

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE** BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION

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## Re: UM 1908– Update on Settlement

The parties have been working together in good faith to resolve the issues in this docket and have made meaningful progress towards settlement. Since the last update, the parties participated in settlement conferences on June 8, June 22, July 6, and July 24, 2023. The parties have exchanged multiple proposals and have come to agreement on many points but need additional time to try to reach settlement on all issues. The parties are scheduled to convene their next settlement conference on August 9, 2023.

The parties are hopeful that this matter may be resolved without the need for a hearing and prior to the current September 28, 2023 expiration of the Price Plan as reflected in Order No. 23-119. In light of this progress, Staff requests the parties be given until September 1, 2023, to file a status report, or in the alternative, propose a further extension of the current Price Plan and/or a procedural schedule for the contested case process.

Sincerely,

/s/ Natascha Smith

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