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Proceeding name: ICBC 2019 Revenue Requirements

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Additional information

Please state your reasons for intervening in this proceeding:

The Trial Lawyers Association of British Columbia (TLABC) is a nonprofit that represents in excess of 1500 legal professionals across this province. Our members practice in areas that include commercial, criminal, family and personal injury. TLABC is committed to promoting the rights of individuals in this province and

access to justice for all. We would like to be present at this hearing in order to monitor the proceedings on behalf of our members. Our members are interested in how the rate hike affects their clients.

Please state how you are directly or sufficiently affected by the Commission's decision in this matter; or describe your experience, information, or expertise relevant to this matter that would contribute to the Commission's decision making:

The iCBC 2019 Revenue Requirements Application affects The Trial Lawyers Association members in their practice of personal injury law on behalf of their clients. This hearing affect all of the clients our members work with because it will not only affect their insurance rates but also, future potential claims. This rate hike enforces the negative approach that ICBC takes with injured individuals that our members represent. By participating in this hearing, we will be able to understand the arguments made by the Corporation and others in this hearing.

Please list the key issues you intend to address in the proceeding:

While our primary purpose in participating in these hearings is to observe, we have the following core issues that we will be monitoring. 1) The impact of these rate hikes on average drivers in the Province of BC. 2) The ongoing financial situation at the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia. 3) The implementation of the "minor" injury cap legislation, especially the cost recovery for various therapeutic services for our member's clients.

For administrative purposes only

Do you intend to participate fully, including attendance at hearings and submission of evidence or information requests, if applicable?: Yes

Do you intend to request PACA funding? This does not impact your ability to participate: No

Have you or your organization web-registered as an intervener or interested party in the past 12 months?: No

If yes, please provide your username:

From: Todd Hauptman <Todd@tlabc.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2019 12:19 PM
To: Commission Secretary BCUC:EX
Subject: RE: ICBC Revenue Requirements - Request to Intervene

Good Afternoon!

Thank you for the phone conversation earlier to clarify our intervener application.

I understand that you have some questions prompted by this statement included in our application:

- 1) The linkage between ICBC's pursuit of higher basic insurance rates in the absence of other meaningful efforts at cost containment, and the publicly promised generous administration of expanded Part 7 benefits to those injured in a motor vehicle accident.

First and foremost, I would like to re-iterate that our intention is not to politicize the proceedings, nor is it our intention to introduce debate on legislation or regulation that is already law (e.g. minor injury caps captured in the amendments to the Insurance (Vehicle) Amendment Act).

Rather, as an Association that has taken some time to review previous ICBC submissions to BCUC as well as the most recent submission, we believe that we have important insights to share that would enrich the Commissions deliberations. We also have an obligation, on behalf of our members who practice personal injury law across British Columbia and on behalf of their clients, to bring this perspective to the public discussion.

I hope this clarification is helpful. We look forward to your speedy approval of our intervener status.

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