Nova Scotia
Energy Board

NEWS RELEASE
Interrupter Invoked for Gasoline and Diesel Prices

August 4, 2026 – Effective at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, the prices of all grades of gasoline, as well as diesel, will be adjusted. These changes are necessary due to significant shifts in the market prices.

The benchmark prices for gasoline and diesel are based on the average daily market prices of each type of petroleum product, as traded on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX). Those average prices are then converted into Canadian dollars.

The retail price paid at the pumps is the benchmark price with the following added:

- wholesale margin
- retailer markup with added adjustment
- cost of clean fuel regulations
- transportation allowance
- winter blending (when applicable)
- and taxes

The Energy Board monitors gasoline and diesel markets daily and, should conditions warrant, may set a new price at any time.

Background Information:

Information on the Interrupter can be found on the Board's website at:
https://nserbt.ca/sites/default/files/interrupter.pdf

A history of uses of the interrupter is available on the Board's website at:
https://nserbt.ca/sites/default/files/Interrupters%20invoked_59.pdf

A full breakdown of the last approved price of gasoline and diesel oil (in zone 1) is available on the Board's website:
https://nserbt.ca/sites/default/files/Weekly%20Petroleum%20Pricing%20Example%20Jul%2031-26.pdf

Other historical price information is also available on the Board's website at:
https://nserbt.ca/nseb/mandates/gasoline-diesel-pricing/historical-prices