

M A N I T O B A) Order No. 114/05
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) July 22, 2005

BEFORE: Graham F. J. Lane, C.A., Chairman
E. Jorgensen, Member
D. Côté, Member
L. Evans, Member

**APPLICATION FOR INTERVENER STATUS FILED BY
SCOOTERING MANITOBA REGARDING THE
APPLICATION OF THE MANITOBA PUBLIC
INSURANCE CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
CORPORATION'S RATE BASES AND PREMIUMS
CHARGED FOR COMPULSORY DRIVER AND VEHICLE
INSURANCE COMMENCING MARCH 1, 2006**

The Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (the "Board") held a Pre-Hearing Conference ("PHC") at its offices in Winnipeg, Manitoba on Tuesday, July 5, 2005. The purpose was twofold:

- a) to review and approve the timetable for the public hearing of the application by Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation ("MPI") for approval of its rate bases and premiums charged on compulsory driver and vehicle insurance commencing March 1, 2006; and
- b) to review and consider applications from parties seeking intervener status at the public hearing and matters related thereto.

Procedural Order 109/05 dated July 11, 2005 was subsequently issued. This Order approved intervener status for a number of interested parties, approved a timetable for the order for the orderly exchange of information and approved procedures to be followed at the hearing.

Subsequent to the PHC and the issuance of Order No. 109/05, Scootering Manitoba ("SM") in an e-mail dated July 15, 2005 applied for intervener status. SM filed the required Intervener Request Form advising that its stated reason for intervention was to examine the rate proposed to ensure that mopeds and scooters remain an affordable and accessible form of transportation in Manitoba. SM advised that it represents approximately 300 moped and scooter owners and users.

SM will be appearing at the hearing when it deems necessary and will not be calling a witness. SM does intend to participate in the testing of evidence and final argument but will not be applying for costs.

A copy of SM's application was forwarded to MPI. MPI made no reply.

Board Findings

SM is known to the Board as it has intervened in the past. Its members have a clear interest in the outcome of this GRA hearing and accordingly SM is granted intervener status.

SM must take note of the terms of Order No. 109/05 and co-operate with other interveners to reduce any overlap. Although SM will not be in attendance throughout the proceeding, it must ensure the areas covered by other interveners during its absence are not duplicated by SM during its attendance and examination.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Intervener status is hereby awarded to Scootering Manitoba.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM F. J. LANE, C.A."
Chairman

"G. O. BARRON"
Secretary

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Secretary