



Northwest
Territories Minister of Safety and Public Services

FEB 27 1991

The Honourable Pierre Blais,
Minister and Registrar General,
Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada,
Place du Portage Phase 1, 23rd Floor,
Hull, Quebec,
K1A 0C9.

Dear Mr. Blais:

Fuel Pricing Practices in the Northwest Territories

Our Government has recently received many complaints from consumers and members of the Legislative Assembly about high fuel prices in the Northwest Territories.

The Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources has also brought to my attention some disquieting trends in retail gasoline pricing in communities in the Northwest Territories served by the private sector.

Since June of last year, the difference between the Yellowknife retail price for unleaded gasoline and the average Canadian price has tripled from 5 cents to 17 cents per litre.

Prices here rose simultaneously with those in the south but did not follow with similar price declines. Further details on these trends is provided in the attached material prepared by the Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

In light of the consistently high prices in the Northwest Territories, I would ask that you conduct an inquiry into the state of competition in retail gasoline and heating oil pricing in Yellowknife and other affected communities.

I understand that representatives of the Bureau of Competition Policy offer briefings on their role and responsibilities in specific areas. A briefing on the retail fuel pricing issue would be greatly appreciated by my staff and also by the staff of the Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. Perhaps you would look into this possibility on our behalf.

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Northwest Territories Minister of Safety and Public Services

August 27, 1991

Dear Mr. ...
Consumer and Corporate Affairs,
Place du Portage Phase 1, 23rd Floor,
Hull, Quebec
K1A 0C9

Dear Sir,

Re: ...

I am writing to you regarding the ...

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As you can see, the ...

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As you are aware, the Bureau of Competition Policy ...

I am also enclosing ...



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In the meantime, I look forward to hearing from you in this regard. My Department, as well as the Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, will be most willing to assist in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
JEANNIE MARIE-JEWELL
MINISTER

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Minister.

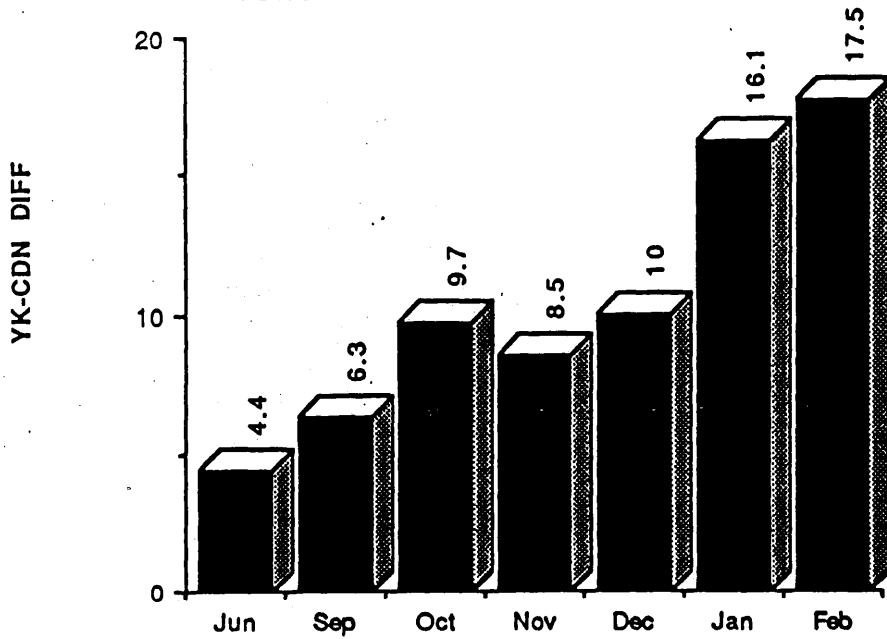
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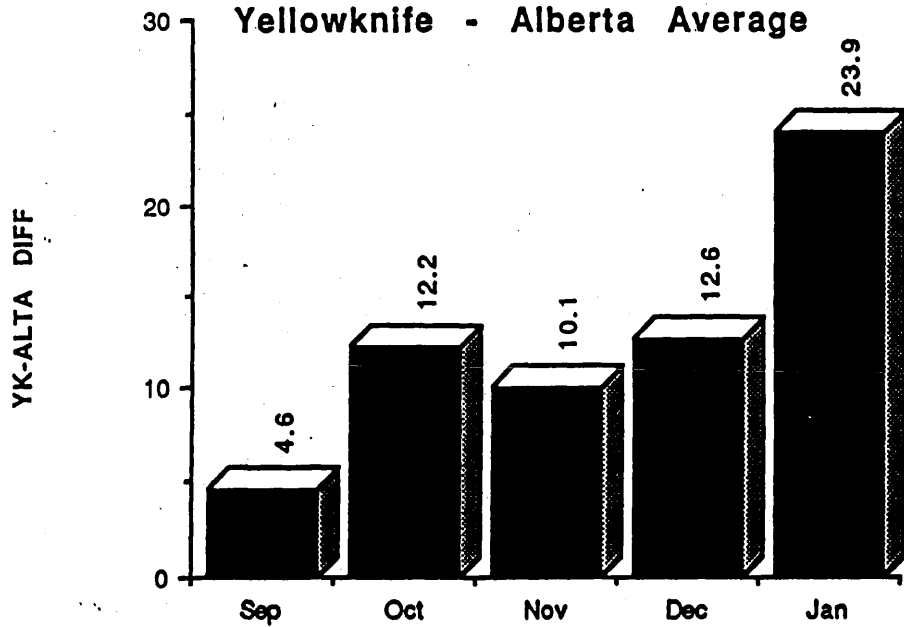
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**Difference Between
Average Retail Gasoline Prices
Yellowknife - Canadian Average**



**Difference Between
Average Retail Gasoline Prices
Yellowknife - Alberta Average**

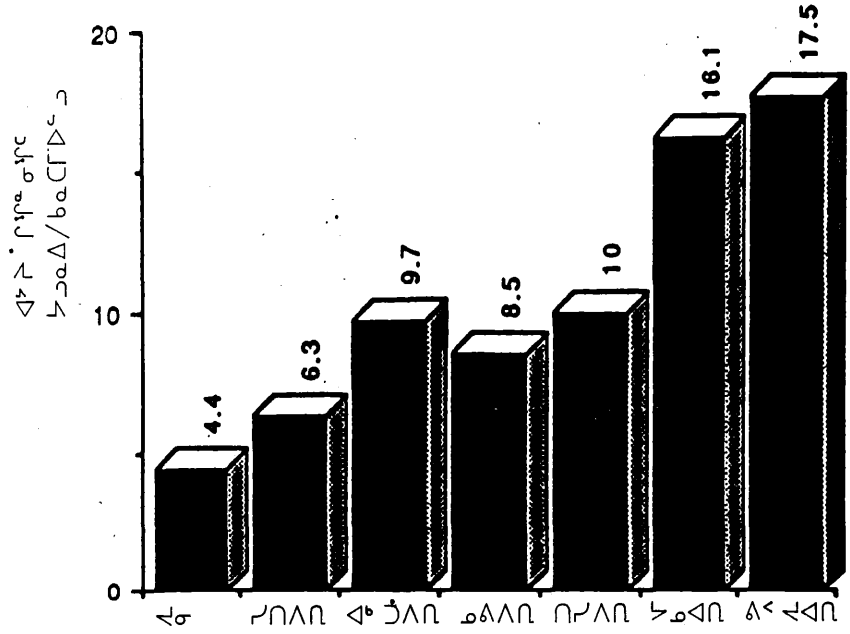


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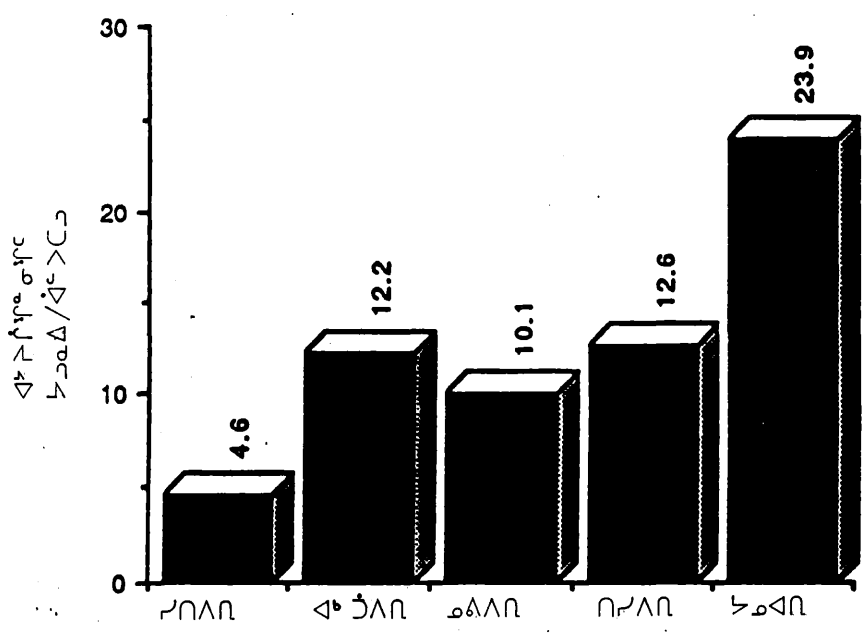
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REGULAR UNLEADED RETAIL PRICES

MONTH	YELLOWKNIFE (¢/Litre)	CDN AVE (¢/Litre)	YK-CDN DIFF (¢/Litre)	AB AVE (¢/Litre)	YK-AB DIFF (¢/Litre)
Jun-90	60.8	56.4	4.4		
Sep-90	62.1	55.8	6.3	57.5	4.6
Oct-90	73.0	63.3	9.7	60.8	12.2
Nov-90	74.2	65.7	8.5	64.1	10.1
Dec-90	75.0	65.0	10.0	62.4	12.6
Jan-91	78.4	62.3	16.1	54.5	23.9
Feb-91	77.7	60.2	17.5		

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