

MANITOBA) Order No. 130/11
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) September 30, 2011

BEFORE: Graham Lane CA, Chairman
Len Evans LL.D., Member

CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (MANITOBA) INC.
AND MANITOBA SOCIETY OF SENIORS COST AWARD ON
MATTERS RELATING TO BOARD ORDER NOS. 43/11 AND 86/11

Introduction

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves the application of the Consumers' Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. and Manitoba Society of Seniors (CAC/MSOS) for a cost award totalling \$5,974.00 with respect to Board Orders 43/11 and 86/11 concerning issues arising out of the Manitoba Public Insurance's (MPI) Application for a Review and Vary of Board Orders No. 122/10 and 43/11 respectively.

Application

Upon receipt of a number of filings pursuant to the GRA Order 122/10 the Board convened a special one day hearing and issued Order 43/11. Subsequently MPI made an Application to the Board to Review and Vary Order 43/11. This Application was conducted by way of a paper process in conjunction with a technical conference with the interveners who participated in the General Rate Application. Several interested parties, including CAC/MSOS, intervened.

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 Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) stipulate four main criteria assisting it in determining whether costs should be awarded to an Intervener.

Pursuant to the Board's Rules and following the hearing, CAC/MSOS applied for an award of costs in the amount of \$5,974.00, comprised of:

Legal Fees		
	\$3,114.00	
Total Legal	<u>\$3,114.00</u>	\$3,114.00
Consultants		
ECS	\$ 700.00	
PRD Consulting	<u>\$2,160.00</u>	
	<u>\$2,860.00</u>	<u>\$2,860.00</u>
Total Claim		<u>\$5,974.00</u>

CAC/MSOS' application notes the modest expenditure for use of two consultants.

MPI by way of letter dated July 28, 2011 indicated that it no representation to make on CAC/MSOS' request for costs.

BOARD FINDINGS

The Board is satisfied with CAC/MSOS' participation in and contribution to both proceedings, and finds that CAC/MSOS qualifies for an award of costs.

CAC/MSOS contributed to the Board's understanding of aspects of the matters at hand

Accordingly, the Board will grant CAC/MSOS' request.

Board decisions may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, or

