Docket:

PMC22-01

Order:

PC23-006

**IN THE MATTER** of a review of the petroleum pricing model and the minimum and maximum markup for petroleum products, pursuant to the *Petroleum Products Act*, RSPEI 1988, c. P-5.1.

## **Hearing Order**

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(Sgd.) Allison MacEwen

Director, Regulatory Services

**BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON** Thursday, the 5th day of October, 2023.

J. Scott MacKenzie, K.C., Chair

M. Douglas Clow, Vice-Chair

## **BACKGROUND:**

- 1. The Prince Edward Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (the "Commission") is reviewing the pricing model for petroleum products, including for gasoline, diesel, furnace oil and commercial diesel, sold in Prince Edward Island.
- 2. The scope of the review includes the appropriate benchmark price used to make weekly price adjustments, the wholesale and retail margins for petroleum products, and incorporating carbon costs associated with the *Clean Fuel Regulations* into the Commission's pricing model.
- 3. The Commission engaged an independent expert, Gardner Pinfold Consultants Inc. ("Gardner Pinfold"), to assist with the review. Gardner Pinfold submitted its reports and recommendations to the Commission in May 2023 and August 2023.
- 4. By Order dated September 20, 2023<sup>1</sup>, the Commission granted Added Party Intervener status to Irving Oil Limited ("Irving"), the Convenience Industry Council of Canada ("CICC"), and the Canadian Fuels Association ("CFA").<sup>2</sup> Advanced Biofuels Canada ("ABC") was granted limited intervener status as a Friend of the Commission Intervener.<sup>3</sup>
- 5. On September 26, 2023, the Added Party Interveners participated in a conference call with Commission staff to determine the extent of the Interveners' intended participation, with a view to moving this matter to a public hearing as soon as practicable.

## **ORDER:**

Based on the information provided by the Added Party Interveners, the Commission Orders as follows:

- 1. The public hearing of this matter will commence at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023, and will continue to Tuesday, November 7, 2023, if necessary. The public hearing will be held in the Commission's hearing room located at the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, National Bank Tower, 134 Kent Street, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.
- 2. Added Party Interveners shall be permitted to participate in the hearing virtually. Any Intervener seeking to participate virtually shall notify Commission staff of their intent to do so no later than Monday, October 30, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order PC23-003

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Irving, CICC and CFA are collectively referred to as the "Added Party Interveners"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Order PC23-004

3. The following timetable will apply to this matter:

Filing of pre-filed evidence by Added Party Interveners Public hearing commences

October 18, 2023 November 6, 2023

**DATED** at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, this 5th day of October, 2023.

## BY THE COMMISSION:

(sgd.) J. Scott MacKenzie, K.C.

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