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VIA EMAIL

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Interveners of Record
(2023 GRA – per attached list)

**Re: Manitoba Public Insurance 2024/25 General Rate Application - Pre
Qualification of Expert Witnesses**

Please be advised that the Public Utilities Board will again be providing parties with an opportunity to pre-qualify expert witnesses at the Pre-Hearing Conference, in order to increase the efficiency of the hearings by dispensing with the need to examine the expert witness on their 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 their 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 June 23, 2023.

Yours truly,



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cc. Kathleen McCandless and Todd Andres, Board Counsel