

**NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PRICING REGULATIONS**

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**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION** by the **RETAIL GASOLINE DEALERS ASSOCIATION** for a review of the current retail markup for self-service and full-service gasoline and diesel and a review and update of the credit card adjuster, including an interim order under s. 24A of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations* increasing the retail mark-up

**BEFORE:**



Stephen T. McGrath, K.C., Chair  
Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair  
Richard J. Melanson, LL.B., Member

**INTERIM ORDER**

The Retail Gasoline Dealers Association (RGDA) applied to the Nova Scotia Energy Board on April 10, 2026, requesting an emergency interim adjustment to the current retail mark-up for self-service and full-service gasoline and diesel, a review of the retail mark-up, and a review and update of the credit card adjuster.

Under s. 24A(2) of the *Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations*, in an emergency situation the Board may make an interim order to temporarily prescribe interim fixed wholesale prices, maximum retail prices or minimum and maximum retail mark-ups until a public hearing or inquiry required by subsection 24(3) can be held.

The Board issued a decision letter on May 26, 2026.

The Board is satisfied that an emergency situation may exist in the Province, which could threaten the security of the petroleum supply, including a shortage of supply of a petroleum product to wholesalers and wholesaler-retailers that affects one or more zones, including the retailers in such zones, and that an increase in the retail mark-up is warranted on an interim basis pending the completion of a full investigation by the Board.

The Board finds that the retail mark-up should be adjusted to account for increases to the minimum wage since 2019 and to adjust non-wage operating costs for inflation since 2019. The Board also finds that in applying the current methodology in calculating the credit card adjuster, the assumption for credit card usage should be increased from 40% to 57%.

**Accordingly, the Board orders that:**

1. The minimum self-service and full-service retail mark-up is increased by 1.7 cpl, which results in a minimum mark-up of 7.1 cpl (up from 5.4 cpl), and the maximum self-service retail mark-up is increased by 2.3 cpl, which results in a maximum mark-up of 9.7 cpl (up from 7.4 cpl).
2. The methodology and assumptions for calculating the credit card adjuster remain the same, except that the assumption for credit card usage is increased from 40% to 57%.
3. The increase to the retail mark-up and the credit card adjuster approved in this Interim Order shall be incorporated into the Board's weekly setting of regulated petroleum product prices, effective 12:01 a.m. on May 29, 2026.
4. This Interim Order shall remain in effect until further Order of the Board and is subject to an investigation and hearing conducted to be by the Board.

**DATED** at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

  
Clerk of the Board