



## **PARTIAL DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF** a review of Maximum Retail Margins, Maximum Delivery Costs, and Maximum Full Service Charge for Petroleum Products under the authority of subsection 14(1) of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*, S.N.B. 2006, c. P-8.05.

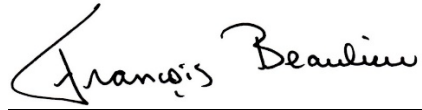
(Matter No. 485)

April 20, 2021

## PARTIAL DECISION

- [1] This partial decision is in relation to a review of maximum retail margins, maximum delivery costs, and maximum full service charge that may be charged by retailers who sell petroleum products directly to consumers.
- [2] The Board engaged Gardner Pinfold Consultants Inc. to conduct a review to determine whether the current above-noted margins, costs and charge are justified, and if not, to recommend adjustments. The last adjustments were made in November, 2019. The current review is based on data from 2017 to 2019.
- [3] Based on the evidence in this matter, the Board concludes that the following retail margins and delivery costs are to be adjusted:
- a. **Maximum Retail Margin – Motor Fuels:** The current maximum margin of 6.80 cents per litre (cpl) shall be increased by 0.53 cpl to 7.33 cpl;
  - b. **Maximum Retail Margin – Furnace Oil:** The current maximum margin of 21.0 cpl shall be increased by 2.56 cpl to 23.56 cpl; and
  - c. **Maximum Delivery Costs – Motor Fuels:** The current maximum margin of 3.0 cpl shall be increased by 0.50 cpl to 3.50 cpl.
- [4] The above adjustments shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. on April 22, 2021.
- [5] The Board will issue its decision with reasons at a later date. If there is any difference between the decision and this partial decision, the decision with reasons shall govern.

Dated in Saint John, New Brunswick, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.



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François Beaulieu  
Acting Chairperson



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