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December 13, 2018

VIA E-MAIL  
8 pages

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
Toronto, ON  
M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EB-2017-0129 Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans  
Cost Awards – Vulnerable Energy Consumer Coalition (VECC)**

In follow-up to our letter of December 7, 2018 we have enclosed our costs in the above noted filing.

VECC was not included in the Board's cost award decision of November 21, 2018. As previously noted the error appears to have been ours in that we did not realize there was a requirement to pre-register.

In recognition of this we have made adjustments to minimize our request to an amount of 8.5 hours. We note that in their comments on cost claims Enbridge Gas Distribution indicated it has no concerns with VECC's costs provided they are within the Board guidelines of a maximum of 10 hours.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by our error in this matter.

Yours truly,

*Original signed.*

John Lawford  
Counsel for VECC

**Ontario Energy Board**  
**COST CLAIM FOR CONSULTATIONS**



**Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements**

This form should be used by a party (defined in the Practice Direction on Cost Awards as including a participant in a consultation process) in a consultation 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 Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards. Please ensure all required 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 present in the document to assist with the calculation of the cost claim.
- All claims must be in Canadian dollars. If applicable, state exchange rate and country of initial currency.  
Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_
- A separate "Statement of Disbursements Being Claimed" is required for each consultant or lawyer/articling student/paralegal. However only one "Statement of Fees Being Claimed" and one "Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed" 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 must be attached unless, for a given consultant, a CV has been provided to the Board in another process within the last 24 months.
- Except as provided in section 7.03 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards, itemized receipts must be provided.

File # EB- <u>2017-0129</u>	Process: <u>OEB Gas Supply Plans</u>
Party: <u>VECC</u>	Affiant's Name: <u>Donna Brady</u>
HST Number: <u>13059 2405 0001RT</u>	HST Rate Ontario: <u>3.94%</u>
Full Registrant <input type="checkbox"/>	Qualifying Non-Profit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unregistered <input type="checkbox"/>	Tax Exempt <input type="checkbox"/>
Other <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 of Fees Being Claimed" and "Statement(s) of Disbursements Being Claimed".
3. The attached "Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed", "Statement 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

DEC. 13-2018  
(date)

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Commissioner for taking Affidavits**

# Ontario Energy Board

## COST CLAIM FOR CONSULTATIONS

### Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements



#### Individual Whose Costs are Being Claimed

Name: Mark Garner

Counsel/Articling Student/Paralegal: ☐

Analyst/Consultant: ☒

CV attached: ☐

Year Called  
to Bar

CV not required: ☒

Completed Years  
Practicing/Years of Relevant  
Experience

30

Name: Ben Segel-Brown

Counsel/Articling Student/Paralegal: ☒

Analyst/Consultant: ☐

CV attached: ☐

Year Called  
to Bar

2017

CV not required: ☒

Completed Years  
Practicing/Years of relevant  
experience

Name:

Counsel/Articling Student/Paralegal: ☐

Analyst/Consultant: ☐

CV attached: ☐

Year Called  
to Bar

CV not required: ☐

Completed Years  
Practicing/Years of relevant  
experience

Name:

Counsel/Articling Student/Paralegal: ☐

Analyst/Consultant: ☐

CV attached: ☐

Year Called  
to Bar

CV not required: ☐

Completed Years  
Practicing/Years of relevant  
experience

Name:

Counsel/Articling Student/Paralegal: ☐

Analyst/Consultant: ☐

CV attached: ☐

Year Called  
to Bar

CV not required: ☐

Completed Years  
Practicing/Years of relevant  
experience

**Ontario Energy Board**  
**COST CLAIM FOR CONSULTATIONS**  
**Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements**



File # EB- 2017-0129 Process: OEB Gas Supply Plans

Party: VECC

**Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed**

Legal/consultant fees	\$2,325.00
Disbursements	\$0.00
HST	\$91.61
<b>Total Cost Claim</b>	<b>\$2,416.61</b>

**Payment Information**

Make cheque payable to: Public Interest Advocacy Centre

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

**Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed**

**Statement of Fees Being Claimed**

Statement of Fees being claimed for Eligible Activity is found on the second tab of this workbook.

**Statement(s) of Disbursements Being Claimed**

Statement of Disbursements being claimed is found on the third tab of this workbook.





**Ontario Energy Board**  
**COST CLAIM FOR CONSULTATIONS**  
**Statement of Fees Being Claimed**

File # EB- 2017-0129

Process OEB Gas Supply Plans

Party VECC

HST Rate: 4%

Individual Whose Fees are Being Claimed	Hourly rate	{activity 1} Preparation for, attendance at three Technical Working Group meetings (3 x 5 hours)		{activity 2} Written comments on Draft Report (10 hours)		Subtotal	HST	Total
		Up to 15 hours	Eligible Participant	Up to 10 hours	Eligible Participant			
Mark Garner	\$330.00			5.50		\$1,815.00	\$71.51	\$1,886.51
Ben Segel-Brown	\$170.00			3.00		\$510.00	\$20.09	\$530.09
						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
						\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals:						\$2,325.00	\$91.61	

Total legal/consultant fees: \$2,416.61

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

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

December 13, 2018

**TO: VULNERABLE ENERGY CONSUMERS COALITION**

c/o Public Interest Advocacy Centre  
Suite 1204  
ONE Nicholas Street  
Ottawa, ON  
K1N 7B7

**Re: EB – 2017-0129  
OEB – Gas Supply Plans  
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.

May – June 2018

TO: Hours

**3.0 Hours @ \$170.00 per hour 510.00**

HST @ 13% 66.30

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND OWING: \$ 576.30**

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

Public Interest Advocacy Centre

User: 7

Client Summary

**Date of Report:** Dec 13, 2018 **Report by:** Responsible Lawyer  
**Include Transactions:** Jan 01, 1980 **to** Dec 13, 2018 **For Lawyer(s):** Firm  
**Sort by:** Alphabetic **Client Range:** 6717 **to** 6717  
**Area of Law Range:** 1 **to** 199

Non-billable Time Excluded

Client #	Mat Code	Client Name	Matter Description		Resp				
					-----Work in Progress-----		-----Billed-----		
Date	N/B	Description	Indiv	Hours	Fees	Disb.	Hours	Fees	Disb.
6717		OEB EB 2017-0129	OEB		BSB				
05/31/18		Review of draft submissions, editing, research	BSB	1.50	255.00				
06/01/18		Review of gas supply plan submissions, research	BSB	1.50	255.00				
Total Client:				3.00	510.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Total:				3.00	510.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Econalysis Consulting Services Inc.

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

## Statement of Costs

Date	File #
12/13/2018	2018059

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

Terms	Docket No.
Net 30	EB-2017-0129

Project					
OEB - Gas Supply					
Serviced	Item	Description	Hours	Rate	Amount
5/31/2018	Argument Preparation	Draft Gas supply submission/review with PIAC-VECC HST on Sales	5.5	330.00	1,815.00
				13.00%	235.95

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