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October 23, 2019

VIA E-MAIL – 8 pages
PIAC File 6696

Ms. Christiane E. Long
Registrar and Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON
M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2017-0224/EB-2017-0255/EB-2017-0275
Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. Union Gas Limited and
Epcor Natural Gas Limited Partnership
Additional Cost Claim of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

On January 14, 2019 on behalf of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) filed a cost claim with respect to the above-noted proceeding.

The Decision and Order came out on March 18, 2019 and the cost claim PIAC filed in January has already been paid in full by both Enbridge Gas Inc. (20,668.23 July 18, 2019) and Epcor Utilities Inc. (49.61 April 23, 2019).

It has just been brought to our attention that only the invoice portion of the consultant firm (ECSI) relating to proceeding EB-2017-0255 in the amount of 18,105.43 was actually attached and filed with the VECC cost claim.

The invoice portion relating to EB-2017-0224 was never received from the consulting firm by the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) and therefore never included with the original cost claim. It just came to light yesterday when the Consulting Firm was reviewing their outstanding invoices and realized they had never sent it to PIAC Administrator in January for submission and they inadvertently missed it possibly due to:

“There was so much going on at that time and we were in the midst of moving our office.”

We are asking that the Board accept the attached additional cost claim with respect to the above-noted proceeding. The Consultant on the file was very diligent in submitting her invoices for submission and we believe the companies would know she was an active participant in the proceeding.

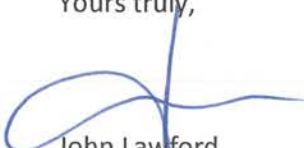
We apologize for all the inconvenience this may cause and ask for leniency in the granting and approval of VECC Additional Cost Claim.

We appreciate and thank you in advance for the assistance you are able to provide in this matter.

If you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact PIAC Office Administrator, Donna Brady, at dbrady@piac.ca, or 613-562-4002 Ext. 21.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



John Lawford
Counsel for VECC

Cc: EGDI, Union, NRG

Ontario Energy Board COST CLAIM FOR HEARINGS



Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements

This form should be used by a party to a hearing before the Board to identify the fees and disbursements that form the party's cost claim. Paper and electronic copies of this form and itemized receipts must be filed with the Board and served on one or more other parties as directed by the Board in the applicable Board order. Please ensure all required (yellow-shaded) fields are filled in and the Affidavit portion is signed and sworn or affirmed.

Instructions

- Required data input is indicated by yellow-shaded fields. Formulas are embedded in the form to assist with calculations.
- All claims must be in Canadian dollars. If applicable, state exchange rate and country of initial currency.

Rate: _____ Country: _____
- A separate "Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed" (comprising a "Statement of Fees Being Claimed" and a "Statement of Disbursements Being Claimed") is required for each lawyer, analyst/consultant and articling student/paralegal. However, only one "Summary of Fees and Disbursements" covering the whole of the party's cost claim should be provided.
- The cost claim must be supported by a completed Affidavit signed by a representative of the party.
- A CV for each consultant/analyst must be attached unless provided to the Board as prescribed on the Cost Award Tariff.

Except as provided in section 7.03 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards, itemized receipts must be provided.

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| File # EB- <u>2017-0224-0255-0275</u> | Process: <u>Enbridge/Union/ Epcor</u> |
| Party: <u>VECC</u> | Affiant's Name: <u>Donna Brady</u> |
| HST Number: <u>13059 2405</u> | HST Rate Ontario: <u>3.94%</u> |
| Full Registrant <input type="checkbox"/> Unregistered <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> | Qualifying Non-Profit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Exempt <input type="checkbox"/> |

Affidavit

I, donna Brady , of the City/Town of Ottawa
in the Province/State of Ontario , swear or affirm that:

1. I am a representative of the above-noted party (the "Party") and as such have knowledge of the matters attested to herein.
2. I have examined all of the documentation in support of this cost claim, including the attached "Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed", "Statement(s) of Fees Being Claimed" and "Statement(s) of Disbursements Being Claimed".
3. The attached "Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed", "Statement(s) of Fees Being Claimed" and "Statement(s) of Disbursements Being Claimed" include only costs incurred and time spent directly for the purposes of the Party's participation in the Ontario Energy Board process referred to above.
4. This cost claim does not include any costs for work done, or time spent, by a person that is an employee or officer of the Party as described in sections 6.05 and 6.09 of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn or affirmed before me at the City/Town of Ottawa
in the Province/State of Ontario , on OCT. 23/2019
(date)

Commissioner for taking Affidavits

Ontario Energy Board
COST CLAIM FOR HEARINGS



Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements

File # EB- 2017-0224-0255-0275 Process: Enbridge/Union/ Epcor

Party: VECC

Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Legal/consultant/other fees | \$ | 13,847.50 |
| Disbursements | \$ | - |
| HST | \$ | 545.59 |
| Total Cost Claim | \$ | 14,393.09 |

Payment Information

Make cheque payable to: Public Interest Advocacy Centre

Send payment to this address: 2-285 McLeod Street
Ottawa, ON
K2P 1A1

Ontario Energy Board

COST CLAIM FOR HEARINGS



Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

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| File # EB- <u>2017-0224-0255-0275</u> | Process: <u>Enbridge/Union/Epcor</u> |
| Party: <u>VECC</u> | Service Provider Name: <u>Shelley Grice P. Eng.</u> |
| <p>SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE (check one)</p> <p>Legal Counsel <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Articling Student/Paralegal <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Analyst <input type="checkbox"/></p> | |
| Year Called to Bar | Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="text" value="20"/> |
| For Consultant/Analyst: <input type="checkbox"/> CV attached | Hourly Rate: <input type="text" value="\$290"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV provided within previous 24 months | HST Rate Charged (enter %): <input type="text" value="3.9%"/> |

Statement of Fees Being Claimed

| | Hours | Hourly Rate | Subtotal | HST | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Pre-hearing Conference | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 290.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Attendance | | \$ 290.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Technical Conference | | | | | |
| Preparation | 5.50 | \$ 290.00 | \$ 1,595.00 | \$ 62.84 | \$ 1,657.84 |
| Attendance | 6.25 | \$ 290.00 | \$ 1,812.50 | \$ 71.41 | \$ 1,883.91 |
| Interrogatories | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 290.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Responses | 3.50 | \$ 290.00 | \$ 1,015.00 | \$ 39.99 | \$ 1,054.99 |
| Issues Conference | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 290.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Attendance | | \$ 290.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| ADR - Settlement Conference | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 290.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Attendance | | \$ 290.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Proposal Preparation | | \$ 290.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Argument | | | | | |
| Preparation | 13.75 | \$ 290.00 | \$ 3,987.50 | \$ 157.11 | \$ 4,144.61 |
| Oral Hearing | | | | | |
| Preparation | 8.00 | \$ 290.00 | \$ 2,320.00 | \$ 91.41 | \$ 2,411.41 |
| Attendance | 10.75 | \$ 290.00 | \$ 3,117.50 | \$ 122.83 | \$ 3,240.33 |
| Other Conferences | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 290.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Attendance | | \$ 290.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Case Management | | | | | |
| | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES | | | \$ 13,847.50 | \$ 545.59 | \$ 14,393.09 |

Econalysis Consulting Services Inc.

34 King St East
 Suite 600
 Toronto, Ontario
 M5C 2X8

Statement of Costs

| Date | File # |
|-----------|---------|
| 1/11/2019 | 2019004 |

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| Bill To |
| Public Interest Advocacy Centre Suite 1204 1 Nicholas Street Ottawa, ON K1N 7B7 |

| Terms | Docket No. |
|--------|--------------|
| Net 30 | EB-2017-0224 |

| Project | | | | | |
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| Enbridge 2018 C&T Compliance | | | | | |
| Serviced | Item | Description | Hours | Rate | Amount |
| 4/5/2018 | Interrogatories Responses | Preparation; Emails B. Segel-Brown; Review application & interrogatory responses; Call w/M. Rubenstein | 3.5 | 290.00 | 1,015.00 |
| 4/7/2018 | Technical Conf. Preparation | Preparation; Review evidence & prepare for Technical Conference | 3 | 290.00 | 870.00 |
| 4/9/2018 | Technical Conf. Preparation | Review evidence & Prepare for Enbridge Technical Conference | 2.5 | 290.00 | 725.00 |
| 4/10/2018 | Technical Conf. Attendance | Attend Technical Conference - Enbridge; emails | 6.25 | 290.00 | 1,812.50 |
| 4/19/2018 | Oral Hearing Preparation | Review evidence; Prepare for Oral Hearing | 2.25 | 290.00 | 652.50 |
| 4/20/2018 | Oral Hearing Preparation | Review evidence; Prepare for Oral Hearing | 2.25 | 290.00 | 652.50 |
| 4/22/2018 | Oral Hearing Preparation | Review evidence; Prepare for Oral Hearing; Prepare VECC Compendium | 2 | 290.00 | 580.00 |
| 4/25/2018 | Oral Hearing Preparation | Finalize VECC Compendium; call w/BSB | 1.5 | 290.00 | 435.00 |
| 4/26/2018 | Oral Hearing Attendance | Preparation; Attend Oral Hearing - Enbridge | 8 | 290.00 | 2,320.00 |
| 4/27/2018 | Oral Hearing Attendance | Preparation; Attend Oral Hearing - Enbridge; GEC/ED; Review correspondence | 2.75 | 290.00 | 797.50 |
| | | | HST #10160 6028 | | |
| | | | Total | | |

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| Project | | | | | |
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| Enbridge 2018 C&T Compliance | | | | | |
| Serviced | Item | Description | Hours | Rate | Amount |
| 5/10/2018 | Argument Preparation | Review undertaking responses; Review draft VECC Letter re: OEB Process re Carbon-Cost-Driven Gas Conservation & provide comments | 1.75 | 290.00 | 507.50 |
| 5/14/2018 | Argument Preparation | Review application, Review interrogatory responses/undertakings, Review expert evidence; Prepare submission; emails w/client | 1.5 | 290.00 | 435.00 |
| 5/18/2018 | Argument Preparation | Review evidence & draft submissions; Review correspondence; Review Argument-in-Chief | 2 | 290.00 | 580.00 |
| 5/22/2018 | Argument Preparation | Review application, Review interrogatory responses/undertakings, Review expert evidence; | 2 | 290.00 | 580.00 |
| 5/29/2018 | Argument Preparation | Review evidence & draft submissions; Emails w/B.Segel-Brown | 2.25 | 290.00 | 652.50 |
| 5/30/2018 | Argument Preparation | Review evidence & draft submissions; Emails w/B.Segel-Brown | 2 | 290.00 | 580.00 |
| | | | HST #10160 6028 | | |
| | | | Total | | |

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| Project | | | | | |
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| Enbridge 2018 C&T Compliance | | | | | |
| Serviced | Item | Description | Hours | Rate | Amount |
| 5/31/2018 | Argument Preparation | Finalize & file submission; Emails w/B.Segel-Brown | 2.25 | 290.00 | 652.50 |
| | | Subtotal | | | 13,847.50 |
| | | HST on Sales | | 13.00% | 1,800.18 |
| HST #10160 6028 | | | | | \$1,800.18 |
| Total | | | | | \$15,647.68 |

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