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Opposition No. 91214478

*Fortis Inc.*

v.

*Fortis Energy Services, Inc.*

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On September 17, 2014, Applicant filed a notice of taking discovery depositions on written questions. When a notice of taking discovery depositions on written questions is filed with the Board, it is within the Board's discretion to allow other discovery activities to proceed or to suspend discovery activities unrelated to the proposed discovery deposition upon written question. TBMP § 404.07(b) (2014). In this instance, the Board will exercise its discretion and suspend discovery unrelated to Applicant's proposed discovery depositions on written question.

In view thereof, proceedings are **suspended** to allow for the orderly completion of the noted discovery depositions on written questions. The Board highly recommends that the parties carefully review TBMP Section 404.07 in its

entirety which provides guidance on how to proceed with discovery depositions on written questions.

The parties are allowed until **twenty (20) days** from the completion of the discovery depositions on written questions in which to inform the Board of the completion of the depositions so the Board may reset trial dates.

During the suspension period, the parties should not file any paper that is not germane to the discovery depositions on written questions.