

June 19, 2017

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Mr. Michael Triggs
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Interveners of Record
(2017 GRA – per attached list)

Re: Expert Pre-Qualification Process

The Public Utilities Board (Board) will be instituting a new process for the qualification of expert witnesses in the 2018 General Rate Application (GRA) hearings. The intention of the process is to increase the efficiency of the hearings, by pre-qualifying experts at the Pre-Hearing Conference, thereby dispensing with the need to examine the expert witness on his or her qualifications in the public hearings. The process will be as follows:

1. A party intending to call expert witness(es) in the GRA hearings shall give notice to the Board of its intention to have the witness(es) pre-qualified at the Pre-Hearing Conference, and provide the curriculum vitae of the witness to the Board along with the proposed area(s) of qualification for the witness(es).
2. At the Pre-Hearing Conference, the party shall make submissions to the Board as to the qualifications of the witness(es) and request pre-qualification of the Board. The witness need not be called to give viva voce evidence at the Pre-Hearing Conference.
3. Other parties may make submissions to the Board regarding the request for pre-qualification.
4. If there are no objections from other parties to the request for pre-qualification, the Board will issue its decision on pre-qualification in the procedural order following the Pre-Hearing Conference.
5. If the Board grants the request for pre-qualification, there will be no need to qualify the expert when called to testify in the public hearings.

6. If there are objections to pre-qualification, or if the Board declines the request for pre-qualification, the witness will need to be examined on his or her qualifications at the public hearings.

Any party wishing to make a request to the Board for pre-qualification is required to give notice to the Board in accordance with Item No. 1 above, no later than **Friday, June 23, 2017**.

Yours truly,

“Original Signed By:”

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cc: Kathleen McCandless, Board Counsel