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February 18, 2021

VIA E-MAIL – 8 pages
PIAC File # 6852

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

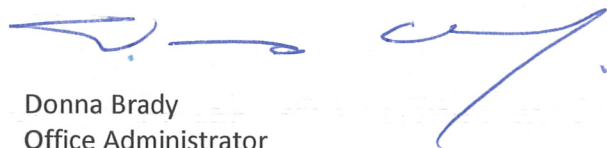
Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB 2020-0040 Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.
Cost Claim of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

On behalf of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) we have enclosed the cost claim with respect to the above-noted proceeding.

We have also directed a copy to the Applicant via email.

Thank you.



Donna Brady
Office Administrator

Cc: NPEI – Brian Wilkie – Brian.Wilkie@npei.ca

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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- <u>2020-0040</u>	Process: <u>Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.</u>
Party: <u>VECC</u>	Affiant's Name: <u>Donna Brady</u>
HST Number: <u>13059 2405 RT 0001</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(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 Feb. 18, 2021.
(date)



Commissioner for taking Affidavits

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Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements

File # EB- 2020-0040 Process: Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.

Party: VECC

Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed		
Legal/consultant/other fees	\$	22,605.00
Disbursements		
HST	\$	890.64
Total Cost Claim	\$	23,495.64

Payment Information

Make cheque payable to: Public Interest Advocacy Centre

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

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Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

File # EB- <u>EB-2020-0040</u>	Process: <u>Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.</u>
Party: <u>VECC</u>	Service Provider Name: <u>William Harper</u>

SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE (check one)	Year Called to Bar	Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience
Legal Counsel <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="38"/>
Articling Student/Paralegal <input type="checkbox"/>		
Consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Analyst <input type="checkbox"/>		
For Consultant/Analyst: <input type="checkbox"/> CV attached		Hourly Rate: <input type="text" value="\$330"/>
<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		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Technical Conference					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interrogatories					
Preparation	4.75 4.8	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,567.50	\$ 61.76	\$ 1,629.26
Responses		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Issues Conference					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ADR - Settlement Conference					
Preparation	9.75 9.8	\$ 330.00	\$ 3,217.50	\$ 126.77	\$ 3,344.27
Attendance	7.5	\$ 330.00	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 97.52	\$ 2,572.52
Proposal Preparation	2.5	\$ 330.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 32.51	\$ 857.51
Argument					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Oral Hearing					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Conferences					
Preparation	0.25 0.3	\$ 330.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 3.25	\$ 85.75
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Case Management		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES			\$ 8,167.50	\$ 321.80	\$ 8,489.30

<u>COST CLAIM DETAILS:</u>		<u>ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD</u>			
NAME:	BILL HARPER	HOURLY RATE:		\$330	
SERVICE:	CONSULTANT	YEARS EXPERIENCE:		40	
FILE #:	EB-2020-0040	PROCESS:		NPEI 2021 COS APPLICATION	
	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>SUB TOTAL</u>
INTERROGATORIES					
PREPARATION	20/10/2020	1.50	Draft IRs	\$ 330.00	\$ 495.00
	21/10/2020	2.75	Draft IRs	\$ 330.00	\$ 907.50
	26/10/2020	0.50	Finalize IRs	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00
ADR-SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE					
PREPARATION	19/11/2020	0.50	Review IRRs	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00
	20/11/2020	3.25	Rev IRRs/ADR Notes	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,072.50
	21/11/2020	2.00	ADR Notes	\$ 330.00	\$ 660.00
	22/11/2020	3.50	Notes & FU Questions	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,155.00
	09/12/2020	0.50	Prep	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00
ATTENDANCE	09/12/2020	3.50	Split with MG	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,155.00
	10/12/2020	2.00	Split with MG	\$ 330.00	\$ 660.00
	11/12/2020	2.00	Split with MG	\$ 330.00	\$ 660.00
SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL	22/12/2020	1.50	Review SP & Models	\$ 330.00	\$ 495.00
	05/01/2021	1.00	Review Draft 2& Models	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00
OTHER CONFERENCES					
PREPARATION	25/11/2020	0.25	Issues List Comments	\$330.00	\$82.50
SUB-TOTAL		24.75			\$8,167.50
HST (13%)					\$1,061.78
TOTAL					\$9,229.28

WILLIAM O. HARPER

107 BAKER AVE, RICHMOND HILL

ONTARIO L4C 1X5

TELEPHONE: 905-883-1727

Email: bharper.consultant@bell.net

February 11, 2021

Statement of Costs for:

Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition
c/o Public Interest Advocacy Centre
200-285 McLeod Street
Ottawa, Ontario
KP2 1A1

Attn: Donna Brady

Statement No. 2021002

For Professional Services rendered re: VECC's participation in EB-2020-0040
(Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc. - 2021 COS Application)

Services (see attached)	\$	8,167.50
HST (13%)	\$	1,061.78
TOTAL	\$	9,229.28

PAYABLE TO: WILLIAM HARPER

HST/GST Registration #81998 6902 RT00001

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Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

File # EB- <u>2020-0040</u>	Process: <u>Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.</u>
Party: <u>VECC</u>	Service Provider Name: <u>Mark Garner</u>

SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE (check one)	Year Called to Bar <input type="checkbox"/> 	Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience <div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center; width: 150px; margin: 0 auto;">31</div>
Legal Counsel <input type="checkbox"/> Articling Student/Paralegal <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Analyst <input type="checkbox"/>		Hourly Rate: <div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;">\$330</div>
For Consultant/Analyst: <input type="checkbox"/> CV attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV provided within previous 24 months	HST Rate Charged (enter %): <div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center; width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;">3.9%</div>	

Statement of Fees Being Claimed					
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Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Technical Conference					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interrogatories					
Preparation	19.0	\$ 330.00	\$ 6,270.00	\$ 247.04	\$ 6,517.04
Responses		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Issues Conference					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ADR - Settlement Conference					
Preparation	13.0	\$ 330.00	\$ 4,290.00	\$ 169.03	\$ 4,459.03
Attendance	10.25	\$ 330.00	\$ 3,382.50	\$ 133.27	\$ 3,515.77
Proposal Preparation	1.5	\$ 330.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 19.50	\$ 514.50
Argument					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Oral Hearing					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Conferences					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Case Management		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES			\$ 14,437.50	\$ 568.84	\$ 15,006.34

INVOICE #	NPEI0040					Mark C Garner	
Date	February 10, 2021					647 Broadway	
Client:	PIAC-VECC					Toronto, On	
File:	NIAGARA PENINSULA ENERGY INC. EB-2020-0040					M4G 2S8	
Period covering:	Sept 25, 2020 January 7, 2021						
Billable Hours	43.75	@	Rate	\$330.00	HRs	\$14,437.50	
Disbursements Detail	N/A					n/a	
HST No. No. 87831 4327 RT001		@	Rate	13%	HST	\$1,876.88	
Total						\$16,314.38	

TERM: Payable upon receipt of payment from the client net of service charges
Please make amounts payable to Mark C. Garner.

Detailed Dockets
Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.
EB-2020-0040

Disbursement	Date	Hrs	Code	Description
	Sept 25, 2020	0.50	IRP	Intervention and initial file review
	October 26, 2020	2.00	IRP	Review Exhibit 1/notes
	October 27, 2020	3.50	IRP	Review evidence notes
	October 28, 2020	4.00	IRP	Review evidence notes
	October 29, 2020	5.00	IRP	Review evidence/develop lrs/inetegrate BH sections
	October 30, 2020	4.00	IRP	Finalize lrs /notes 9am-2pm
	November 30, 2020	3.00	ADP	Review IR responses and prepare notes for ADR
	December 1, 2020	4.00	ADP	Review IR responses and prepare notes for ADR
	December 8, 2020	6.00	ADP	Review IR responses and prepare notes for ADR
	December 9, 2020	4.00	ADA	9:30 - 5:30 less 30 Min lunch: Time Share 7.5hr with BH
	December 10, 2020	2.75	ADA	9:00 am - 12:30 & 4-5:15: Time Share 4.75 with BH
	December 11, 2020	3.50	ADA	9-12 /1:00-3:30 : Time Share 5.5 hrs with BH
	December 28, 2020	1.00	ADR	Review 1st draft of ADR agreement - comments back
	January 5, 2021	0.25	ADR	Settlement Review - email
	January 7, 2021	0.25	ADR	(includes Jan6 quick review)
TOTAL		43.75		