

M A N I T O B A) **Order No. 13/15**
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) **February 3, 2015**

BEFORE: Régis Gosselin, B ès Arts, MBA, CGA, Chair
Karen Botting, B.A., B.Ed., M.Ed., Vice Chair
Allan Morin, B.A., ICD.D., Member
The Hon. Anita Neville, P.C., B.A.(Hons.), Member
Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Member

**AWARD OF COSTS: CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (MANITOBA) INC.
INTERVENTION IN MANITOBA PUBLIC INSURANCE CORPORATION'S
GENERAL RATE APPLICATION FOR THE 2015/16 INSURANCE YEAR**

Introduction

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves the Consumers' Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc.'s (CAC) Application for a cost award of \$163,294.13.

The award relates to CAC's intervention in the General Rate Application of Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) with respect to Compulsory Driver and Vehicle Insurance Premiums for the 2015/16 rate year.

Application

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) reflect that the Board may award costs to be paid to an Intervener who has:

1. made a significant contribution that is relevant to the proceeding and contributed to a better understanding, by all parties, of the issues before the Board;
2. participated in the hearing in a responsible manner and cooperated with other Interveners with common objectives in the outcome of the proceedings in order to avoid a duplication of intervention;
3. insufficient financial resources to present the case adequately without an award of costs; and
4. a substantial interest in the outcome of the proceeding, and represents the interests of a substantial number of the ratepayers.

Pursuant to the Board's Rules, CAC applied for an award of costs in the amount of \$163,294.13 as outlined below:

Fees (legal)	\$43,400.00
Disbursements	\$1725.93
Consultants	<u>\$118,168.20</u>
Total	<u>\$163,294.13</u>

MPI by way of letter dated January 23, 2015 did not object to CAC's request.

BOARD FINDINGS

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

CAC meets the criteria for a cost award, having provided a contribution to the Board's understanding, having 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Consumers' Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. **BE AND IS HEREBY** awarded costs of \$163,294.13.
2. Costs shall be payable by the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation within 30 days of the date of this Order.

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.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

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Chair

"Darren Christle MPA, B.A., CCLP, P.Log., MCIT"
Secretary

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