

BRITISH COLUMBIA UTILITIES COMMISSION

ORDER

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IN THE MATTER OF the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473, as amended

and

the Insurance Corporation Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 228, as amended

and

An Application by the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia for an Order Specifying the Form and Content of, and Review Process for ICBC Universal Compulsory Automobile Insurance Revenue Requirements Applications Meeting Specified Criteria

BEFORE: A.W.K. Anderson, Panel Chair/Commissioner

P.E. Vivian, Commissioner A.J. Pullman, Commissioner May 26, 2009

ORDER

WHEREAS:

- A. On March 16, 2007 the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia ("ICBC") submitted an application to the British Columbia Utilities Commission (the "Commission") for approval of the 2007 Revenue Requirements for Universal Compulsory Automobile Insurance ("Basic Insurance") (the "2007 RRA"). In the 2007 RRA proceeding, the topic of a more cost-effective regulatory regime was discussed and ICBC indicated that it was open to a discussion of alternative approaches to the regulatory process for establishing rates for Basic Insurance; and
- B. On January 9, 2008 the Commission issued its Decision regarding the 2007 RRA. The Commission noted there had been discussions about a better, more cost-effective regulatory process and agreed that the matter must be addressed at some point, but stated that the future regulatory process was not in the scope of the proceedings regarding the 2007 RRA; and
- C. On May 12, 2009 ICBC submitted an application to the Commission for an Order Specifying the Form and Content of, and Review Process for, ICBC's Universal Compulsory Automobile Insurance Revenue Requirements Applications Meeting Specified Criteria (the "Streamlined Regulatory Process Application" or "Application"); and
- D. ICBC proposed a regulatory timetable consisting of an Information Session, a Working Session, and if necessary a second Working Session; and
- E. The Commission has reviewed ICBC's proposed regulatory process and considers that the establishment of a Regulatory Timetable for the Streamlined Regulatory Process Application is warranted.

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NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

- ICBC is to hold an Information Session with respect to the Streamlined Regulatory Process Application commencing at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2009, in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC. A Regulatory Timetable is attached as Appendix A to this Order.
- 2. A Working Session with respect to the Streamlined Regulatory Process Application will commence at a time to be determined following the Information Session on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC. If necessary, a second Working Session will take place on Monday, July 13, 2009 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the same location. Upon completion of the Working Sessions, the Commission will establish further process to review the Application.
- 3. ICBC will publish, by Tuesday, June 16, 2009, in display-ad format, the Notice of the Information Session and Working Sessions, in the following local news publications so as to properly provide adequate notice to the public: Cranbrook Daily Townsman/Kimberly Daily Bulletin, Dawson Creek Daily News, Fort St. John Alaska Highway News, Kamloops Daily News, Kelowna Daily Courier, Alberni Valley Times, Nanaimo Daily News, Nelson Daily News, Penticton Herald, Prince George Citizen, Prince Rupert Daily News, Trail Daily Times, Victoria Times Colonist, Vancouver Sun, and Vancouver Province.
- 4. ICBC is to provide a copy of this Order and Regulatory Timetable to all parties who participated in the proceedings regarding the 2007 Revenue Requirements Application and to those who participated in other ICBC regulatory proceedings in 2008.
- 5. Those persons wishing to participate in the Information Session and Working Sessions are to advise the Commission Secretary in writing or by electronic submission of their intention to do so, no later than Thursday, July 2, 2009.
- 6. Intervenors and Interested Parties should register with the Commission, in writing or electronic submission, by Thursday, July 2, 2009. Intervenors are to state the nature of their interest in the proceeding.
- 7. The filing and supporting material will be made available for inspection at ICBC locations including, Kelowna, Prince George, and the Head Office of ICBC at 151 West Esplanade, North Vancouver, BC., on ICBC's website at http://www.icbc.com, and at the Commission Offices, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC. V6Z 2N3.
- 8. Intervenors intending to apply for participant assistance must submit a budget estimate by Thursday, July 16, 2009, consistent with the Commission's Participant Assistance/Cost Award Guidelines and Order G-72-07. Copies are available upon request or can be downloaded from the Commission's web site at http://www.bcuc.com.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 26th day of May 2009.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

A.W.K. Anderson
Panel Chair/Commissioner

Attachment

REGULATORY TIMETABLE

An Application by Insurance Corporation of British Columbia for an Order Specifying the Form and Content of, and Review Process for ICBC Universal Compulsory Automobile Insurance Revenue Requirements Applications Meeting Specified Criteria

ACTION DATE

Intervenor and Interested Party Registration Deadline Thursday, July 2, 2009

Information Session on the Application

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Working Session for stakeholders/participants

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Commencing following the

Information Session

Second Working Session for stakeholders/participants (if necessary)

Location: Commission Hearing Room

12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2K8 Monday, July 13, 2009 Commencing at 9:00 a.m.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

INSURANCE CORPORATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Date of Information Session:Tuesday, July 7, 2009Time:Commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Date of Working Session: Tuesday, July 7, 2009

Time: Commencing following the Information

Session

Date of Second Working Session (if necessary): Monday, July 13, 2009

Time: Commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Commission Hearing Room

12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2K8

THE APPLICATION

On May 12, 2009 ICBC submitted an application to the Commission for an Order specifying the Form and Content of, and Review Process for, ICBC Universal Compulsory Automobile Insurance Revenue Requirements Applications Meeting Specified Criteria (the "Streamlined Regulatory Process Application" or "Application").

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

The Commission wishes to ensure that all parties affected by the Application understand the basis for the Application. An Information Session with respect to the Application will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room on the 12th Floor, 1125 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC. A Working Session is also scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 following the Information Session. If necessary, a second Working Session will take place on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the same location. Further regulatory process may be required and notice of such will be provided by the Commission to Intervenors and Interested parties.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Application and supporting material will be made available for inspection at the following ICBC field office locations:

- Kelowna Claim Centre, 1720 Springfield Road, Kelowna, B.C.
- Prince George Claim Centre, 4001 15th Avenue, Prince George, B.C.

The Application and supporting material will also be made available at the ICBC Head Office at 151 West Esplanade, North Vancouver, BC., on the ICBC website at http://www.icbc.com, and at the Commission Offices, Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC. V6Z 2N3.

REGISTERING TO PARTICIPATE

Persons who expect to attend the Information Session and Working Session(s) and actively participate in the process should register as Intervenors with the Commission. Intervenors will receive copies of the filings, all correspondence and filed documents. Persons with an interest in the proceedings but who are not expecting to actively participate should register as Interested Parties and will receive a copy of the Executive Summaries of the filings and the Commission's Decision.

Intervenors and Interested Parties should inform the Commission Secretary, in writing or electronic submission, by Thursday, July 2, 2009 of their intention to become Intervenors or Interested Parties. Notification by courier delivery, fax or e-mail is acceptable.

All submissions and/or correspondence received from active participants or the general public relating to the Application will be placed on the public record and posted to the Commission's web site.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Ms. Erica M. Hamilton, Commission Secretary, as follows:

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