

Order No. 99/22

MANITOBA PUBLIC INSURANCE CORPORATION (MPI OR THE CORPORATION):

**2023/24 GENERAL RATE APPLICATION
AMENDMENT TO TIMETABLE**

September 1, 2022

**BEFORE: Irene A. Hamilton, Q.C., Panel Chair
Robert Gabor, Q.C., Chair
Susan Nemec, FCPA, FCA, Member**

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SUMMARY

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (Board) amends the Timetable for the 2023 General Rate Application (GRA or Application) of Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPI or the Corporation), as set out in Schedule A hereto.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Board held a Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) at its offices in Winnipeg on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. On July 29, 2022, the Board issued Procedural Order 85/22 which, among other things, approved the Timetable for the GRA.

On August 26, 2022, through counsel, MPI advised the Board that it would not be able to comply with the Board-approved filing deadline for a number of responses to Round 1 Information Requests (IRs).

2.0 INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONSES

2.1 MPI

In its correspondence of August 26, 2022, MPI stated that it would not be in a position to file responses to a number of IRs in accordance with the August 30, 2022 deadline stipulated in Order 85/22.

The affected IRs primarily relate to Project Nova, MPI's major information technology initiative, and include:

- 14 public IRs and seven commercially-sensitive (CSI) IRs issued on behalf of the Board;

- Four public IRs and ten CSI IRs issued on behalf of Consumers' Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. (CAC); and
- One public IR issued on behalf of the Coalition of Manitoba Motorcycle Groups (CMMG).

(the "Delayed IRs")

MPI expects to be in a position to file the Delayed IRs by September 6, 2022, but cannot guarantee that will be the case. MPI acknowledged that this delay has a consequential impact on other dates in the Timetable such as the deadline for filing motions arising out of Round 1 IR responses (September 2, 2022), and for Round 2 IRs (September 12, 2022).

MPI offered to work with the Board and Interveners to eliminate or reduce the prejudicial impacts of this delay.

2.2 Intervener Responses

Through counsel, each of the Interveners provided a response to MPI's comments. None of the Interveners raised any particular concerns with the delay. CAC suggested that, if it encounters challenges in meeting the Round 2 IR deadline, it may request the consent of MPI and the approval of the Board for late filing of Round 2 IRs. CMMG and Insurance Brokers Association of Manitoba (IBAM) concurred with CAC's comments in that regard.

CAC also suggested that the date for motions arising out of Round 1 IR responses should be rescheduled as a result of the delay.

3.0 BOARD COMMENTS AND DECISION

Rules 36(1) and 40(2) of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) provide that the Board may, on its own initiative, review, rescind, change, alter or vary any decision or order.

Given the significant number of Round 1 IR responses affected by the delay, and the resulting delay to other dates in the Timetable, the Board finds that a formal amendment to the Timetable approved in Order 85/22 is necessary. This will avoid the need for Interveners to request individual extensions if necessary and to ensure the orderly proceeding of the GRA as the public hearings approach.

The Amended Timetable is set out in Schedule "A" to this Order. The Amended Timetable requires that MPI file all but the Delayed IRs in accordance with the previous deadline of August 30, 2022, and that the Delayed IRs be filed by September 6, 2022. Recognizing the impact this late filing has on previously-scheduled motion dates, the deadline for motions arising out of Round 1 IRs has been extended to September 9, 2022, the hearing date for motions to September 12, 2022, and the deadline for Round 2 IR responses to September 14, 2022.

All dates following the Round 2 IRs shall remain unchanged.

4.0 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Timetable for the 2023 General Rate Application (GRA) set out in Board Order 85/22 at Schedule "D" is hereby amended in accordance with **Schedule "A"**.
2. The Timetable in **Schedule "A"** shall apply with respect to the hearing of the GRA.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"Irene A. Hamilton, Q.C."
Panel Chair

"Darren Christle, PhD, CCLP, P.Log, MCIT"
Secretary

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Darren Christle
Secretary

SCHEDULE "A"**2023/24 MPI GENERAL RATE APPLICATION TIMETABLE**

ITEM	2022 DATES	Day of the Week
1. Application filed and served	July 12, 2022	Tuesday
2. Notice of Public hearing to be published	July 16, 2022	Saturday
3. PUB Issues Workshop	July 20, 2022	Wednesday
4. Interveners complete Registration	July 22, 2022	Friday
5. Pre-hearing Conference	July 27, 2022	Wednesday
6. Procedural Order Issued	July 29, 2022	Friday
7. Round One Information Requests Filed	August 5, 2022	Friday
8. Round One Information Responses Filed	August 30, 2022	Tuesday
9. <u>Filing deadline for delayed Round One Information Responses</u>	<u>September 6, 2022</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
10. Parties to file motions on Round One IRs	September <u>9</u> , 2022	Friday
11. Board to hear motions	September <u>12</u> , 2022	<u>Monday</u>
12. Round Two Information Requests Filed	September <u>14</u> , 2022	<u>Wednesday</u>
13. Reminder Notice of Public Hearing	September 17, 2022	Saturday

14.	Round Two Information Responses Filed	September 27, 2022	Tuesday
15.	Parties to File any Motions	September 29, 2022	Thursday
16.	Hearing Issues Meeting of Counsel	October 3, 2022	Monday
17.	Board to Hear Motions	October 5, 2022	Wednesday
18.	Intervener Evidence Filed	October 7, 2022	Friday
19.	Information Requests on Intervener Evidence	October 11, 2022	Tuesday
20.	Rate Update Filed	October 12, 2022	Wednesday
21.	Intervenors Information Responses	October 14, 2022	Friday
22.	MPI Rebuttal Evidence	October 17, 2022	Monday
23.	Hearing commences	October 19 to 21	Wednesday to Friday
		October 24 to 28	Monday to Friday
		October 31 to November 4	Monday to Friday
		November 7 to 9	Monday to Wednesday
	Board Issues Order	December 21, 2022	Wednesday