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March 16, 2020

VIA E-MAIL

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

PIAC FILE 6799

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2019-0276 – EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership  
Cost Claim of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

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On behalf of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) we have attached their Cost Claim with respect to the above-noted proceeding.

We have also directed a copy of the same to the Applicant as well as their Counsel via email.

Yours truly,

*John Lawford*

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Counsel for VECC

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**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.

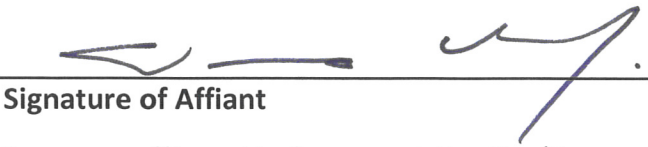
**Except as provided in section 7.03 of the Practice Direction on Cost Awards, itemized receipts must be provided.**

<b>File # EB-</b> <u>2019-0276</u>	<b>Process:</b> <u>EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership</u>
<b>Party:</b> <u>VECC</u>	<b>Affiant's Name:</b> <u>Donna Brady</u>
<b>HST Number:</b> <u>13059 2405 RT 0001</u>	<b>HST Rate Ontario:</b> <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(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.

  
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**Signature of Affiant**

Sworn or affirmed before me at the City/Town of Ottawa  
in the Province/State of Ontario, on MARCH 16, 2020  
(date)

  
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**Commissioner for taking Affidavits**

**Ontario Energy Board**  
**COST CLAIM FOR HEARINGS**



**Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements**

File # EB- 2019-0276

Process: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership

Party: VECC

**Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed**

Legal/consultant/other fees	\$	4,455.00
Disbursements		
HST	\$	175.53
<b>Total Cost Claim</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,630.53</b>

**Payment Information**

Make cheque payable to: Public Interest Advocacy Centre

Send payment to this address: 2-285 McLeod Street

Ottawa, ON

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# Ontario Energy Board

## COST CLAIM FOR HEARINGS



### Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

File # EB- <u>2019-0276</u>	Process: <u>EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership</u>
Party: <u>VECC</u>	Service Provider Name: <u>Mark Garner</u>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 40%;"> <p><b>SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE</b> (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> </div> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p>Year Called to Bar</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> </div> <div style="width: 40%;"> <p>Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">31</div> </div> </div>	
Hourly Rate: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; text-align: center;">\$330</div>	
For Consultant/Analyst: <input type="checkbox"/> CV attached      HST Rate Charged (enter %): <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; text-align: center;">3.9%</div>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV provided within previous 24 months	

Statement of Fees Being Claimed					
	Hours	Hourly Rate	Subtotal	HST	Total
<b>Pre-hearing Conference</b>					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Technical Conference</b>					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Interrogatories</b>					
Preparation	6.25	\$ 330.00	\$ 2,062.50	\$ 81.26	\$ 2,143.76
Responses	1.75	\$ 330.00	\$ 577.50	\$ 22.75	\$ 600.25
<b>Issues Conference</b>					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>ADR - Settlement Conference</b>					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Proposal Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Argument</b>					
Preparation	5.5	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 71.51	\$ 1,886.51
<b>Oral Hearing</b>					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Other Conferences</b>					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Case Management</b>		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES</b>			\$ 4,455.00	\$ 175.53	\$ 4,630.53



INVOICE #	EPCOR0276	Mark C Garner				
Date	March 10, 2020	647 Broadway Ave.				
Client:	PIAC-VECC	Toronto, On				
File:	ENGLP MOTION TO VARY 0336	M4G 2S8				
Period covering:	December 4, 2019 - March 5, 2020					
Billable Hours	13.50	@	Rate	\$330.00	HRs	\$4,455.00
Disbursements	N/A	n/a				
Detail						
HST No. No. 87831 4327 RT001		@	Rate	13%	HST	\$579.15
Total						\$5,034.15
<p>TERM: Payable upon receipt of payment from the client net of service charges</p> <p>Please make amounts payable to Mark C. Garner.</p>						
DETAILED DOCKET						

Disbursement	Date	Hrs	Code	Description
	December 5, 2020	0.75	IRP	Review Motion
	January 14, 2020	5.50	IRP	Review Lippold Affidavit and draft interrogatories
	February 6, 2020	1.75	IRR	Review IRR responses and make argument notes
	February 7, 2020	3.00	ARG	Draft Argument - send to PIAC for review
	February 10, 2020	2.00	ARG	Finalize argument
	February 24, 2020	0.25	ARG	Review of Reply Argument
	March 5, 2020	0.25	ARG	Review of Decision - reporting
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13.50</b>		