

MANITOBA) Order No. 154/08
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) November 24, 2008

BEFORE: Graham Lane, CA, Chairman
Eric Jorgensen, Member
Alain Molgat, B.Comm, CMA, Member

APPLICATION BY THE COALITION OF MANITOBA MOTORCYCLE
GROUPS INC. FOR A COST AWARD -- INTERVENTION,
APPLICATION OF MANITOBA PUBLIC INSURANCE
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF 2009/10 COMPULSORY
DRIVER AND VEHICLE INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Introduction

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves the Coalition of Manitoba Motorcycle Groups Inc.'s (CMMG) application for a cost award.

The award of \$31,287.27 is related to a recently concluded Board hearing of Manitoba Public Insurance's (MPI) proposed 2009/10 Compulsory Driver and Vehicle Insurance Premiums.

Application

The Board held a public hearing of MPI's application at the Board's offices in Winnipeg in September and October 2008. Several interested parties, including CMMG, intervened in the proceeding.

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. The Notice of Public Hearing for MPI's application advised as to the Board's cost award guidelines.

Pursuant to the Board's Rules and following the hearing, the CMMG applied for an award of costs in the amount of \$31,287.27:

Legal:	
Fees (including PST and GST)	\$19,725.46
Disbursements (including GST)	536.81
Consulting:	
Fees Satyatas (including GST)	<u>11,025.00</u>
Total Claim	<u>\$31,287.27</u>

MPI advised that they had no comments with respect to CMMG's request.

BOARD FINDINGS

The Board was satisfied with CMMG's participation in and contribution to the proceeding and finds that CMMG qualifies for an award of costs, having met the Board's criteria for cost awards and having provided a contribution to the Board's understanding of the matters that were placed before it.

Accordingly, the Board will grant CMMG's request for costs as claimed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Coalition of Manitoba Motorcycle Groups Inc. BE AND IS HEREBY awarded costs of \$31,287.27 with respect to its intervention at the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation's 2009/10 Compulsory Driver and Vehicle Insurance Premiums 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

"GRAHAM F. J. LANE, CA"
Chairman

"G. GAUDREAU, C.M.A."
Secretary

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