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April 7, 2021

VIA E-MAIL – 8 pages
PIAC File # 6857

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


Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2020-0026 – Halton Hills Hydro Inc.
Cost Claim of Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

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

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

Thank you.


Donna Brady
Office Administrator

cc: Halton Hills – David Smelsky – dsmelsky@haltonhillshydro.com
Counsel – Richard King – rking@osler.com

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- <u>2020-0026</u>	Process: <u>Halton Hills Hydro 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 April 7-2021
(date)


Commissioner for taking Affidavits

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Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements

File # EB- 2020-0026 Process: Halton Hills Hydro Inc.

Party: VECC

Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

Legal/consultant/other fees	\$	30,525.00
Disbursements		
HST	\$	1,202.69
Total Cost Claim	\$	31,727.69

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- EB-2020-0026

Process: Halton Hills Hydro Inc.

Party: VECC

Service Provider Name: William Harper

<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> <p>For Consultant/Analyst: <input type="checkbox"/> CV attached</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV provided within previous 24 months</p>	<p>Year Called to Bar</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>	<p>Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">38</div> <p>Hourly Rate: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">\$330</div></p> <p>HST Rate Charged (enter %): <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">3.9%</div></p>
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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	8.0	\$ 330.00	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 104.02	\$ 2,744.02
Responses		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Issues Conference					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ADR - Settlement Conference					
Preparation	16.5	\$ 330.00	\$ 5,445.00	\$ 214.53	\$ 5,659.53
Attendance	10.75 10.8	\$ 330.00	\$ 3,547.50	\$ 139.77	\$ 3,687.27
Proposal Preparation	3.25 3.3	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,072.50	\$ 42.26	\$ 1,114.76
Argument					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Oral Hearing					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Conferences					
Preparation	0.5	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 171.50
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Case Management		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES			\$ 12,870.00	\$ 507.08	\$ 13,377.08

WILLIAM O. HARPER

107 BAKER AVE, RICHMOND HILL

ONTARIO L4C 1X5

TELEPHONE: 905-883-1727

Email: bharper.consultant@bell.net

April 5, 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. 2021005

For Professional Services rendered re: VECC's participation in EB-2020-0026
(Halton Hills Hydro Inc. – 2021 Cost of Service Application)

Services (see attached)	\$	12,870.00
HST (13%)	\$	1,673.10
TOTAL	\$	14,543.10

PAYABLE TO: WILLIAM HARPER

HST/GST Registration #81998 6902 RT00001

<u>COST CLAIM DETAILS:</u>		<u>ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD</u>			
NAME:	BILL HARPER	HOURLY RATE:	\$330		
SERVICE:	CONSULTANT	YEARS EXPERIENCE:	40		
FILE #:	EB-2020-0026	PROCESS:	HALTON HILLS HYDRO INC. 2021 COS APPLICATION		
	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>SUB TOTAL</u>
INTERROGATORIES					
PREPARATION	22/10/2020	6.75	Draft IRs	\$ 330.00	\$ 2,227.50
	23/10/2020	0.75	Draft IRs	\$ 330.00	\$ 247.50
	28/10/2020	0.50	Review IRs/Share with EP	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00
ADR-SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE					
PREPARATION	27/11/2020	0.75	Review IRRs	\$ 330.00	\$ 247.50
	29/11/2020	0.50	Review IRRs	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00
	30/11/2020	5.00	ADR Notes	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,650.00
	01/12/2020	2.00	ADR Notes	\$ 330.00	\$ 660.00
	02/12/2020	3.25	Clarification Questions	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,072.50
	13/12/2020	2.50	ADR Prep	\$ 330.00	\$ 825.00
	14/12/2020	0.50	Prep	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00
	15/12/2020	0.75	Prep	\$ 330.00	\$ 247.50
	17/12/2020	0.75	Prep	\$ 330.00	\$ 247.50
	18/12/2020	0.50	Prep	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00
SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL	28/01/2021	1.50	Review Draft	\$ 330.00	\$ 495.00
	29/01/2021	0.75	Review Draft	\$ 330.00	\$ 247.50
	29/02/2021	0.75	Review Draft #2	\$ 330.00	\$ 247.50
	29/01/2021	0.25	Call with HHI re LF	\$ 330.00	\$ 82.50
ATTENDANCE	14/12/2020	3.50	Split with MG	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,155.00
	15/12/2020	1.75	Split with MG	\$ 330.00	\$ 577.50
	16/12/2020	2.00	Split with MG	\$ 330.00	\$ 660.00
	18/12/2020	2.25	Split with MG	\$ 330.00	\$ 742.50
	21/12/2020	1.25	Split with MG	\$ 330.00	\$ 412.50
OTHER CONFERENCES					
PREPARATION	25/03/2021	0.50	Review DRO	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00
SUB-TOTAL		39.00			\$12,870.00
HST (13%)					\$1,673.10
TOTAL					\$14,543.10

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COST CLAIM FOR HEARINGS



Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

File # EB- 2020-0026

Process: Halton Hills Hydro Inc.

Party: VECC

Service Provider Name: Mark Garner

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="31"/>
Articling Student/Paralegal <input type="checkbox"/>		
Consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Hourly Rate: <input type="text" value="\$330"/>
Analyst <input type="checkbox"/>		
For Consultant/Analyst: <input type="checkbox"/> CV attached	HST Rate Charged (enter %): <input type="text" value="3.9%"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV provided within previous 24 months		

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	16.5	\$ 330.00	\$ 5,445.00	\$ 214.53	\$ 5,659.53
Responses	2.0	\$ 330.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 686.00
Issues Conference					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ADR - Settlement Conference					
Preparation	20.0	\$ 330.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 260.04	\$ 6,860.04
Attendance	12.0	\$ 330.00	\$ 3,960.00	\$ 156.02	\$ 4,116.02
Proposal Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Argument					
Preparation	3.0	\$ 330.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 39.01	\$ 1,029.01
Oral Hearing					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Conferences					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Case Management		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES			\$ 17,655.00	\$ 695.61	\$ 18,350.61

INVOICE #	HHHI0026						Mark C Garner
Date	April 5, 2021						647 Broadway
Client:	PIAC-VECC						Toronto, On
File:	EB-2020-0026						M4G 2S8
Period covering:	October 7, 2020 -April 1, 2021						
Billable Hours	53.50	@	Rate	\$330.00	HRs	\$17,655.00	
Disbursements Detail	N/A						n/a
HST No. No. 87831 4327 RT001		@	Rate	13%	HST	\$2,295.15	
Total						\$19,950.15	

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

Disbursement	Date	Hrs	Code	Description
	October 7, 2020	0.50	IRP	Intervention and initial file review
	October 30, 2020	1.00	IRP	Start Review and Irs/Notes
	October 31, 2020	4.50	IRP	Review Application - Exhibit 1, 2
	November 1, 2020	5.25	IRP	Review Application Exhibit 2, 4
	November 2, 2020	5.25	IRP	Review Application 9-10/1-5:15 finalize
	November 25, 2020	2.00	IRR	Review IRR responses
	November 27, 2020	2.50	ADP	Review IRR responses
	November 30, 2020	3.00	ADP	Develop ADR Positions - review PIAC
	December 11, 2020	0.00	ADP	IRR response review and ADR file " 1hr no charge
	December 12, 2020	5.75	ADP	ADR notes
	December 13, 2020	7.50	ADP	IRR and ADR update ADR notes PIAC/ 9am - 8:45pm
	December 14, 2020	3.50	ADA	ADR Day 1: 9:30-5:15pm - 30 min lunch= 7.00/50% split with BH
	December 15, 2020	2.75	ADA	ADR Day 2: 9:15-11:45 / 4:15-5:15 = 3.50 / 50% BH + 1 hr reviewing coc issues after conference
	December 16, 2020	2.25	ADA	ADR Day 3: 9-11:30 / 12:30 - 2:30pm=4.5/ 50% split with BH
	December 18, 2020	2.25	ADA	ADR Day 4: 12:45 - 5:15 = 4.5 /50% split with BH
	December 21, 2020	1.25	ADA	ADR Day 5: 1-3:30=2.5hrs /50% split with BH
	January 29, 2021	1.00	ADP	Review Draft Settlement Agreement
	February 6, 2021	0.25	ADP	Review Draft 2
	March 3, 2021	2.75	ARG	Submission on outstanding Issue
	April 1, 2020	0.25	ARG	DRO Review /
	TOTAL	53.50		