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Premier Rodney MacDonald
Premier of Nova Scotia
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Dear Premier,

Attached please find year to date retail gasoline price comparisons (*excluding taxes*) for Nova Scotia, P.E.I. and Canada Average. The Canadian average includes 60 cities surveyed on a weekly basis by M.J. Ervin & Associates.

As can readily be seen, since regulations were introduced, there has been a complete reversal of a trend where Halifax prices were historically higher than Canada Average. As of August 26, Halifax prices were lower than the Canada average 28 of 35 weeks. As Halifax is the regulated base price for Nova Scotia, it therefore follows that all Nova Scotian motorists have benefited.

Included also is information that illustrates numerically how significant the weekly cents/litre variations between Halifax and Canada Average have been so far this year.

In comparison with P.E.I., Halifax average prices year to date have risen by **17.3 cents/litre versus 19.1** in P.E.I.

This information combined with the fact that retailer closeouts have dramatically reduced, new outlets are opening and price stability is now overwhelmingly accepted, clearly illustrates that regulations are working.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours truly,

Graham Conrad
Executive Director

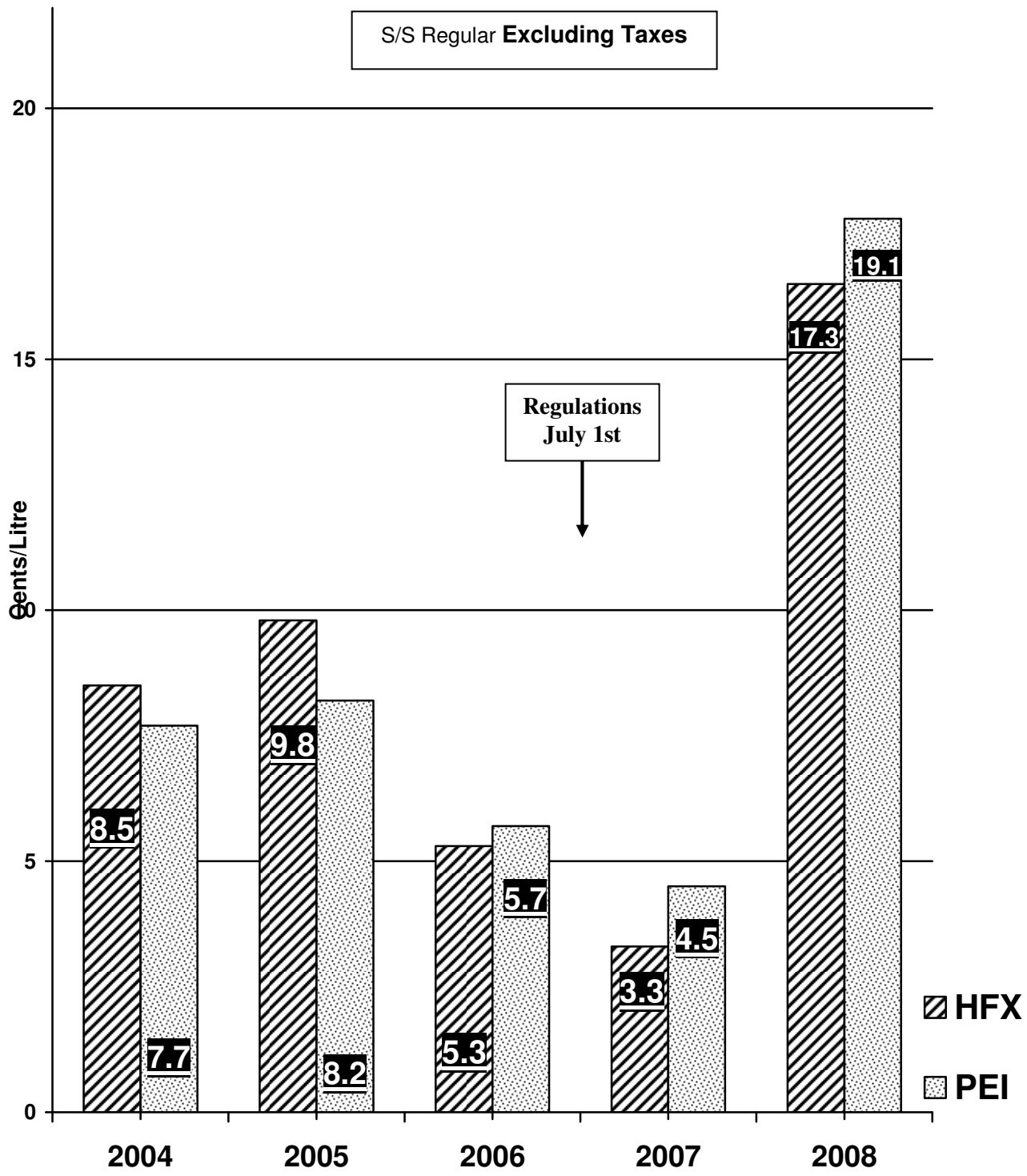
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Average Annual Price Changes Halifax vs. Charlottetown

S/S Regular **Excluding Taxes**

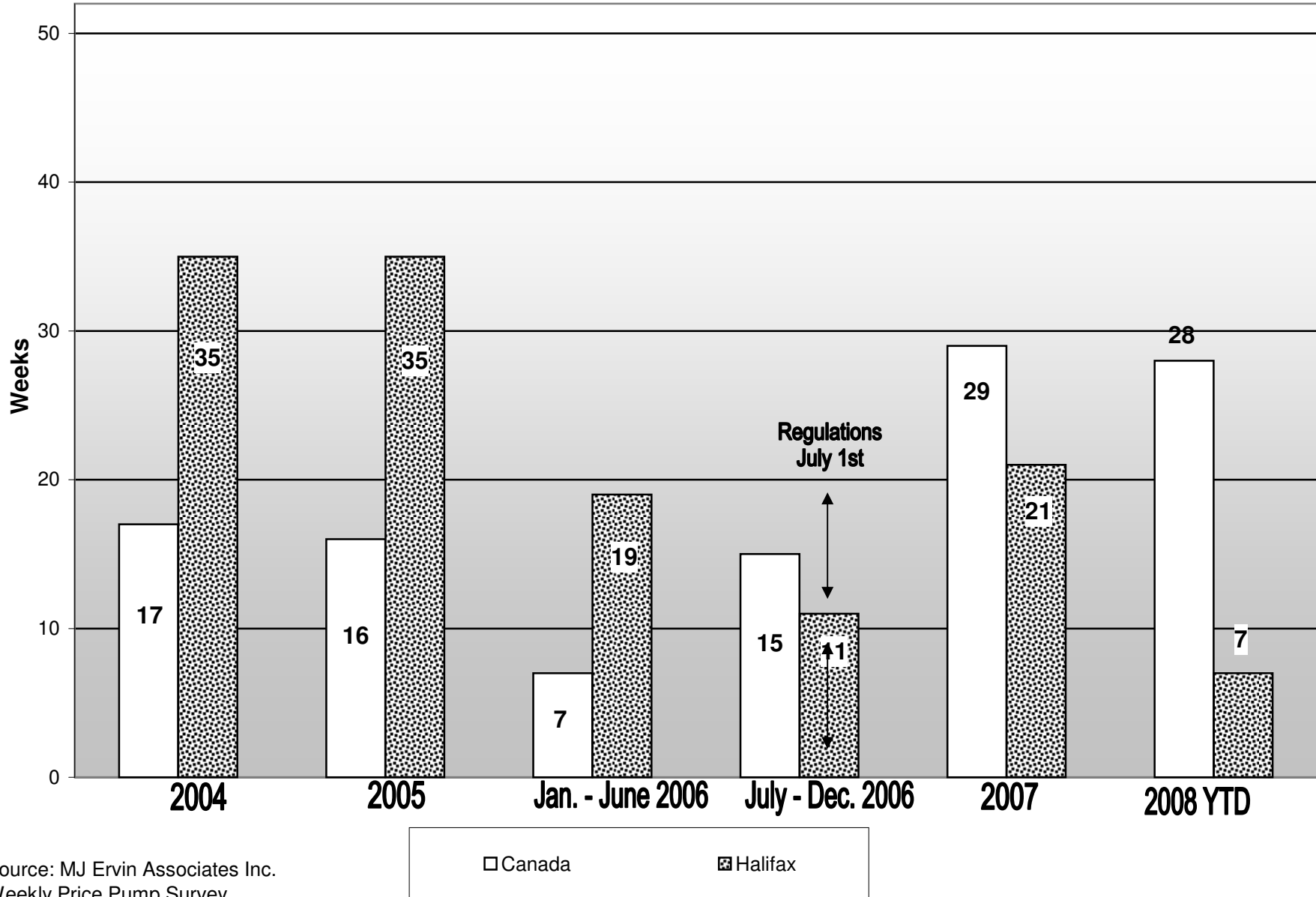




Weekly Price Review - Higher vs. Lower

Halifax vs. Canada Average

Self-Serve Regular (Excluding Taxes)



Source: MJ Ervin Associates Inc.
Weekly Price Pump Survey
As of August 26, 2008



Retail Price Comparisons (excluding Taxes)

Halifax vs Canada Average

Weekly Review of 60 Cities

January – August 26, 2008 (35 Weeks)

	<u>Week</u>	<u>Halifax</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>Difference</u>
January	1	74.3	73.6	0.7
	2	76.4	75.5	0.9
	3	76.4	74.0	2.4
	4	72.9	72.8	0.1
	5	72.2	72.3	(0.1)
February	6	71.4	72.2	(0.8)
	7	69.0	72.5	(3.5)
	8	72.7	76.7	(4.0)
	9	78.7	78.5	0.2
March	10	76.9	76.8	0.1
	11	76.9	79.3	(2.4)
	12	80.4	77.7	2.7
	13	76.0	78.7	(2.7)
April	14	79.1	81.6	(2.5)
	15	79.1	83.7	(4.6)
	16	82.1	85.8	(3.7)
	17	86.3	90.0	(3.7)
	18	91.4	92.1	(0.7)
May	19	88.3	92.0	(3.7)
	20	90.1	95.5	(5.4)
	21	93.0	93.9	(0.9)
	22	94.5	98.9	(4.4)
June	23	97.2	97.6	(0.4)
	24	94.5	103.2	(8.7)
	25	100.2	102.2	(2.0)
	26	101.2	104.3	(3.1)
July	27	100.2	105.1	(4.9)
	28	102.5	105.1	(2.6)
	29	100.3	105.7	(5.4)
	30	98.6	99.0	(0.4)
	31	91.8	95.6	(3.8)
August	32	91.5	96.5	(5.0)
	33	90.3	95.1	(4.8)
	34	91.0	93.7	(2.7)
	35	90.4	94.3	(3.9)