

MANITOBA) Order No. 25/01
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) February 6, 2001

BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman
E. Jorgensen, Member
P. Britton, Member

**APPLICATION BY THE COALITION OF
MANITOBA MOTORCYCLE GROUPS INC. FOR AN
AWARD OF COSTS FOR INTERVENING IN THE
APPLICATION OF MANITOBA PUBLIC INSURANCE
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2001
INSURANCE RATES**

The Public Utilities Board (the "Board") held a public hearing of the application by Manitoba Public Insurance ("MPI") for approval of its proposed driver and motor vehicle insurance rates effective March 1, 2001. The hearing was held at the Board's offices, in Winnipeg from November 6, 2000.

Pursuant to Section 56 of The Public Utilities Board Act, the Board has jurisdiction to award costs of, and incidental to, any proceeding. The Board's Draft Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Draft Rules") state the criteria and procedure for determining

whether costs should be awarded to an intervenor. The Notice of Public Hearing advises the reader of the application of the Board's guidelines for the awarding of costs.

Pursuant to the Board's Draft Rules, the Coalition of Manitoba Motorcycle Groups Inc. ("CMMG") applied to the Board in a letter dated December 12, 2000 with an amendment in a letter dated January 17, 2001 for an award of costs in the amount of \$12,988.26 comprising:

Professional fees:	
Legal	\$11,925.00
Disbursements:	
Facsimiles, photocopying, Couriers, etc.	\$ 214.95
GST (Amendment)	\$ <u>848.31</u>
Total	<u>\$12,988.26</u> (1)

(1) adjusted for transportation error

MPI in a letter dated December 18, 2000 advised the Board that the Corporation did not oppose an award of costs to CMMG.

The Board has reviewed the Application for costs of CMMG and is satisfied that Applicant has met the criteria for an award of costs and that the costs are reasonable and accordingly, costs will be allowed in the sum of \$12,988.26

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Coalition of Manitoba Motorcycle Groups be awarded costs of \$12,988.26 in making its intervention at the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation's 2001 Insurance Rates Hearing.
2. Costs shall be payable by the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation within 30 days of the date of this Order.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"G. D. FORREST"
Chairman

"G. O. BARRON"
Secretary

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Secretary