## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.P. 45(2023)

1	IN THE MATTER OF the Petroleum
2	Products Act, SNL 2001, Chapter P-10.1
3	and regulations thereunder; and
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5	IN THE MATTER OF Regulation 48/23
6	amending Section 7 of the <b>Petroleum</b>
7	Products Regulations to require the
8	Inclusion of a carbon price adjustment
9	in the maximum price of heating and
10	motor fuels.
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13	WHEREAS pursuant to the Clean Fuel Regulations (Canada), the Government of Canada has
14	directed carbon intensity reduction requirements in respect of a motor fuel that is produced in
15	Canada or imported into Canada beginning July 1, 2023; and
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17	WHEREAS on June 21, 2023 Grant Thornton provided a report to the Board in relation to the
18	potential impact of the Clean Fuel Regulations (Canada) on maximum fuel prices and a potential
19	cost of carbon adjustor mechanism; and
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21	WHEREAS on June 23, 2023 Regulation 48/23 was published amending the Petroleum Products
22	<b>Regulations</b> to require that the Board include a carbon price adjustment in the maximum price
23	of heating and motor fuels to mitigate the costs incurred by wholesalers and retailers related to
24	compliance with the Clean Fuel Regulations (Canada); and
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26	WHEREAS the Board released the Grant Thornton report to industry stakeholders, the federa
27	government, the provincial government, and the public and invited comments and the filing of
28	additional information for the consideration of the Board; and
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30	WHEREAS the Board received comments from the Canadian Fuels Association and Environment
31	and Climate Change Canada; and
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33	WHEREAS the Board is satisfied that a carbon price adjustment for motor fuels should be
34	implemented on an interim basis for all areas of the province except Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12
35	and 14 until the completion of a further review by the Board; and

WHEREAS the Board has determined that the interim carbon price adjustment should be 0.00 cents per litre for Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14 where the spring/summer season resupply was completed in June and maximum price adjustments are suspended until the fall/winter resupply; and

WHEREAS the Board has determined that the interim carbon price adjustment should be 0.00 cents per litre for heating fuels on the basis that they are excluded from the carbon intensity reduction requirements of the Clean Fuel Regulations (Canada) at this time; and

WHEREAS the Board has determined that the interim carbon price adjustment for motor fuels should be based on the maximum credit price of \$300 for transfers through the compliance credit clearing mechanism under the Clean Fuel Regulations (Canada), adjusted for inflation, which is calculated to be 3.74 cents per litre for gasoline and 4.17 cents per litre for diesel.

## **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. A carbon price adjustment of 3.74 cents per litre for gasoline and 4.17 cents per litre for diesel is approved, on an interim basis, effective July 6, 2023, for all zones, except Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14, until further Order of the Board.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

<del>Dw</del>anda Newman, LL.B.

Vice-Chair

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Commissioner

Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary