

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 as of March 1, 2019. 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 15, 2018. A Pre-Hearing Conference is to be convened by the Board in its offices at 9:00 a.m. on June 25, 2018.

RATE IMPACT:

The Corporation is requesting approval for Basic Autopac vehicle insurance rates and premiums effective March 1, 2019, which, if approved, will result in 2.2% overall 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 proposes that this rate increase be comprised of two elements: i) a 0.1% increase to the break-even cost of policies, and ii) a 2.1% increase for a Net Capital Maintenance Provision to maintain Basic's capital position through the rating year, as measured by the Minimum Capital Test. The Capital Maintenance Provision recognizes the impact of investment income on Basic's Rate Stabilization Reserve, and collects only the residual amount required to maintain Basic's capital position.

MPI is also seeking final approval of 2017/18 and 2018/19 Vehicles for Hire rates, approved by the Board on an interim basis by Order 11/18 on January 15, 2018. MPI is not proposing any changes to the Driver Safety Rating system in the 2019 General Rate Application.

Individual vehicle and driver premiums would vary depending on claim and driving experience, insurance use, territory and vehicle rate group. Full particulars, including the rate impact and application, can be found on the Manitoba Public Insurance website www.mpi.mb.ca.

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 25, 2018. 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 1st, 2018. 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 recently 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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DATED this 15th day of June, 2018.

"Original Signed By:"

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Five days notice
required.



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