

Notice of Public Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference

Applicant: Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation

HEARING:

The Public Utilities Board (Board) anticipates holding a public hearing of an application from Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPI) for approval of rates and premiums for compulsory vehicle and driver insurance effective March 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. The hearing would take place at the Board's Hearing Room, 4th Floor, 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB (commencing at 9:00 a.m.) on October 7, 2019. A Pre-Hearing Conference is to be convened by the Board in its offices at 9:30 a.m. on June 27, 2019.

RATE IMPACT:

MPI is requesting approval for Basic Autopac vehicle and driver insurance rates and premiums effective March 1, 2020, until April 1, 2021. The 13-month rating period will allow MPI to align its rating year with a newly revised fiscal year-end. If approved, the application will result in 0.1 per cent increase in MPI's Basic vehicle premium revenue (in addition to the revenue impact of vehicle upgrades and an increased overall driver and vehicle population).

MPI has proposed that the rate request at the time of filing be provisionally based on an interest rate forecast at fiscal year-end, and that the rate request will be updated and finalized based on an update of the interest rate forecast on September 30, 2019. MPI will file an updated rate indication and associated financial schedules in advance of the public hearing. This final rate request will be subject to testing at the public hearing, and confirmation through PUB Order.

MPI is also requesting approval of the proposed Capital Management Plan, which defines how funds in the Basic Rate Stabilization Reserve will be managed, to meet the amount to be held in reserve, as prescribed by the Reserves Regulation (76/2019).

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE:

Those seeking Intervener status should notify the Board of their intention, by applying to the Board Secretary before the now scheduled Pre-Hearing Conference of June 27, 2019. Interveners may be entitled to financial assistance, and the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) provide the related guidelines, which can be seen at the Board's website: www.pubmanitoba.ca or obtained on request to the Board, by either

emailing (publicutilities@gov.mb.ca), writing or calling the Board Secretary (204-945-2638 or 1-866-854-3698, toll free). Parties wishing to submit a brief or to express comments at the hearing should also contact the PUB via the Board's on-line comment tool.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Interested parties should take note that the Board does not have jurisdiction over the MPI lines of business denoted as Extension or SRE, or as to MPI's Driver and Vehicle Licensing operation.

Persons seeking further information as to MPI's application, or with respect to the Board's process, and/or wishing to address the public hearing in French should notify the Board Secretary by September 1, 2019. As well, interested parties may examine MPI's application and supporting materials, either at the offices of the Corporation, on its website, or in the Board's office.

The Manitoba Ombudsman has issued privacy guidelines for administrative tribunals. The Board is mindful of its obligations under those guidelines. Its decisions in respect of the application being considered will be sensitive to the guidelines. Personal information will not be disclosed unless it is appropriate and necessary to do so. However, the Board advises participants that these proceedings are public and that as a result, personal information protections are reduced.

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The Public Utilities Board



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notice required.



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