	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	83.9	10.0	15.5	109.4	131.3	133.4	131.3	999.9
Premium Unleaded	86.9	10.0	15.5	112.4	134.8	136.9	134.8	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	86.2	4.0	15.4	105.6	127.0	129.0	127.0	999.9
Zone 6								
Regular Unleaded	81.6	10.0	15.5	107.1	128.7	130.8	128.7	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	84.6	10.0	15.5	110.1	132.1	134.2	132.1	999.9
Premium Unleaded	87.6	10.0	15.5	113.1	135.6	137.7	135.6	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	86.9	4.0	15.4	106.3	127.8	129.8	127.8	999.9

N.S. Reg. 153/2012

Made: July 31, 2012

Approved: August 7, 2012

Filed: August 8, 2012

General Civil Service Regulations

Order in Council 2012-254 dated August 7, 2012
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 July 31, 2012, 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 provide an option of resignation with severance for excluded employees whose positions have been relocated, in the manner set forth in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after August 7, 2012.

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 provide the option of resignation with severance to excluded employees whose positions have been relocated, 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, July 31, 2012.

Sgd.: *Frank Corbett*

Honourable Frank Corbett

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 135 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 repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:
 - (2) The following employees are not entitled to receive a public service award:
 - (a) an employee who resigns while laid off and receives a severance allowance under Section 146;
and
 - (b) an employee who voluntarily resigns and receives a severance allowance under Section 149D.
- 2 The regulations are further amended by adding the following Section immediately after Section 149C:

Relocation of positions not covered by collective agreement

- 149D (1)** For the purposes of this Section, “relocation” means relocation of an employee’s position as a result of a reorganization of a department, or part of a department, to another geographic location that is beyond either of the following:
- (a) a radius of 32 kilometres of the current location of the employee’s position;
 - (b) a radius of 16 kilometres, if the current location of the employee’s position is within Halifax-Dartmouth metro area.
- (2) The employer must give written notice of relocation to affected employees at least 6 months before the date the relocation is to occur.
 - (3) An employee whose position has been relocated will be offered the same position in the new location.
 - (4) The employer will pay the moving expenses and related costs in accordance with government policy for an employee who accepts the position offered to the employee under subsection (3).
 - (5) An employee who does not accept the position offered under subsection (3) may voluntarily resign and the employer must pay the employee a severance allowance in an amount equal to 4 weeks of pay at the employee’s weekly pay rate for every year of service by the employee.
 - (6) An employee’s severance allowance must be equal to at least 4 weeks of pay and no more than 52 weeks of pay.
 - (7) In calculating an employee’s severance allowance, payment for a partial year of service is prorated on the basis of the number of months of service by the employee in that year.
 - (8) An employee who receives a severance allowance under subsection (5) and who is reappointed to the civil service before the severance period ends must repay a portion of that severance allowance prorated on the basis of the number of weeks remaining in the severance period at the date of reappointment.
 - (9) An employee who receives a severance allowance under this Section must sign an agreement releasing the employer from any future claims for compensation and benefits from the employer.

N.S. Reg. 154/2012

Made: August 7, 2012

Filed: August 8, 2012

Section 77 Exemption Regulations

Order in Council 2012-255 dated August 7, 2012
Regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 81 of the *Finance Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Finance dated June 30, 2012, and pursuant to Section 81 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2010, the *Finance Act*, is pleased to make regulations exempting certain net debt obligations from the application of Section 77 of the *Finance Act*, in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective August 7, 2012.

Schedule “A”

**Regulations Respecting Exemptions Under Section 77 of the *Finance Act*
made by the Governor in Council under Section 81
of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2010,
the *Finance Act***

Citation

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Section 77 Exemption Regulations*.

Interpretation

2 In these regulations,

“Act” means the *Finance Act*;

“affiliate” has the same meaning as in Section 2 of the NSBI Regulations;

“capital lease” means a lease of a tangible capital asset as defined in the public sector accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants;

“environment” means the components of the earth, and includes all of the following:

- (i) air, land and water,
- (ii) the layers of the atmosphere,
- (iii) organic and inorganic matter and living organisms,
- (iv) the interacting natural systems that include components referred to in subclauses (i) to (iii);

“financial assistance” includes assistance by way of loan, loan guarantee, the purchase or guarantee of any bonds, debentures, notes or other debt obligations, and the purchase or other acquisition of any common or preference shares or other equity securities;

“indemnity” means a binding obligation by which a member of the Government Reporting Entity agrees to pay any pecuniary damage suffered by the indemnitee as a result of loss or damage arising from some responsibility assumed by that member, but does not include:

- (i) an indemnity concerning pollution or contamination of the environment, or
- (ii) an indemnity concerning the quality or condition of land or title to land;

“non-monetary transaction” means a net debt obligation in which property other than money is exchanged for consideration substantially other than money;

“NSBI Regulations” means the *Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Financial Assistance Regulations* made under the *Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Act*;

“Nova Scotia Fund” has the same meaning as in the *Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Act*;

“operating lease” means a lease of a non-financial asset, other than a capital lease;

“tangible capital asset” has the same meaning as in the public sector accounting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants;

“TCA threshold” means the appropriate cost threshold for a tangible capital asset, as set out in the *Budgeting and Financial Management Manual 200* published by the Treasury Board Office, as amended.

Exempt net debt obligations

3 The following net debt obligations are exempt from Section 77 of the Act:

- (a) an agreement to acquire a tangible capital asset, if the acquisition has been approved by Treasury Board and remains within the dollar limit authorized by Treasury Board, except for an agreement
 - (i) that is a capital lease, or
 - (ii) to acquire a tangible capital asset through a non-monetary transaction;
- (b) an indemnity to which either of the following applies:
 - (i) the indemnity is provided by a member of the Government Reporting Entity to the federal government, an agency of the federal government or a body acting on behalf of the federal government in relation to a grant of funds to the Province;
 - (ii) the minister responsible is of the opinion that the indemnity is being incurred in the ordinary course of business and does not represent a new or increased level of risk for the Government Reporting Entity;
- (c) a net debt obligation, other than financial assistance described in clause (d), that creates a total financial liability, including financial liability related to any amendment, supplement or extension of or any obligation directly or indirectly related to the net debt obligation, that does not exceed, in aggregate, \$100 000.00;

- (d) financial assistance, and any amendment, variation or alteration of any terms and conditions governing the financial assistance, that is authorized from the strategic investment funds defined in the NSBI Regulations and that is approved by the Governor in Council in accordance with the NSBI Regulations;
- (e) financial assistance from the Nova Scotia Fund in the form of a guarantee, and any amendment, variation or alteration of any terms and conditions governing the guarantee, but only if the aggregate of the amount of the guarantee and any other financial assistance owed by the applicant for the guarantee and by any affiliate of the applicant does not exceed \$3 000 000.00;
- (f) despite the definition of indemnity in Section 2, an environmental indemnity related to a sale by Harbourside Commercial Park Inc., of land that was purchased by Harbourside Commercial Park Inc. from Sydney Steel Corporation, but only if all of the following conditions are met:
 - (i) remediation work has been completed on the land to the industrial standard for Harbourside Commercial Park,
 - (ii) in the agreement that contains the indemnity, the purchaser agrees to use the land in a manner consistent with the remediation work performed on the land,
 - (iii) in the agreement that contains the indemnity, the purchaser agrees to the restrictive covenants that apply to Harbourside Commercial Park,
 - (iv) the indemnity in favour of the purchaser relates only to contamination that is not disclosed in the site condition report with respect to the land provided to the purchaser in connection with the land purchase, and the indemnity is conditional on subclauses (ii) and (iii);
- (g) an indemnity provided by the Province in respect of the exercise by the Attorney General and Minister of Justice of the Minister's powers and duties as set out in the *Public Service Act*;
- (h) an indemnity, undertaking, bond, surety or other form of security that
 - (i) is required by a court or the rules of court as a condition of obtaining a remedy or other relief in intended or existing litigation for or against the Crown or any public department, and
 - (ii) in the opinion of the Attorney General, is reasonably necessary to protect, preserve or promote the interests of the Crown or any public department in the intended or existing proceeding.

Anti-avoidance

- 4 For the purpose of determining total financial liability in clause 3(c), a series of related transactions must be aggregated.

Reporting

- 5 (1) A member of the Government Reporting Entity that exercises an exemption set out in clause 3(b) or 3(c) must report annually to the Minister for each fiscal year, in form and substance satisfactory to the Minister, a summary of all instances in which the exemption has been exercised.

- (2) For each fiscal year, the report referred to in subsection (1) must be submitted by April 30 of the immediately following fiscal year.

N.S. Reg. 155/2012

Made: undated

Approved: August 7, 2012

Filed: August 8, 2012

Agricultural Exhibitions and Fairs Regulations

Order in Council 2012-256 dated August 7, 2012
Regulations made by the Minister of Agriculture
and approved by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 160 of the *Agriculture and Marketing Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture dated May 8, 2012, and pursuant to Section 160 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Agriculture and Marketing Act*, is pleased, effective on and after August 7, 2012, to approve

- (a) the repeal by the Minister of Agriculture of the *Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 5/87, approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 87-4 dated January 13, 1987; and
- (b) new regulations made by the Minister of Agriculture respecting agricultural exhibitions and fairs in the form set forth in Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation.

Schedule “A”**Order**

**made by the Minister of Agriculture under Section 160 of
Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Agriculture and Marketing Act***

I, John M^{ac}Donell, Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Nova Scotia, pursuant to Section 160 of Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Agriculture and Marketing Act*, hereby

- (a) repeal the *Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 5/87, made by the Minister of Agriculture and Marketing and approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 87-4 dated January 13, 1987; and
- (b) make new regulations respecting agricultural exhibitions and fairs in the form attached.

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

Dated and made at Halifax Regional Municipality, Halifax County, Province of Nova Scotia on _____, 2012.

Sgd.: *John MacDonell*
Honourable John M^{ac}Donell
Minister of Agriculture

**Regulations Respecting Agricultural Exhibitions and Fairs
made by the Minister of Agriculture
under Section 160 of Chapter 6
of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Agriculture and Marketing Act***

Citation

1 These regulations may be cited as the *Agricultural Exhibitions and Fairs Regulations*.

Definitions

2 In these regulations,

“Act” means Part XV of the *Agriculture and Marketing Act*;

“allotment” means a sum of money transferred by the Department to the industry representative in accordance with these regulations for distribution in the form of grants;

“exhibition or fair” means an annual exhibition of agricultural or horticultural produce, farm stock and articles of domestic manufacture, as described in Section 155 of the Act;

“grant” means a sum of money given by the industry representative to an organization in accordance with these regulations, in support of an exhibition or fair to be held by the organization;

“industry representative” means the Exhibition Association of Nova Scotia, the body that represents the exhibitions industry in the Province;

“Superintendent” means an employee of the Department who is appointed by the Minister as the Superintendent of Agricultural Exhibitions and Fairs to carry out duties under the Act and these regulations.

Transfer of allotment to industry representative

- 3 (1) The industry representative may request an allotment by applying to the Minister in a manner acceptable to the Minister.
- (2) Only the industry representative may request an allotment.
- (3) The industry representative must not request an allotment more than once in each year.
- (4) At the direction of the Minister, the Department must transfer an allotment to the industry representative.

Maximum amount to be used for industry representative’s costs

4 The industry representative must not use more than 20% of an allotment for its own operation and development costs.

Industry representative’s responsibilities

5 The industry representative is responsible for all of the following:

- (a) establishing qualifications to be met by an organization seeking a grant;
- (b) establishing appropriate methods and timelines for distributing grants;
- (c) distributing each allotment in the form of grants;

- (d) promoting each exhibition and fair held by an organization that receives a grant.

Superintendent's inspection powers

6 The Superintendent may do any of the following:

- (a) require a current employee or current member of the Board of Directors of the industry representative to provide information about financial records, accounts and any additional information necessary to administer the Act and these regulations;
- (b) at any reasonable time, enter the business premises of an organization that receives a grant and inspect its property and records for the purpose of administering the Act and these regulations.

N.S. Reg. 156/2012

Made: August 7, 2012

Filed: August 8, 2012

Pension Benefits Regulations

Order in Council 2012-257 dated August 7, 2012
Amendment to regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 105 of the *Pension Benefits Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education dated August 1, 2012, and pursuant to Section 105 of Chapter 340 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989, the *Pension Benefits Act*, is pleased to amend the *Pension Benefits Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 164/2002, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2002-607 dated December 20, 2002, to exempt Pacific West Commercial Corporation from the operation of Section 85 of the *Pension Benefits Act*, in the manner set forth in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after August 7, 2012.

Schedule "A"

**Amendment to the *Pension Benefits Regulations*
made by the Governor in Council under Section 105 of
Chapter 340 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1989,
the *Pension Benefits Act***

Section 49A of the *Pension Benefits Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 164/2002, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2002-607 dated December 20, 2002, is amended by adding the following subsection immediately after subsection (2):

- (3) The pension plans referred to in subsection (2) are exempt from the application of Section 85 of the Act and, for greater certainty,
- (a) Pacific West Commercial Corporation;
- (b) any designate, assignee or subsidiary of Pacific West Commercial Corporation;
- (c) the limited partnership that ultimately acquires the business and assets of NewPage Port Hawkesbury Corp.; and

(d) the general partner of the limited partnership referred to in clause (c)

are deemed not to be a successor employer of any member of a pension plan referred to in subsection (2) who is or becomes an employee of any of the entities referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c) or (d), in the circumstances described in Section 85 of the Act in relation to any matter arising under one or more of the pension plans, prior to the effective date of the sale, assignment or disposition of all or part of the business or all or part of the assets of NewPage Port Hawkesbury Corp. to any entity referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c) or (d).

N.S. Reg. 157/2012

Made: August 7, 2012

Filed: August 8, 2012

Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Financial Assistance Regulations

Order in Council 2012-260 dated August 7, 2012

Amendment to regulations made by the Governor in Council
pursuant to Section 34 of the *Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Act*

The Governor in Council on the report and recommendation of the Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism dated May 2, 2012, and pursuant to Section 34 of Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2000, the *Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Act*, is pleased to amend the *Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Financial Assistance Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 133/2001, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2001-525 dated November 6, 2001, to require the consent of the Minister, or the consent of the Minister and Governor in Council, for financial assistance made through the Nova Scotia Business Incorporated strategic investment fund, in the manner set forth in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of the report and recommendation, effective on and after August 7, 2012.

Schedule "A"

**Amendment to the *Nova Scotia Business Incorporated
Financial Assistance Regulations*
made under Section 34 of Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2000,
the *Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Act***

- 1 Section 9 of the *Nova Scotia Business Incorporated Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 133/2001, made by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 2001-525 dated November 6, 2001, is amended by repealing subsection 3 and substituting the following subsection:
 - (3) The consent of the Minister and Governor in Council is required for any decision of the Board approving any provision of, or an increase in the amount of, financial assistance from the strategic investment fund, but any other amendment, variation or alteration of any terms and conditions governing the financial assistance requires the consent of the Minister only.
- 2 Section 9 of the regulations is further amended by repealing subsection (4).

N.S. Reg. 158/2012

Made: August 9, 2012

Filed: August 10, 2012

Prescribed Petroleum Products Prices

Order dated August 9, 2012
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-12-32****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:** Kulvinder S. Dhillon, 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 average of the average of the daily high and low reported product prices (in Canadian cents) for the week ended August 8, 2012, are:

Grade 1 Regular gasoline	77.6¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil	80.3¢ per litre

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

Gasoline:	
Grade 1	77.6¢ per litre
Grade 2	80.6¢ per litre
Grade 3	83.6¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil	80.3¢ 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 1.3¢ per litre
Ultra-low-sulfur diesel oil:	plus 0.8¢ per litre

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., August 10, 2012.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 9th day of August, 2012.

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 August 10, 2012**

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
Zone 1								
Regular Unleaded	85.4	10.0	15.5	110.9	133.1	135.1	133.1	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	88.4	10.0	15.5	113.9	136.5	138.6	136.5	999.9
Premium Unleaded	91.4	10.0	15.5	116.9	140.0	142.0	140.0	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	87.6	4.0	15.4	107.0	128.6	130.6	128.6	999.9
Zone 2								
Regular Unleaded	85.9	10.0	15.5	111.4	133.6	135.7	133.6	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	88.9	10.0	15.5	114.4	137.1	139.2	137.1	999.9
Premium Unleaded	91.9	10.0	15.5	117.4	140.5	142.6	140.5	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	88.1	4.0	15.4	107.5	129.1	131.2	129.1	999.9
Zone 3								
Regular Unleaded	86.3	10.0	15.5	111.8	134.1	136.2	134.1	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	89.3	10.0	15.5	114.8	137.5	139.6	137.5	999.9
Premium Unleaded	92.3	10.0	15.5	117.8	141.0	143.1	141.0	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	88.5	4.0	15.4	107.9	129.6	131.7	129.6	999.9
Zone 4								
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	88.6	4.0	15.4	108.0	129.7	131.8	129.7	999.9
Zone 5								
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	88.6	4.0	15.4	108.0	129.7	131.8	129.7	999.9
Zone 6								
Regular Unleaded	87.1	10.0	15.5	112.6	135.0	137.1	135.0	999.9
Mid-Grade Unleaded	90.1	10.0	15.5	115.6	138.5	140.5	138.5	999.9
Premium Unleaded	93.1	10.0	15.5	118.6	141.9	144.0	141.9	999.9
Ultra-Low-Sulfur Diesel	89.3	4.0	15.4	108.7	130.5	132.6	130.5	999.9