

MANITOBA ) Order No. 63/04  
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT ) April 14, 2004

BEFORE: Graham F. J. Lane, C.A., Chairman  
R. Mayer, Q.C., Vice-Chair  
Dr. K. Avery Kinew, Member

**MANITOBA HYDRO - DIESEL RATE APPLICATION  
APPLICATION OF MANITOBA KEEWATINOOK ININEN OKIMOWIN  
FOR AN AWARD OF COSTS**

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On February 6, 2004, The Public Utilities Board (the Board) issued Order No. 17/04 approving rates for electricity service in communities serviced by diesel generation including Shamattawa, Tadoule Lake, Brochet and Lac Brochet. Manitoba Keewatinook Ininen Okimowin (MKO) intervened in this proceeding. In final argument on January 22, 2004, MKO spoke to its application for costs and supporting particulars were filed on February 19, March 11 and March 18, 2004. The letter of March 18, 2004 revised MKO's application for costs as follows:

Fees	\$18,212.47
Disbursements	<u>2,088.75</u>
Total	\$20,301.22

MKO, in final argument, stated how MKO met fully the criteria for an award of costs including the need for substantial interest, responsible participation, co-operation with others and the need to contribute to a better understanding of the issues and for financial need for an award of costs.

In a letter dated March 23, 2004, Manitoba Hydro advised that Manitoba Hydro did not object to MKO being awarded costs in the amount applied for.

The Board has reviewed the application of MKO and will allow costs in full. MKO's participation was most useful in apprising the Board of historical relationships with respect to the provision of electrical service in the North, the impact of the application on Manitoba Hydro's customers in the four remote communities and the offering of pricing alternatives leading to a decision on fair and equitable rates.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Manitoba Keewatinook Ininew Okimowin's application for an award of costs be allowed in the full amount of 20,301.22.
2. The costs shall be payable by Manitoba Hydro within 30 days of the date of this Order.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

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Chairman

"G. O. BARRON"  
Secretary

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Secretary