

MANITOBA) Order No. 174/11
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) December 15, 2011

BEFORE: Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Acting Chairperson
Len Evans, LLD, Member
Régis Gosselin, CGA, MBA, Member

COALITION OF MANITOBA MOTORCYCLE GROUPS INC.:
COST AWARD: INTERVENTION,
GENERAL RATE APPLICATION (MPI)

Introduction

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves the Coalition of Manitoba Motorcycle Groups Inc.'s (CMMG) application for a cost award of \$27,022.21.

The award relates to CMMG's intervention in the General Rate Application of Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) (with respect to Compulsory Driver and Vehicle Insurance Premiums for the 2012/13 rate year).

Application

The Board conducted the hearing at its offices in Winnipeg commencing October 4, 2011. Several interested parties, including CMMG, 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, CMMG applied for an award of costs in the amount of \$27,022.21:

Legal:	
Fees (including RST and GST)	\$26,640.93
Disbursements (including GST)	381.28
Total legal	<u>\$27,022.21</u>

MPI by way of letter dated November 2, 2011 did not object to CMMG's request.

BOARD FINDINGS

The Board is satisfied with CMMG's contribution to the proceeding, and finds that CMMG qualifies for an award of costs.

CMMG meets the criteria for a cost award, having provided a contribution to the Board's understanding, acted cooperatively with the other parties to the proceeding, having provided a concise argument at the conclusion of the hearing, and requiring a cost award to be able to intervene.

Board decisions may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, or reviewed in accordance with Section 36 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules). The Board's Rules may be viewed on the Board's website at www.pub.gov.mb.ca.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Coalition of Manitoba Motorcycle Groups Inc. BE AND IS HEREBY awarded costs of \$27,022.21.
2. Costs shall be payable by the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation within 30 days of the date of this Order.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"SUSAN PROVEN, P.H.Ec.
Acting Chairperson

"H. M. SINGH"
Secretary

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