

June 19, 2017

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Interveners of Past Record
(2017 GRA – per attached list)

Re: Manitoba Public Insurance 2018/19 General Rate Application

Background

The 2018/19 GRA of MPI was filed on Friday, June 16, 2017. Electronic copies are to be posted to the MPI website and MPI is to maintain and regularly update this website with a fully searchable version of the GRA.

Intervener Responsibilities

The Board requests that past Interveners immediately collaborate and review the GRA when filed, so as to determine which issues will be reviewed and tested by Interveners should they be granted status at the Pre-Hearing Conference. In addition to the issues contained in the GRA, Interveners are expected to identify in their written Intervener Application Forms which additional issues they intend to address. Interveners should be prepared to discuss these issues at the Pre-Hearing Conference. The Board, in its Procedural Order following the Pre-Hearing Conference, intends to identify any additional issues within the scope of the GRA.

Where more than one Intervener identifies the same issue to be addressed and tested in the GRA, the Board expects Interveners to work collaboratively, with one Intervener being identified as primarily responsible for that issue in terms of Information Requests, expert evidence, cross examination and closing submissions.

All Intervener Applications should therefore include the specific issues to be addressed by Interveners, and their proposed budgets.

Application Overview Workshop - June 26, 2017

The Board is anticipating that an Application Overview Workshop will take place on June 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The Board expects that past and prospective Interveners will attend, having familiarized themselves and their consultants with the content of the GRA materials.

The Application Overview Workshop will be used to identify which issues are acknowledged by the Parties to be within the scope of the GRA and, equally as important, identify which issues are acknowledged by the Parties to be out of scope for the GRA. Disagreements as to scope should be noted and explained in the Applications for Intervener Status that are to be filed with the Board and Manitoba Public Insurance by June 26, 2017, prior to the Pre-Hearing

Conference. The Board intends to hear from the Parties at the Pre-Hearing Conference and decide which issues are in or out of the scope of the GRA in the Board's Procedural Order following the Pre-Hearing Conference.

Minimum Filing Requirements

The Board has prepared a list of Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs) for MPI, a copy of which is attached. The MFRs identify information that should be included in MPI's GRA filing, with a corresponding benefit of reducing Information Requests of MPI.

Following the upcoming GRA, the Board is interested in each Intervener developing its own list of suggested MFRs, such that they can be considered, and where appropriate, included in MPI's next GRA. Parties' comments in respect of the MFR process are invited by the Board.

Pre-Hearing Conference - June 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

The traditional purposes of the Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) include identifying Interveners, seeking collaborative efforts by Interveners on common issues, finalizing a Timetable and scheduling an oral public hearing. In addition, the PHC for the 2018 GRA will include a pre-qualification process for any expert witnesses the Parties intend to call at the public hearings.

Prior to attending the PHC for this GRA, the Board expects (and will seek confirmation from Interveners) that they have reviewed prior PUB Orders for core issues identified by the PUB for this hearing, as well as met with other prospective Interveners prior to the PHC for the purpose of identifying core hearing issues; issues of common interest as well as issues on which there are divergent views; and preparing proposals to be advanced at the PHC for efficiently presenting evidence and cross examinations.

Prior to the PHC, the Parties will have had an opportunity to meet at the Application Overview Workshop, through which process MPI is to develop a list of issues that are, by consensus, included in the GRA as well as a separate list of issues where there is disagreement as to whether or not such issues are within scope. MPI is to circulate the lists of issues to all Parties by June 27, 2017. Parties can speak to the disputed issues at the PHC and expect adjudication by the Board in its Procedural Order following the PHC.

Any Party proposing an alternative Timetable to the one proposed by MPI and attached hereto should provide copies to all Parties by June 27, 2017 prior to the PHC and address the matter at the PHC.

For purposes of planning the oral public hearing, all Parties at the PHC will be asked to estimate their hearing time required for direct evidence, cross examinations and closing submissions.

Information Request (IR) Format

In an effort to make all IRs electronically searchable and to provide rationale for the question (or the refusal to fully answer the question - as the case may be), the Board has adopted a standardized format for IRs. This format was used successfully during the 2016 and 2017 GRAs.

Should a dispute arise in respect to answering an IR, the Board intends to adjudicate the dispute, based on the written information provided on the IR form as well as any Reply by the Intervener.

If MPI determines that it will not be fully answering an IR, it is to immediately provide its IR Response, including the rationale for the incomplete answer, to the Board and all Parties rather

than waiting for the 'Due Date' on the Timetable. This will allow for an Intervener Reply and the Board to adjudicate the matter on a timely basis. Should this process be delayed, the hearing dates may also be delayed. Please note that, per the attached Timetable, Parties wishing to file any motions arising out of disputes related to First Round IRs must do so by August 24, 2017.

Other Matters

Should any Party have additional matters to be addressed at this time, please contact the Board. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in continuing to implement improvements in the regulatory process.

Yours truly,

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Attachments:

1. Timetable
2. PUB Minimum Filing Requirements
3. Draft Information Request Format

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