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Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association Mr. Ernest Gittens Solicitor Gittens & Associates The Stonehouse, 8 Kenna's Hill St. John's, NL A1A 1H9

Dear Mr. Gittens:

Re: 2017 Automobile Insurance Review – Recommencement of Hearing – Out of Province Presentations

On August 15, 2018 the Board wrote the parties' in the 2017 Automobile Insurance Review with respect to the process and timing for the recommencement of the hearing.

The Board now confirms that APTLA's request to allow presentations from outside of the province via video conferencing can be accommodated. As the presentations will involve technology which has not been previously used by the Board during a hearing and, given that the presentations will be broadcast from outside sources, the Board requires that APTLA file a written copy of the presentations at least two days in advance of the presentations.

In addition the Board notes that APTLA has not yet provided the summary information regarding the substance and duration of the presentations which was supposed to be filed by August 20, 2018. This information was requested in the Board's August 15, 2018 correspondence and again by email on August 21, 2018. The Board requires that this information, including the names of the presenters, be filed by the end of this week to allow the Board to finalize the schedule for the hearing and advise the parties early next week. If the summary information is not filed with the Board by 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 24, 2018, the video conference presentations cannot be scheduled and the presentations will have to be made in writing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email, jglynn@pub.nl.ca or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary

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