

MANITOBA ) Order No. 155/07  
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT ) December 3, 2007

BEFORE: Graham F. J. Lane, CA, Chairman  
Leonard Evans, LL.D, Member  
Alain Molgat, B.Comm, CMA, Member

APPLICATION BY THE COALITION OF MANITOBA  
MOTORCYCLE GROUPS FOR A COST AWARD --  
INTERVENTION, APPLICATION OF MANITOBA PUBLIC  
INSURANCE CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF 2008/09  
INSURANCE RATES

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## **Introduction**

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves the Coalition of Manitoba Motorcycle Groups Inc.'s (CMMG) application for a cost award related to a recently concluded Board hearing of Manitoba Public Insurance's (MPI) proposed 2008/09 driver and motor vehicle insurance rates.

## **Application**

The Board held a public hearing of MPI's application at the Board's offices in Winnipeg in October 2007.

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 \$37,858.10:

Legal:	
Fees (including PST and GST)	\$20,800.48
Disbursements (including GST)	760.12
Consulting:	
Fees Satyatas (including GST)	<u>16,297.50</u>
	Total Claim
	<u>\$37,858.10</u>

In support of its application, CMMG noted that its intervention was both cogent and evidence based. MPI made no representation on the request.

**BOARD FINDINGS**

The Board is satisfied 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 \$37,858.10, with respect to its intervention at the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation's 2008/09 Insurance Rate 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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