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September 29, 2021

VIA E-MAIL 8 pages
PIAC File # 6885

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

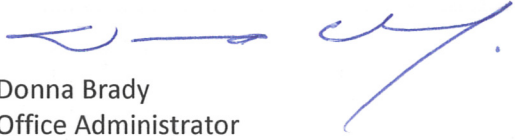
Dear Ms. Long:

Re: **EB 2020-0043 –North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited**
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: NBHDL – Michael Roth – mroth@northbayhydro.com
Counsel – John Vellone – jvellone@blg.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.

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| File # EB- <u>EB-2020-0043</u> | Process: <u>North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited</u> |
| Party: <u>Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition</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 Sept. 29-2021
(date)



Commissioner for taking Affidavits

Ontario Energy Board
COST CLAIM FOR HEARINGS
Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements



File # EB- EB-2020-0043 Process: North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited

Party: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Legal/consultant/other fees | \$ | 28,215.00 |
| Disbursements | | |
| HST | \$ | 1,111.67 |
| Total Cost Claim | \$ | 29,326.67 |

Payment Information

Make cheque payable to: Public Interest Advocacy Centre

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

Ontario Energy Board

COST CLAIM FOR HEARINGS



Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

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|-----------------------------|--|
| File # EB- <u>2020-0043</u> | Process: <u>North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited</u> |
| Party: <u>VECC</u> | Service Provider Name: <u>William Harper</u> |

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|---|--|---|--|
| SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE (check one) Legal Counsel <input type="checkbox"/> Articling Student/Paralegal <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Analyst <input type="checkbox"/> For Consultant/Analyst: <input type="checkbox"/> CV attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV provided within previous 24 months | Year Called to Bar <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> | Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">38</div> | Hourly Rate: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">\$330</div> HST Rate Charged (enter %): <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; text-align: center; margin: 0 auto;">3.9%</div> |
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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 | 6.0 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 1,980.00 | \$ 78.01 | \$ 2,058.01 |
| Responses | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Issues Conference | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Attendance | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| ADR - Settlement Conference | | | | | |
| Preparation | 4.75 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 1,567.50 | \$ 61.76 | \$ 1,629.26 |
| Attendance | 4.0 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 1,320.00 | \$ 52.01 | \$ 1,372.01 |
| Proposal Preparation | 2.0 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 660.00 | \$ 26.00 | \$ 686.00 |
| Argument | | | | | |
| Preparation | 3.5 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 1,155.00 | \$ 45.51 | \$ 1,200.51 |
| Oral Hearing | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Attendance | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Other Conferences | | | | | |
| Preparation | 1.5 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 495.00 | \$ 19.50 | \$ 514.50 |
| Attendance | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Case Management | | \$ 170.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES | | | \$ 7,177.50 | \$ 282.79 | \$ 7,460.29 |

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>COST CLAIM DETAILS:</u> | | | <u>ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD</u> | | |
| NAME: | BILL HARPER | HOURLY RATE: | \$330 | | |
| SERVICE: | CONSULTANT | YEARS EXPERIENCE: | 40 | | |
| FILE #: | EB-2020-0043 | PROCESS: | NORTH BAY 2021 COS APPLICATION | | |
| | <u>DATE</u> | <u>HOURS</u> | <u>DETAILS</u> | <u>HOURLY RATE</u> | <u>SUB TOTAL</u> |
| INTERROGATORIES | | | | | |
| PREPARATION | 05/03/2021 | 4.75 | Draft IRs | \$ 330.00 | \$ 1,567.50 |
| | 06/03/2021 | 1.00 | Draft IRs | \$ 330.00 | \$ 330.00 |
| | 09/03/2021 | 0.25 | Finalize IRs | \$ 330.00 | \$ 82.50 |
| ADR-SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE | | | | | |
| PREPARATION | 09/04/2021 | 3.50 | ADR Notes | \$ 330.00 | \$ 1,155.00 |
| | 11/04/2021 | 1.25 | Clarification Questions | \$ 330.00 | \$ 412.50 |
| ATTENDANCE | 20/04/2021 | 2.25 | Attend - Split with MG | \$ 330.00 | \$ 742.50 |
| | 21/04/2021 | 1.75 | Attend - Split with MG | \$ 330.00 | \$ 577.50 |
| SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL | 06/05/2021 | 1.00 | Review Draft | \$ 330.00 | \$ 330.00 |
| | 07/05/2021 | 0.50 | Review Draft | \$ 330.00 | \$ 165.00 |
| | 14/05/2021 | 0.50 | Review Draft #2 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 165.00 |
| OTHER CONFERENCES | | | | | |
| PREPARATION | 05/04/2021 | 0.75 | Review Issue List | \$330.00 | \$247.50 |
| PREPARATION | 16/09/2021 | 0.75 | Review DRO-No Issues | \$330.00 | \$247.50 |
| ARGUMENT | | | | | |
| PREPARATION | 19/06/2021 | 0.50 | Draft Arg | \$330.00 | \$165.00 |
| | 30/06/2021 | 2.50 | Draft Arg | \$330.00 | \$825.00 |
| | 09/07/2021 | 0.50 | Finalize | \$330.00 | \$165.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | 21.75 | | | \$7,177.50 |
| HST (13%) | | | | | \$933.08 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$8,110.58 |

WILLIAM O. HARPER

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

TELEPHONE: 905-883-1727

Email: bharper.consultant@bell.net

September 27, 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. 2021020

For Professional Services rendered re: VECC's participation in EB-2020-0043
(North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd's 2021 Rate Application)

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Services (see attached) | \$ | 7,177.50 |
| HST (13%) | \$ | 933.08 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 8,110.58 |

PAYABLE TO: WILLIAM HARPER

HST/GST Registration #81998 6902 RT00001

Ontario Energy Board

COST CLAIM FOR HEARINGS



Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

File # EB- EB-2020-0043

Process: North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited

Party: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

Service Provider Name: Mark Garner

SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE (check one)

- ☐ Legal Counsel
☐ Articling Student/Paralegal
☒ Consultant
☐ Analyst

Year Called to
Bar

Completed Years
Practising/Years of Relevant
Experience

Hourly Rate:

For Consultant/Analyst: ☐ CV attached

HST Rate Charged (enter %):

☒ 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 | 13.0 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 4,290.00 | \$ 169.03 | \$ 4,459.03 |
| Responses | 6.75 6.8 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 2,227.50 | \$ 87.76 | \$ 2,315.26 |
| Issues Conference | | | | | |
| Preparation | 2.0 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 660.00 | \$ 26.00 | \$ 686.00 |
| Attendance | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| ADR - Settlement Conference | | | | | |
| Preparation | 7.75 7.8 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 2,557.50 | \$ 100.77 | \$ 2,658.27 |
| Attendance | 5.75 5.8 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 1,897.50 | \$ 74.76 | \$ 1,972.26 |
| Proposal Preparation | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Argument | | | | | |
| Preparation | 13.25 13.3 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 4,372.50 | \$ 172.28 | \$ 4,544.78 |
| Oral Hearing | | | | | |
| Preparation | 7.25 7.3 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 2,392.50 | \$ 94.26 | \$ 2,486.76 |
| Attendance | 7.5 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 2,475.00 | \$ 97.52 | \$ 2,572.52 |
| Other Conferences | | | | | |
| Preparation | 0.5 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 165.00 | \$ 6.50 | \$ 171.50 |
| Attendance | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Case Management | | \$ 170.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES | | | \$ 21,037.50 | \$ 828.88 | \$ 21,866.38 |

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|------------------|------------------------------------|---|------|----------|-----|---------------|--|
| INVOICE # | NBHD0043 | | | | | Mark C Garner | |
| Date | September 27, 2021 | | | | | 647 Broadway | |
| Client: | PIAC-VECC | | | | | Toronto, On | |
| File: | NORTH BAY HYDRO EB-2020-0043 | | | | | M4G 2S8 | |
| Period covering: | January 27, 2021 September 9, 2021 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Billable Hours | 63.75 | @ | Rate | \$330.00 | HRs | \$21,037.50 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Disbursements | N/A | | | | | n/a | |
| Detail | | | | | | | |
| HST No. | | @ | Rate | 13% | HST | \$2,734.88 | |
| No. 87831 4327 | | | | | | | |
| RT001 | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | \$23,772.38 | |

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

Detailed Dockets North Bay Hydro EB-2020-0043

| Date | Hrs | Code | Description |
|-------------------|--------------|------|--|
| January 27, 2021 | 0.50 | IRP | Review and intervention draft - PIAC filed Feb 5/20 |
| March 10, 2021 | 4.25 | IRP | Review Ex 1-2 |
| March 11, 2021 | 4.00 | IRP | Review Ex 4,5,6,9 |
| March 12, 2021 | 4.25 | IRP | Finalize IRs 9am-3pm |
| April 7, 2021 | 0.75 | ICP | Issues List emails and discussion |
| April 16, 2021 | 1.25 | ICP | Issues List Submission |
| April 18, 2021 | 6.25 | IRR | IR Review and ADR Preparation |
| April 19, 2021 | 6.75 | ADP | ADR Preparation |
| April 20, 2021 | 4.00 | ADA | Day 1 ADR 9:30-3/1 hr lunch = 4.5 50% share with BH=2.25 + /4-4:45 = / notes after session ended = 1.75hrs |
| April 21, 2021 | 1.75 | ADA | Day 2 ADR 9:00am-10:30/brk/1:30-3 /4-4:45: Total 4hrs 50% share BH |
| May 9, 2021 | 0.50 | ADP | Review first draft of agreement |
| May 14, 2021 | 0.25 | ADP | Various email on circulating draft/review of blackline changes from FH |
| May 25, 2021 | 0.25 | ADP | Review Staff Comments on ADR Agreement |
| May 29, 2021 | 0.25 | IRR | Review new benchmarking evidence - no IRs |
| June 4, 2021 | 0.25 | IRR | NBHDL letter of poles |
| June 21, 2021 | 7.25 | HRP | Prepare cross-examination and hearing notes |
| June 22, 2021 | 7.50 | HRA | Day 1 Hearing Start 9am -4:45pm /final notes |
| July 2, 2021 | 0.25 | ARG | Review Hearing Undertakings |
| July 11, 2021 | 0.50 | ARG | Review NBDHL AIC/make notes for argument |
| July 13, 2021 | 4.25 | ARG | Start argument draft/re PIAC/incorporate BH sections |
| July 14, 2021 | 7.50 | ARG | 10am-2pm/4pm-6pm/8pm-11:30pm |
| July 29, 2021 | 0.75 | ARG | Read 68 page reply argument of NBH |
| September 9, 2021 | 0.50 | OCP | Read Board Decision - report |
| TOTAL | 63.75 | | |