



NEW BRUNSWICK
ENERGY & UTILITIES BOARD

COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE ET DES SERVICES PUBLICS
NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

PARTIAL DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF a review of maximum retail margins, maximum delivery costs, and maximum full service charge for motor fuels and furnace oil.

(Matter No. 523)

December 15, 2022

- [1] Pursuant to subsection 14(1) of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Act*, S.N.B. 2006, c. P-8.05, the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (Board) initiated a review of the maximum retail margins, maximum delivery costs, and the maximum full service charge. This review will determine whether motor fuels and furnace oil margins, costs, and charge are justified for 2022.
- [2] The Board engaged Gardner Pinfold Consultants Inc. (Gardner Pinfold) to analyze the factors affecting motor fuels' maximum retail margins, delivery costs, full service charge, and furnace oil maximum retail margin and delivery costs.
- [3] Gardner Pinfold was directed to produce a report on whether the current values for the retail margins, costs, and charge are justified. In April 2022, a report was filed with the Board, which included recommendations.
- [4] This partial decision is being rendered to enable adjustments, in a timely fashion, to the maximum retail margins and delivery costs for motor fuels and furnace oil and the full service charge for motor fuels.
- [5] The Board will issue its final decision, with reasons, later. If there is any difference between the final and partial decisions, the final decision shall govern.
- [6] The Board makes the following findings:
- a. The maximum retail margin for motor fuels is adjusted from 7.33 cents per litre (cpl) to 8.46 cpl, an increase of 1.13 cpl.
 - b. The maximum retail margin for furnace oil is adjusted from 23.56 cpl to 27.21 cpl, an increase of 3.65 cpl.
 - c. The maximum delivery costs for motor fuels is adjusted from 3.50 cpl to 3.75 cpl, an increase of 0.25 cpl.
- [7] There are no other adjustments to the margins, costs, or charge.

[8] The following table summarizes the current maximum retail margins, delivery costs, and full service charge for motor fuels and furnace oil. It also reflects the adjustments made in this matter and the resulting values. These adjustments are effective as of December 23, 2022.

Margin, Cost, or Charge (not including HST) *	Prior to Hearing	Adjustment	As Adjusted
Retail Margins:			
Maximum Retail Margin – Motor Fuels	7.33	1.13	8.46
Maximum Retail Margin – Furnace Oil	23.56	3.65	27.21
Delivery Costs:			
Maximum Delivery Costs – Motor Fuels	3.50	0.25	3.75
Maximum Delivery Costs – Motor Fuels (Grand Manan)	5.00	-	5.00
Maximum Delivery Costs – Furnace Oil	5.00	-	5.00
Maximum Delivery Costs – Furnace Oil (Grand Manan)	5.00	-	5.00
Full Service Charge:			
Full Service Charge – Motor Fuels	3.00	-	3.00

*cents per litre

Dated at Saint John, New Brunswick, this 15th day of December 2022.



Heather Black
Member



John Patrick Herron
Member



Christopher Stewart
Member (Panel Chair)



Stephanie Wilson
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