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OIC HEARINGS UNIT
PATRICIA D. PETERSEN
CHIEF PRESIDING OFFICER

In the Matter of)	NO. 13-0293
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SEATTLE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL,)	OBJECTION TO
)	NOTICE OF HEARING
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The undersigned submits this objection to the order issued May 8, 2014 by Presiding Officer Patricia Petersen setting the hearing in this matter to commence on June 9, 2014 at 10:00 AM, and requests that a scheduling conference be set for all parties with the purpose of establishing a case schedule and hearing date.

OIC staff recognize the general principle of judicial efficiency and economy, and are cognizant of the unique issues in this case that should result in a hearing as soon as feasible. However, OIC staff respectfully submits that given the current state of the case, the precipitate order setting a date of June 9th will interfere with the full and orderly presentation of evidence.

Several key factors that influence case preparation have not yet been determined. These include a final and definitive list of issues, clarification of remedy sought, a decision on SCH's motion to limit Intervener discovery, and exchange of finalized witness lists. Without certainty on these factors, it is difficult to anticipate with certainty



the time required for discovery and thorough case preparation. It would be impossible to prepare adequately by June 9, 2014.

Moreover, since SCH's motion to Set Hearing Date there has been no opportunity to object to the June 9 date or to suggest alternatives. Although we have had several telephone conferences with all parties, those were consumed with other issues. OIC staff understood that the discussion of scheduling would take place in conference, and did not anticipate issuance of an order prior to that opportunity. If given the opportunity, OIC staff would have indicated that the week of June 9 was not feasible given the unavailability of a key department witness.

To date, the parties have not yet discussed a hearing date. OIC staff respectfully request that the order setting a June 9 hearing date be reversed, and that a conference be held to determine issues, including a hearing date and case schedule, that will result in a full, fair, and orderly presentation of the evidence.

DATED this 21st day of May, 2014.


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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned certifies under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I am now and at all times herein mentioned, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Washington, over the age of eighteen years, not a party to or interested in the above-entitled action, and competent to be a witness herein.

On the date given below I caused to be served the foregoing Objection to Notice of Hearing on the following individuals via Hand Delivery, US Mail and e-mail at the below indicated addresses:

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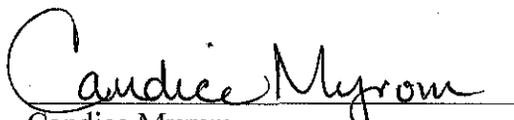
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