PREFACE

The subject of gasoline additives is complex in both its technical and economic aspects. It was not possible to consider the merits of blending methanol and ethanol in gasoline in isolation from other potential blending agents; the Committee therefore examined the broader question of employing a variety of fuel oxygenates (alcohols or ethers) in Canadian gasoline stocks.

The Committee addressed two issues. First, the matter of public policy: is it desirable to add alcohol to gasoline in blends of up to 10%? Second, the practical considerations: is it technically feasible and economically efficient to do so in the Canadian context?

Committee members have presented three recommendations which they believe best address the range of issues and testimony involved.

Pursuant to Standing Order 99(2), the Committee requests a comprehensive response to this report.