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Our File: EB20200020

Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
27th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M4P 1E4

Attn: Christine Long, Registrar

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: EB-2020-0020 – Espanola 2021 Rates – SEC Cost Claim

We are counsel to the School Energy Coalition ("SEC"). Enclosed, please find SEC's cost claim in this matter on the Board's form with accompanying detailed dockets.

This proceeding was the establishment of rates for the Applicant for its 2021 rate year. It involved interrogatories and an ADR with a complete settlement of all of the issues. It was somewhat complicated by the lengthy time since the Applicant's last rebasing, the outsourcing of some of the administration to another utility, and the acquisition by, and upcoming merger with, North Bay Hydro.

Senior counsel Jay Shepherd took the lead on this matter. Co-counsel Mark Rubenstein's time to assist has not been claimed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours very truly,
Shepherd Rubenstein Professional Corporation

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Jay Shepherd", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jay Shepherd

cc: Ted Doherty, SEC (by email)
Interested Parties (by email)

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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-	2020-0020	Process:	Espanola 2021 Rates
Party:	School Energy Coalition	Affiant's Name:	Mark Rubenstein
HST Number:	83673-5464-RT0001	HST Rate Ontario:	13.00%
	Full Registrant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Qualifying Non-Profit	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Unregistered <input type="checkbox"/>	Tax Exempt	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other <input type="checkbox"/>		

Affidavit

I, **Mark Rubenstein**, of the City/Town of **Toronto**
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 **Toronto (via videoconference)**,
in the Province/State of **Ontario**, on **6/24/2021**,
(date)

Commissioner for taking Affidavits

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Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements

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File # EB- 2020-0020

Process: Espanola 2021 Rates

Party: School Energy Coalition

Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

Legal/consultant/other fees	\$	11,748.00
Disbursements	\$	-
HST	\$	1,527.24
Total Cost Claim	\$	13,275.24

Payment Information

Make cheque payable to: Shepherd Rubenstein Professional Corporation, in trust

Send payment to this address: 2200 Yonge Street
Suite 1302
Toronto, Ontario
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Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

File # EB- <u>2020-0020</u>	Process: <u>Espanola 2021 Rates</u>
Party: <u>School Energy Coalition</u>	Service Provider Name: <u>Jay Shepherd</u>

SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE (check one)	Year Called to Bar	Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience	
Legal Counsel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1980	41	
Articling Student/Paralegal <input type="checkbox"/>			
Consultant <input type="checkbox"/>			Hourly Rate: \$330
Analyst <input type="checkbox"/>			
For Consultant/Analyst: <input type="checkbox"/> CV attached			HST Rate Charged (enter %): 13.0%
<input 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	9.9	\$ 330.00	\$ 3,267.00	\$ 424.71	\$ 3,691.71
Responses	3.6	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,188.00	\$ 154.44	\$ 1,342.44
Issues Conference					
Preparation	1.0	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 42.90	\$ 372.90
Attendance		\$ 330.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ADR - Settlement Conference					
Preparation	5.7	\$ 330.00	\$ 1,881.00	\$ 244.53	\$ 2,125.53
Attendance	12.7	\$ 330.00	\$ 4,191.00	\$ 544.83	\$ 4,735.83
Proposal Preparation	2.7	\$ 330.00	\$ 891.00	\$ 115.83	\$ 1,006.83
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			\$ 11,748.00	\$ 1,527.24	\$ 13,275.24

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Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

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Process: Espanola 2021 Rates

Party: School Energy Coalition

Service Provider Name: Jay Shepherd

Statement of Disbursements Being Claimed			
	Net Cost	HST	Total
Scanning/Photocopy			\$ -
Printing		\$ -	\$ -
Courier			\$ -
Telephone/Fax			\$ -
Transcripts			\$ -
Travel: Air			\$ -
Travel: Car			\$ -
Travel: Rail			\$ -
Travel (Other):			\$ -
Parking			\$ -
Taxi			\$ -
Accommodation			\$ -
Meals			\$ -
Other:			\$ -
Other:			\$ -
Other:			\$ -
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:			
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Date	Explanation	Lwyr	Hours
20200629	Review proportionate review letter and provide detailed comments, Review past cases, Many emails, Review VECC comments	JCS	2.0
20200720	Review response from utility, Draft and send response, Various emails	JCS	0.4
20200724	Review final letter	JCS	0.1
20200729	Review applicants letter, Draft, revise and file letter to Board, Many emails	JCS	1.4
20200820	Review utility letter	JCS	0.3
20200908	Review OEB letter	JCS	0.1
20210127	Various emails. Review notice	JCS	0.2
20210129	Initial review of Application, Revise and file Notice of Intervention	JCS	0.9
20210131	Review evidence	JCS	1.5
20210212	Review PO #1 and scheduling	JCS	0.3
20210213	Email from Board, Check notes	JCS	0.1
20210303	Review Staff interrogatories	JCS	0.3
20210305	Review evidence, Rate impact calculations, Draft and file interrogatories	JCS	3.3
20210325	Initial review of responses to interrogatories	JCS	0.6
20210329	Review draft issues lists, Various emails	JCS	0.2
20210330	Various emails	JCS	0.1
20210405	Review issues list filing	JCS	0.1
20210407	Review VECC clarification questions	JCS	0.2
20210409	Review issues list decision, Many emails, Review Staff clarification questions	JCS	0.4
20210411	Review application and IRR	JCS	2.0
20210412	Many emails	JCS	0.2
20210413	Prep for ADR, Review IRR, Many emails	JCS	4.5
20210414	Attend at ADR, Many emails, Review additional evidence, Review promissory note, Review responses to clarification questions, Prep	JCS	6.3
20210415	Attend at ADR, Many emails, Review additional evidence	JCS	6.4
20210416	Attend at ADR, Many emails	JCS	1.0
20210428	Initial review	JCS	0.2
20210429	Review draft agreement, Email response	JCS	1.2
20210430	Many emails, Review Staff comments	JCS	0.4
20210510	Review and final sign-off, Many emails	JCS	0.4
20210511	Many emails	JCS	0.1
20210512	Review correction filing	JCS	0.1
20210517	Review Staff submission	JCS	0.2
20210519	Review letter	JCS	0.1
			35.6

11748.00

1527.24

13275.24