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June 21, 2021

VIA E-MAIL –8 pages
PIAC File # 6873

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

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: EB-2020-0020 Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation
Cost Claim Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

As per the Decision and Order we have enclosed the cost claim of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) 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: Espanola - Tyler Kasubeck - tyler.kasubeck@ssmpuc.com
Counsel - John Vellone - jvellone@blg.com

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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>2020-0020</u>	Process: <u>Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation</u>
Party: <u>VECC</u>	Affiant's Name: <u>Donna Brady</u>
HST Number: <u>13059 2405 RP 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 JUNE 21, 2021,
(date)



Commissioner for taking Affidavits

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Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements

File # EB- 2020-0020 Process: Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation

Party: VECC

Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

Legal/consultant/other fees	\$	12,952.50
Disbursements	\$	-
HST	\$	510.33
Total Cost Claim	\$	13,462.83

Payment Information

Make cheque payable to: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

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

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Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed



File # EB- <u>2020-0020</u>	Process: <u>Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation</u>
Party: <u>VECC</u>	Service Provider Name: <u>William Harper</u>

SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Counsel <input type="checkbox"/> Articling Student/Paralegal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Analyst	Year Called to Bar <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience <div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">38</div>	Hourly Rate: <div style="border: 1px solid black; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">\$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; padding: 2px;">3.9%</div>		

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	3.75	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,237.50	\$ 48.76	\$ 1,286.26
Responses		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Issues Conference					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ADR - Settlement Conference					
Preparation	3.75	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,237.50	\$ 48.76	\$ 1,286.26
Attendance	6.0	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 78.01	\$ 2,058.01
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	0.5	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 171.50
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Case Management		\$ 170.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES			\$ 5,115.00	\$ 201.53	\$ 5,316.53

<u>COST CLAIM DETAILS:</u>		<u>ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD</u>				
NAME:	BILL HARPER	HOURLY RATE:		\$330		
SERVICE:	CONSULTANT	YEARS EXPERIENCE:		40		
FILE #:	EB-2020-0020	PROCESS:	ESPANOLA 2021 COS APPLICATION			
	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>SUB TOTAL</u>	
INTERROGATORIES						
PREPARATION	22/02/2021	0.50	Review Application	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00	
	23/02/2021	2.75	Draft IRs	\$ 330.00	\$ 907.50	
	04/03/2021	0.50	Edit for Staff IRs	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00	
ADR-SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE						
PREPARATION	30/03/2021	1.50	ADR Notes	\$ 330.00	\$ 495.00	
	31/03/2021	1.25	ADR Notes	\$ 330.00	\$ 412.50	
	06/04/2021	1.00	Clarification Questions	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00	
ATTENDANCE	14/04/2021	3.00	Spilt with MG	\$ 330.00	\$ 990.00	
	15/04/2021	2.25	Spilt with MG	\$ 330.00	\$ 742.50	
	16/04/2021	0.75	Spilt with MG	\$ 330.00	\$ 247.50	
SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL	29/04/2021	1.00	Review Draft #1	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00	
	09/05/2021	0.50	Review Draft #2	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00	
OTHER CONFERENCES						
PREPARATION	29/03/2021	0.50	Review IRR/Issue List	\$330.00	\$165.00	
SUB-TOTAL		15.50			\$5,115.00	
HST (13%)					\$664.95	
TOTAL					\$5,779.95	

WILLIAM O. HARPER

**107 BAKER AVE, RICHMOND HILL
ONTARIO L4C 1X5**

TELEPHONE: 905-883-1727

Email: bharper.consultant@bell.net

June 21, 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. 2021016

For Professional Services rendered re: VECC's participation in EB-2020-0020
(Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation – 2021 Cost of Service
Application)

Services (see attached)	\$	5,115.00
HST (13%)	\$	664.95
TOTAL	\$	5,779.95

PAYABLE TO: WILLIAM HARPER

HST/GST Registration #81998 6902 RT00001

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Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

File # EB- <u>2020-0020</u>	Process: <u>Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation</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>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> </div> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p>Year Called to Bar</p> <p><input type="text"/></p> </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience</p> <p><input type="text" value="31"/></p> </div> </div>	
<p>For Consultant/Analyst: <input type="checkbox"/> CV attached HST Rate Charged (enter %): <input type="text" value="3.9%"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV provided within previous 24 months</p>	
<p>Hourly Rate: <input type="text" value="\$330"/></p>	

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	8.75	\$ 330.00	\$ 2,887.50	\$ 113.77	\$ 3,001.27
Responses	3.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 39.01	\$ 1,029.01
Issues Conference					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ADR - Settlement Conference					
Preparation	5.75	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,897.50	\$ 74.76	\$ 1,972.26
Attendance	6.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 78.01	\$ 2,058.01
Proposal Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Argument					
Preparation	0.25	\$ 330.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 3.25	\$ 85.75
Oral Hearing					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Conferences					
Preparation		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Case Management			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES			\$ 7,837.50	\$ 308.80	\$ 8,146.30

INVOICE #	ERHDC0020	Mark C Garner 647 Broadway Toronto, On M4G 2S8				
Date	June 20, 2021					
Client:	PIAC-VECC					
File:	ESPANOLA REGIONAL HYDRO EB-2020-0020					
Period covering:	January 29, 2021	May 21, 2021				
Billable Hours	23.75	@	Rate	\$330.00	HRs	\$7,837.50
Disbursements	N/A					n/a
HST No. No. 87831 4327 RT001		@	Rate	13%	HST	\$1,018.88
Total						\$8,856.38

TERM: Payable upon receipt of payment from the client net of service charges

Please make amounts payable to Mark C. Garner.

Detailed Dockets

Espanola Regional Hydro – EB-2020-0020

Date	Hrs	Code	Description
January 29, 2021	0.50	IRP	Initial review/intervention/
March 7, 2021	2.00	IRP	Review Application - interrogatories - notes
March 8, 2021	3.75	IRP	Review Application - interrogatories - notes
March 9, 2021	2.50	IRP	Review Application - interrogatories - notes
April 12, 2021	3.00	IRR	Review IR responses - notes for ADR
April 13, 2021	4.00	ADP	Complete ADR notes and position re PIAC/VECC
April 14, 2021	3.00	ADA	Day 1 9:30-4:30 - 1 hr lunch: Share with BH 6hrs/2
April 15, 2021	2.25	ADA	Day 2 9am-11:30/2pm-4:45: Share with BH 4:5 hrs/2
April 16, 2021	0.75	ADA	Day 3 9:30-11am Share with BH 1.5/2
April 29, 2021	1.25	ADP	Review 1st draft of settlement
May 10, 2021	0.50	ADP	Final version review
May 21, 2021	0.25	ARG	Review Staff Submission
TOTAL			
	23.75		