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April 10, 2018

PIAC FILE # 6692

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
Suite 2700
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON

VIA E-Mail
8 pages

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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Board File No. EB-2015-0304 – Policy Consultation on
Wireline Pole Attachment Charges
Cost Claim of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

We have attached the cost claim of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) associated with its participation in the above noted proceeding.

The Board's February 9, 2016 letter, which established the Working Group, indicated that there would be a series of meetings and that cost awards would be available for participation to a maximum of actual meeting time multiplied by 1.5 to account for preparation and reporting. However, the process actually involved not only meetings but also providing written input on a list of 18 key issues identified by Board Staff and Nordicity. VECC's cost claim includes 8.25 hours for responding to this request.

The December 18, 2017 letter accompanying the Draft Report of Board indicated that cost awards would be available to a maximum of 10 hours for preparing comments. It should be noted that the Draft Report of the Board and the accompanying Nordicity Report totalled over 130 pages (inclusive of appendices). Having participated on the Working Group, and therefore having a "better than average" understanding of the issues, VECC believed it was incumbent on it to undertake a thorough review of both the Board's Report and the Nordicity Report it was based on. In doing so VECC's counsel and consultant required more than the allowed 10 hours. VECC submits that the time spent was appropriate and that it should be compensated accordingly.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Segel-Brown".

Ben Segel-Brown
Counsel for VECC

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.

File # EB- EB-2015-0304 Process: OEB Consultation Wireline Pole Attachment Charges
Party: VECC Affiant's Name: Donna Brady
HST Number: 13059 2405 HST Rate Ontario: 3.94%
Full Registrant Qualifying Non-Profit
Unregistered Tax Exempt
Other

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 April 5, 2018,
(date)

Ben Seepel-Brown
Commissioner for taking Affidavits

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Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements

File # EB- EB-2015-0304 Process: OEB Consultation Wireline Pole Attachment Charges
Party: VECC

Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

Legal/consultant/other fees	\$	14,547.50
Disbursements	\$	-
HST	\$	573.17
Total Cost Claim	\$	15,120.67

Payment Information

Make cheque payable to: Public Interest Advocacy Centre

Send payment to this address: 1204-ONE Nicholas Street
Ottawa, ON
K1N 7B7

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Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

File # EB- <u>EB-2015-0304</u>	Process: <u>OEB Consultation Wireline Pole Attachment Charges</u>
Party: <u>VECC</u>	Service Provider Name: <u>Ben Segel-Brown</u>
SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE (check one)	Year Called to Bar <input style="width: 50px; text-align: center;" type="text" value="2017"/>
Legal Counsel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
Articling Student/Paralegal <input type="checkbox"/>	
Consultant <input type="checkbox"/>	Hourly Rate: <input style="width: 50px; text-align: center;" type="text" value="\$170"/>
Analyst <input type="checkbox"/>	
For Consultant/Analyst: <input type="checkbox"/> CV attached	HST Rate Charged (enter %): <input style="width: 50px; text-align: center;" type="text" value="3.9%"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> CV provided within previous 24 months	

Statement of Fees Being Claimed

	Hours	Hourly Rate	Subtotal	HST	Total
Pre-hearing Conference					
Preparation		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Technical Conference					
Preparation		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interrogatories					
Preparation		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Responses		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Issues Conference					
Preparation		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ADR - Settlement Conference					
Preparation		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Proposal Preparation		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Argument					
Preparation	5.50	\$ 170.00	\$ 935.00	\$ 36.84	\$ 971.84
Oral Hearing					
Preparation		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Conferences					
Preparation		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Case Management		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES			\$ 935.00	\$ 36.84	\$ 971.84

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Client Summary

Date of Report: Apr 05, 2018 **Report by:** Working Lawyer
Include Transactions: Jan 01, 1980 to Apr 05, 2018 **For Lawyer(s):** Ben Segel-Brown
Sort by: Alphabetic **Client Range:** 6692 to 6692
Area of Law Range: 1 to 199

Non-billable Time Excluded

Client #	Mat Code	Client Name	Matter Description	Work in Progress			Billed		
				Hours	Fees	Disb.	Hours	Fees	Disb.
6692		OEB EB-2015-0304	OEB		BSB				
02/07/18		Reviewing draft comments, record, adding analysis	BSB	2.00	340.00				
02/09/18		Analysing implementation/procedural fairness issues, preparing for filing, filing	BSB	3.50	595.00				
Total Client:				5.5	935.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Total:				5.5	935.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Benjamin Dean Segel-Brown Professional
Corporation
PH08-1203 Maritime Way
Ottawa, ON
K2K 0H5

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

April 5, 2018

TO: VULNERABLE ENERGY CONSUMERS COALITION
c/o Public Interest Advocacy Centre
Suite 1204
ONE Nicholas Street
Ottawa, ON
KIN 7B7

Re: EB – 2015-0304
OEB Policy Consultation on
Wireline Pole Attachment Charges
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)
Cost Claim

For Services Rendered as Counsel in the above-noted matter. RATE: \$170.00 per hour

To receipt, review, on behalf of VECC in the above-noted proceeding.

February 2018

TO: Hours

5.5 Hours @ \$170.00 per hour	935.00
HST @ 13%	<u>121.55</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND OWING:	\$ 1,056.55

Benjamin Dean Segel-Brown Professional Corporation
CRA Account Number - 78729 8488 RT0001

Ontario Energy Board

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Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

File # EB- <u>2015-0304</u>	Process: <u>OEB Pole Access Rate Work Group</u>
Party: <u>VECC</u>	Service Provider Name: <u>Bill Harper</u>
SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE (check one)	Year Called to Bar
Legal Counsel <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Articling Student/Paralegal <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Analyst <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
For Consultant/Analyst: <input type="checkbox"/> CV attached	Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV provided within previous 24 months	<input type="text" value="38"/>
	Hourly Rate: <input type="text" value="\$330"/>
	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		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Technical Conference					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interrogatories					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Responses		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Issues Conference					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ADR - Settlement Conference					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Proposal Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Argument					
Preparation	10.0	\$ 330.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 130.02	\$ 3,430.02
Oral Hearing					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Conferences					
Preparation	11.25 11.3	\$ 330.00	\$ 3,712.50	\$ 146.27	\$ 3,858.77
Attendance	20.0	\$ 330.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 260.04	\$ 6,860.04
Case Management		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES			\$ 13,612.50	\$ 536.33	\$ 14,148.83

Econalysis Consulting Services Inc.

34 King St East
 Suite 630
 Toronto, Ontario
 M5C 2X8

Statement of Costs

Date	File #
4/4/2018	2018017

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

Terms	Docket No.
Net 30	EB-2015-0304

Project					
OEB Pole Access Rate Wk Grp					
Serviced	Item	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
5/20/2016	Other Conf. Attendance	Attend WG meeting	6.25	330.00	2,062.50
5/20/2016	Other Conf. Preparation		0.5	330.00	165.00
7/26/2016	Other Conf. Preparation	Reviewed Meeting Presentation and prepared notes/questions - forwarded to Mark R as unable to attend	1.25	330.00	412.50
11/24/2016	Other Conf. Attendance	Attend WG meeting	6.75	330.00	2,227.50
11/24/2016	Other Conf. Preparation		0.75	330.00	247.50
1/2/2017	Other Conf. Preparation	Review Meeting minutes	0.5	330.00	165.00
1/31/2017	Other Conf. Attendance	Attend PAWG meeting	7	330.00	2,310.00
2/21/2017	Other Conf. Preparation	Draft Comments re: Staff Issues Template	4	330.00	1,320.00
2/22/2017	Other Conf. Preparation	Draft Response to Staff Issue List	2	330.00	660.00
2/23/2017	Other Conf. Preparation	Draft Response to Staff Issues	1.75	330.00	577.50
3/5/2017	Other Conf. Preparation	Comments re Staff Issues	0.5	330.00	165.00
1/29/2018	Argument Preparation	Draft comments on Board draft policy	3	330.00	990.00
2/5/2018	Argument Preparation	Comments on draft Board Policy	6	330.00	1,980.00
2/6/2018	Argument Preparation	Comments on draft Board Policy	1	330.00	330.00
		HST on Sales		13.00%	1,769.63
HST #10160 6028					\$1,769.63
Total					\$15,382.13

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