



## **NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL AND CLAIMS PROCESS**

### **IN THE EASTERN ONTARIO GASOLINE CLASS ACTION**

**TO:** All persons who purchased retail gasoline (excluding diesel) (“Gasoline”) from a retail gas station in Eastern Ontario between May 1, 2007 and November 30, 2007 (the “Settlement Class” or “Settlement Class Members”).

<b>IMPORTANT DEADLINE:</b>	
<b>Claims Bar Deadline</b> - for Settlement Class Members that wish to apply for compensation. See page 2 for more details.	May 27, 2016

#### **WHAT IS A CLASS ACTION?**

A class action is a lawsuit filed by one person on behalf of a large group of people.

#### **WHAT IS THIS CLASS ACTION ABOUT?**

A class action lawsuit has been commenced in Ontario alleging that the Defendants conspired to fix prices for Gasoline sold in retail gas stations in Eastern Ontario between May 1, 2007 and November 30, 2007. Eastern Ontario refers to the Kingston, Belleville and Brockville regions.

The Defendants are: Pioneer Energy LP, Canadian Tire Corporation, Limited, Mr. Gas Limited, and Suncor Energy Products Inc. (Sunoco).

#### **WHAT ARE THE DETAILS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN REACHED?**

The Ontario Court has approved settlement agreements which resolve the litigation in its entirety. The settlement agreements required the defendants to pay, collectively, \$1,337,300. In return for the payment of the settlement funds, the Defendants will receive releases and the class action will be dismissed. The settlements are not an admission of liability, wrongdoing or fault by the defendants, who deny all allegations of unlawful conduct in the class action.

#### **HOW WILL THE SETTLEMENT MONIES BE PAID OUT?**

The Ontario Court has approved a protocol for distributing the aggregate settlement funds, plus accrued interest, less court approved legal fees and other expenses (the “Net Settlement Amount”).

Qualifying Settlement Class Members are entitled to a proportional share of the Net Settlement Amount calculated based on their eligible gasoline purchases in comparison to the total eligible gasoline purchases. Although the litigation relates only to certain gasoline retailers, Settlement Class Members can claim for all retail gasoline (excluding diesel) purchases in Eastern Ontario between May and November 2007.

If the proportional distribution would result in eligible Settlement Class Members receiving an amount that is beyond any reasonable estimate of damages, Class Counsel will seek further directions from the Ontario Court with respect to the distribution of the Net Settlement Amount.

Payments to Quebec Settlement Class Members will be subject to deductions payable to the Fonds d'aide aux recours collectives, calculated in accordance with the governing regulations.

If there are remaining settlement funds after all valid claims are paid, the excess will be paid to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada to assist with the transportation costs associated with the delivery of its programs in Ontario.

A copy of the protocol for distribution of the net settlement amount is available online at [www.gasclassaction.com](http://www.gasclassaction.com).

#### **HOW DO I APPLY TO RECEIVE SETTLEMENT FUNDS?**

Settlement Class Members who wish to apply for compensation under the settlements must file a claim, no later than May 27, 2016.

Claims must be filed using the online claims process at [www.gasclassaction.com](http://www.gasclassaction.com). If you do not have internet access, please contact the Claims Administrator at 1-866-432-5534.

#### **WHO ARE THE LAWYERS WORKING ON THE CLASS ACTION AND HOW ARE THEY PAID?**

The law firm of Siskinds LLP represents the Settlement Class. Siskinds LLP can be reached by email at [gasolineclassaction@siskinds.com](mailto:gasolineclassaction@siskinds.com) or by telephone toll-free at 1-800-461-6166 ext. 2446. You do not need to pay out-of-pocket for the lawyers working on the class action. The lawyers will be paid from the settlement funds in an amount approved by the court.

#### **INTERPRETATION**

This notice contains a summary of some of the terms of the settlement agreements and the Distribution Protocol. If there is a conflict between the provisions of this notice and the settlement agreements or Distribution Protocol, the terms of the settlement agreements and Distribution Protocol shall prevail.

**QUESTIONS? Visit [www.gasclassaction.com](http://www.gasclassaction.com), [gas@ricepoint.com](mailto:gas@ricepoint.com) or call**

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