

1 **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ROBERT (BOB) STEELE**

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3 **Q1.** *Please state your name and present position.*

4 **A.** My name is Robert (Bob) Steele. I hold the position of Senior Advisor, Finance &
5 Business Services, Distribution.

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7 **Q2.** *How long have you held that position?*

8 **A.** For approximately 5 months.

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10 **Q3.** *What were your previous positions with BC Hydro?*

11 **A.** I previously have held the positions of Chief Information Officer; President,
12 Westech Information Systems; and Division Manager, Computer and
13 Management Systems Division.

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15 **Q4.** *What positions did you hold prior to joining BC Hydro and with whom?*

16 **A.** I have been an employee of BC Hydro for 36 years.

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18 **Q5.** *What are your professional qualifications?*

19 **A.** I graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Applied
20 Science in 1967, and the University of British Columbia with a Masters in
21 Business Administration in 1970. I am a registered professional engineer in the
22 Province of British Columbia.

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24 **Q6.** *Have you previously testified before this Commission or its predecessors?*

25 **A.** No.

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1 **Q7.** *What role did you play in the development of this Application?*

2 **A.** I was involved with preparing the information related to the Accenture Business
3 Services transaction, and the Northstar Customer Information System (Northstar)
4 replacement. I also reviewed a number of the information request responses
5 regarding information technology.

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7 **Q8.** *Are there sections of the Application for which you are responsible?*

8 **A.** Yes. I will be speaking to Chapter 9, as it relates to Accenture Business Services
9 and Northstar.

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11 **Q9.** *Does this complete your direct testimony?*

12 **A.** Yes.