



## News Release

March 31, 2011

By Orders 43/11 and 44/11, the Public Utilities Board (PUB):

- a) Varies Order 122/10 and directs Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) to issue, by May 31, 2011, a premium rebate of 45% of Basic vehicle premiums paid in the 2009/10 insurance year; and
- b) Denies an Application filed by MPI with the Board seeking review and vary of Order 122/10.

By Order 122/10, MPI established 2011/12 Basic premiums and fees and directed that a rebate of 10% of Basic vehicle premiums paid in the 2009/10 insurance year be paid, conditional on new information being filed with PUB. Following the receipt of an actuarial report and other information from MPI, the Board held a special hearing on March 30, 2011, at which MPI and Interveners to MPI General Rate Application hearings attended.

The new information indicates that MPI's provisions for future claims payments are significantly in excess of requirements; accordingly, and after giving due consideration to the circumstances, information and the submissions of the parties attending the special hearing, PUB determined that the quantum of the rebate should be increased from 10% to 45% - PUB anticipates an aggregate rebate of approximately \$320 million will be paid by MPI by May 31, 2011. (Before the payment may be made, MPI is to file with PUB its year-end audited financial statements.) Even with the rebate direction, PUB anticipates MPI to be in a strong financial position, well able to meet its obligations and provide good service to its policyholders.

With respect to the non-rebate directions, MPI requested amendments to the directions of Board Order 122/10 related to the allocation of costs. The Board denies the requests, finding no new information adequate such as to require an amendment.

A copy of the Orders and past Orders concerning MPI may be reviewed on the Board's website [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca),

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