

PN 520 – 3/1/2006 - FUEL PRICE ADJUSTMENT

General: This Fuel Price Adjustment (Fpa) provision is intended to minimize risk to the Contractor due to fuel price fluctuations that may occur during the Contract. This provision is not designed to estimate actual quantities of fuel used in construction operations, but to provide a reasonable basis for calculating a fuel price adjustment based on average conditions.

The Department determines adjustments under the provisions of this Proposal Note, and presumes that the Contractor has relied on these provisions when determining unit bid prices. The monthly application range for percent change (Mbp/Cbp) will not exceed 50% for a Fuel Price Adjustment increase or decrease as outlined in Section B, Calculation of Fuel Price Adjustment.

A. Price Adjustment Criteria: These requirements provide for a price adjustment, positive or negative, to payments due the Contractor for fluctuations in the cost of fuel consumed in the performance of certain items of work. These price adjustment provisions apply only to those items in the contract as grouped by category and identified in Table A-1. All adjustments will be made based on fuel consumption indicated by Table A-1, and no changes will be made for actual consumption rates.

Category descriptions and the fuel usage factors which are applicable to each are as follows:

Fuel Adjustment Categories, Table A-1				
Category	Basis of Calculation and Threshold Quantity	Eligible Items	Units	Fuel Usage Factor
Earthwork	Apply only to the greater of the sum of all Excavation quantities or the sum of all Borrow and Embankment quantities. Threshold Quantity* = 30,000 c.y. (22,936 c.m.)	203, 204	Gallons per cubic yard (Gallons per cubic meter)	0.50 (0.65)
Aggregate Bases	Apply to quantity calculated based on the Method of Measurement and Basis of Payment. Threshold Quantity* = 2,500 c.y. (1,912 c.m.)	304, 307	Gallons per cubic yard (Gallons per cubic meter)	0.75 (0.98)
Flexible Bases and Pavements	Apply to quantity calculated based on the Method of Measurement and Basis of Payment. Threshold Quantity* = 1,200 c.y. (917 c.m.)	301, 302, 308, 424, 442, 443, 446, 448, 803, 826, 857, 880	Gallons per cubic yard (Gallons per cubic meter)	4.50 (5.88)
Rigid Bases and Pavements	Apply to quantity calculated based on the Method of Measurement and Basis of Payment. Threshold Quantity* = 1,200 c.y. (917 c.m.)	305, 306, 451, 452, 526, 884, 896	Gallons per cubic yard (Gallons per cubic meter)	1.00 (1.31)
Structural Concrete	Apply to quantity calculated based on the Method of Measurement and Basis of Payment. Threshold Quantity* = 350 c.y. (268 c.m.)	511, 524, 842, 892, 893, 894, 898	Gallons per cubic yard (Gallons per cubic meter)	4.00 (5.23)

* A Fuel Price Adjustment will only apply when the sum of all **original** contract quantities for the category meet or exceed the specified Threshold Quantity. When a Fuel Price Adjustment applies, calculate the Fuel Price Adjustment for the sum of all quantities for the category per this proposal note.

B. Calculation of Fuel Price Adjustment: Fuel Price Adjustments may be either positive or negative. A positive Fuel Price Adjustment will result in a payment to the contractor while a negative Fuel Price Adjustment will result in a deduction.

The Department will calculate a Monthly Base Price (Mbp) for fuel for each month of each calendar year beginning with January 2001. The method for calculating the Monthly Base Price (Mbp) will be on file in the Division of Construction Management. The Monthly Base Price (Mbp) will be used to calculate all Fuel Price Adjustments. The Contract Base Price (Cbp) will be the Monthly Base Price (Mbp) for the month the contract was bid. All Monthly Base Price (Mbp) values will be posted on the Division of Construction Management, Office of Construction Administration website at: <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/construction/OCA/default.htm>

During each month of the contract the Engineer will select the applicable Monthly Base Price (Mbp) and calculate the ratio of the Monthly Base Price (Mbp) divided by the Contract Base Price (Cbp). The formulas below allow for a variation in fuel prices without recognizing cost increases/ decreases within the range of 90% to 110% of the Contract Base Price (Cbp).

When, and only when, the Monthly Base Price (Mbp) divided by the Contract Base Price (Cbp) is less than 0.90 or greater than 1.10 will the Engineer calculate a Fuel Price Adjustment (Fpa).

Cost increases in excess of 150% of the Contract Base Price (Cbp) will not be recognized. When, the Monthly Base Price (Mbp) divided by the Contract Base Price (Cbp) is greater than 1.50, the Fpa shall be calculated using a Cbp/Mbp ratio of 1.50.

Cost decreases in excess of 50% of the Contract Base Price (CBP) will not be recognized. When, the Monthly Base Price (Mbp) divided by the Contract Base Price (Cbp) is less than 0.50, the Fpa shall be calculated using a Cbp/Mbp ratio of 0.50.

For a Price Increase:

$$Fpa = [(Mbp/Cbp) - 1.10] \times Cbp \times Q$$

For a Price Decrease:

$$Fpa = [(Mbp/Cbp) - 0.90] \times Cbp \times Q$$

Where:

Fpa = Fuel Price Adjustment

Mbp = Monthly Base Price

Cbp = Contract Base Price

Q = The number of gallons of fuel used in the placement of items identified in Table A-1 during that month at the specified Fuel Usage Factor. Q will be determined by the Engineer for each category by multiplying the applicable Fuel Usage Factor by the sum of quantities of completed and accepted work for the specified items.

The total Monthly Fuel Price Adjustment will be the algebraic sum of the Fuel Price Adjustments for materials placed during the month for each applicable category identified in Table A-1. The Total Fuel Price Adjustment for the project will be the algebraic sum of all Monthly Fuel Price Adjustments. The

Department will calculate the Monthly and Total Fuel Price Adjustment on a monthly basis and make contract modifications as provided in Section C, Payment/Deduction.

C. Payment/Deduction: The Fuel Price Adjustment will be paid, or deducted, upon approval of a change order prepared after completion of all work. Contractor markups are not permitted. Partial payments or deductions will be processed prior to total completion when the unpaid accrued Total Fuel Price Adjustment exceeds \$10,000 or once every 12 months.

D. Expiration of Contract Time: When eligible items of work grouped by category and identified in Table A-1 are performed after expiration of contract time and liquidated damages are chargeable, the value of Monthly Base Price (Mbp) used to compute the price adjustment will be either the Monthly Base Price (Mbp) at the time of actual performance or the Monthly Base Price (Mbp) at the time contract time expired, whichever is less.

E. Extra Work: When eligible items of work grouped by category and identified in Table A-1 are added to the contract as Extra Work and for which a unit price is negotiated the contractor must use the appropriate price for fuel when preparing required backup data for the negotiated price. No Fuel Price Adjustment will be made for fuel consumed in the performance of eligible work added to the contract as Extra Work at a negotiated price when the work commences within 90 days of the approval of the change order authorizing said extra work. If the eligible work at a negotiated price commences more than 90 days after the approval of the change order authorizing said extra work a Fuel Price Adjustment will be made if said extra work quantities exceed the applicable threshold quantity in Table A-1. The Fuel Price Adjustment will be calculated using the Monthly Base Price (Mbp) value for the month the change order authorizing said extra work was approved as the value for its Contract Base Price (Cbp).

When Extra Work is added to the contract as a Force Account operating costs for equipment used in the performance of this work will be paid in accordance with C&MS 109.05.C.4 with no further adjustment.

F. Final Quantities: Upon completion of the work and determination of final pay quantities a change order will be prepared to reconcile any difference between estimated quantities previously paid and the final quantities. In this situation, the value for the Monthly Base Price (Mbp) used in the price adjustment formula will be the average of all Monthly Base Price (Mbp) values previously used for computing price adjustments.

Designer Note: This note is to be used on all projects that contain any category of work listed in Table A-1 of this proposal note.