NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.P. 99(2022)

- 1 IN THE MATTER OF the Petroleum Products
- 2 Act, SNL 2001, Chapter P-10.1 (the "Act")
- 3 and regulations thereunder; and
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- 5 IN THE MATTER OF the suspension of
- 6 maximum price adjustments for
- 7 gasoline and diesel motor fuels and
- 8 stove oil heating fuel in Zones 10, 11,
- 9 11a, 11b, 12 and 14; and
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- 11 IN THE MATTER OF the setting of the allowed
- 12 retail mark-up for gasoline motor fuels in
- 13 Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14.
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- WHEREAS Order No. P.P. 48(2022) suspended maximum price adjustments for gasoline and
 diesel motor fuels and stove oil heating fuel in Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14, effective June
 30, 2022; and
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WHEREAS Order No. P.P. 66(2022) lifted the suspension of maximum price adjustments for gasoline motor fuel in Zones 10, 11 and 11b implemented in Order No. P.P. 48(2022) to allow for adjustments to the maximum price to reflect further resupply, with maximum price adjustments then suspended until further order of the Board; and

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WHEREAS based on delivery information provided to the Board by suppliers to the region the
 winter resupply of gasoline and diesel motor fuels and stove oil heating fuel to Zones 10, 11, 11a,
 11b, 12 and 14 has commenced and will soon be completed; and

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- 29 WHEREAS the Board is satisfied that maximum wholesale and retail prices for gasoline and diesel
- 30 motor fuels and stove oil heating fuel in Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14 should be adjusted to
- 31 reflect the winter supply of these fuels; and

WHEREAS due to commodity market developments since maximum price adjustments were
 suspended, there has been sustained downward pressure in the benchmark prices used to
 establish maximum prices for gasoline motor fuel in Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14; and

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5 **WHEREAS** based on the information available to the Board relating to the costs of supply and 6 inventory turnover rates the Board has concerns that the downward shift in the benchmark price 7 for gasoline motor fuel with the lifting of the suspension in maximum price adjustments may 8 result in maximum retail prices that do not reasonably reflect the costs of the product in Zones 9 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14 and may negatively impact continued supply to these zones; and

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WHEREAS the Board is satisfied based on the information provided that a temporary increase in the retail portion of the total allowed mark-up for gasoline motor fuel in Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12, and 14 should be approved.

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1516 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT

- The suspension of maximum price adjustments for gasoline and diesel motor fuels and stove oil heating fuel implemented pursuant to Order Nos. P.P. 48(2022) and P.P.
 66(2022) is lifted, effective 12:01 a.m. December 9, 2022, until further order of the Board.
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 The retail portion of the total allowed mark-up that can be charged by retailers in Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14 for gasoline motor fuel is approved on an interim basis, as set out below, effective December 9, 2022, until further order of the Board.

| Zone | Current Retail Portion of the Total Allowed Mark-up - Gasoline | Interim Retail Portion of the Total Allowed Mark-up - Gasoline |
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| Zones 10, 11, 11a, 11b, 12 and 14 | 10.28 | 27.38 |

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 8th day of December, 2022.

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