



DG 17-048
Planning and Budgeting

PB-11

Training Center project (PB-2)

Reference Attachment PB-2.4 – Please identify Company personnel who approved the 2014 Over Expenditure Application. Please also provide the date that form was created.

Response: In Attachment PB-2.4 the Company provided the copy of the 2014 Over Expenditure Application that was readily available in its files. The Project Manager at that time is no longer with the Company, so it is possible that a signed version of the document was saved to a location that is unknown. That document included a description of the reasons for the cost increases at the time the document was prepared in August 2014. Those cost increases are also captured in the signed contract documents, purchase orders and change orders provided via email on August 21, 2017. So, although the document provided as Attachment PB-2.4 does not include signatures, the underlying costs were approved through the contract documents and other project documentation.

Below is a screenshot of the file information showing the last modification date as August 7, 2014.

 Liberty Utilities Overexpenditure spending request.TrainingCenter.Rev6.mgk 8/7/2014 12:54 PM Microsoft Word 9... 275 KB

Shortcomings with some of the early capital project documentation was an issue reviewed in Liberty Consulting's audit report. This project was undertaken during the same time frame that was used for Liberty Consulting's review. The Company previously described improvements to the Planning and Budgeting processes in its response to that audit report as well as in the response to PB-1. Additional information regarding improvements to the Planning and Budgeting processes can be found in the responses to PB-16, PB-17, and PB-18.