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January 7, 2022

VIA E-MAIL – 8 pages

PIAC File # 6898

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

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: OEB EB 2021-0076 – OEB Small Utilities Working Group
Cost Claim 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.

Thank you.

Donna Brady
Office Administrator

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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.

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| File # EB- <u>2021-0076</u> | Process: <u>OEB Small Utility Working Group</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 JANUARY 7, 2022
(date)



Commissioner for taking Affidavits

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Affidavit and Summary of Fees and Disbursements



File # EB- 2021-0076

Process: OEB Small Utility Working Group

Party: Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition

Summary of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

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|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Legal/consultant/other fees | \$ | 15,840.00 |
| Disbursements | \$ | - |
| HST | \$ | 624.10 |
| Total Cost Claim | \$ | 16,464.10 |

Payment Information

Make cheque payable to: Public Interest Advocacy Centre

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

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Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

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| File # EB- <u>2021-0076</u> | Process: <u>OEB Small Utility Working Group</u> |
| Party: <u>Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition</u> | Service Provider Name: <u>William Harper</u> |

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| SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE (check one) | Year Called to Bar | Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience |
| Legal Counsel <input type="checkbox"/> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;">38</div> |
| 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: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">\$330</div> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV provided within previous 24 months | | HST Rate Charged (enter %): <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; text-align: center;">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 | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Responses | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Issues Conference | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Attendance | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| ADR - Settlement Conference | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Attendance | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Proposal Preparation | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Argument | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Oral Hearing | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Attendance | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Other Conferences | | | | | |
| Preparation | 5.00 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 1,650.00 | \$ 65.01 | \$ 1,715.01 |
| Attendance | 9.50 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 3,135.00 | \$ 123.52 | \$ 3,258.52 |
| Case Management | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES | | | \$ 4,785.00 | \$ 188.53 | \$ 4,973.53 |

WILLIAM O. HARPER

107 BAKER AVE, RICHMOND HILL

ONTARIO L4C 1X5

TELEPHONE: 905-883-1727

Email: bharper.consultant@bell.net

January 6, 2022

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. 2022003

For Professional Services rendered re: VECC's participation in EB-2021-0076
(OEB Work Group – Small Utility Filing Guidelines)

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|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Services (see attached) | \$ | 4,785.00 |
| HST (13%) | \$ | 622.05 |
| TOTAL | \$ | 5,407.05 |

PAYABLE TO: WILLIAM HARPER

HST/GST Registration #81998 6902 RT00001

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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-2021-0076 | | PROCESS: | SMALL UTILITY FILING GUIDELINES | |
| | <u>DATE</u> | <u>HOURS</u> | <u>DETAILS</u> | <u>HOURLY RATE</u> | <u>SUB TOTAL</u> |
| OTHER CONFERENCES | | | | | |
| PREPARATION | | | | | |
| | 26/05/2021 | 1.00 | Prepare for Mtg. | \$ 330.00 | \$ 330.00 |
| | 21/07/2021 | 1.00 | Prepare for Mtg. | \$ 330.00 | \$ 330.00 |
| | 12/08/2021 | 0.50 | Prepare for Mtg. | \$ 330.00 | \$ 165.00 |
| | 12/10/2021 | 1.50 | Review Chpt 2 Draft | \$ 330.00 | \$ 495.00 |
| | 09/11/2021 | 1.00 | Review Draft | \$ 330.00 | \$ 330.00 |
| ATTENDANCE | | | | | |
| WorkGroup Meeting | 27/05/2021 | 1.00 | Attend Mtg - Split with MG | \$ 330.00 | \$ 330.00 |
| WorkGroup Meeting | 22/07/2021 | 3.50 | Attend Mtg | \$ 330.00 | \$ 1,155.00 |
| WorkGroup Meeting | 12/08/2021 | 1.50 | Attend Mtg. - Split with MG | \$ 330.00 | \$ 495.00 |
| WorkGroup Meeting | 02/11/2021 | 3.50 | Attend Mtg. - Split with MG | \$ 330.00 | \$ 1,155.00 |
| SUB-TOTAL | | 14.50 | | | \$4,785.00 |
| HST (13%) | | | | | \$622.05 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$5,407.05 |

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Detail of Fees and Disbursements Being Claimed

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| File # EB- <u>2021-0076</u> | Process: <u>OEB Small Utility Working Group</u> |
| Party: <u>Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition</u> | Service Provider Name: <u>Mark Garner</u> |

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| SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE (check one) | Year Called to Bar | Completed Years Practising/Years of Relevant Experience |
| Legal Counsel <input type="checkbox"/> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">31</div> |
| 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: <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">\$330</div> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV provided within previous 24 months | | HST Rate Charged (enter %): <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">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 | | | | | |
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| Proposal Preparation | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Argument | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Oral Hearing | | | | | |
| Preparation | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Attendance | | \$ 330.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Other Conferences | | | | | |
| Preparation | 11.25 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 3,712.50 | \$ 146.27 | \$ 3,858.77 |
| Attendance | 22.25 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 7,342.50 | \$ 289.29 | \$ 7,631.79 |
| Case Management | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES | | | \$ 11,055.00 | \$ 435.57 | \$ 11,490.57 |

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| INVOICE # | OESUWG0076 | Mark C Garner | | | | |
| Date | January 6, 2022 | 647 Broadway | | | | |
| Client: | PIAC-VECC | Toronto, On | | | | |
| File: | SMALL UTILITY WORKING GROUP | M4G 2S8 | | | | |
| Period covering: | May 25, 2021 - December 17, 2021 | EB-2021-0076 | | | | |
| Billable Hours | 33.50 | @ | Rate | \$330.00 | HRs | \$11,055.00 |
| Disbursements | N/A | | | | | n/a |
| HST No. | | @ | Rate | 13% | HST | \$1,437.15 |
| No. 87831 43xx | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | \$12,492.15 |

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

Detailed Dockets EB-2021-0076

| Date | Hrs | Code | Description |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------|--|
| May 25, 2021 | 0.75 | OCP | Review Material from Manuela prior to meeting |
| May 27, 2021 | 3.00 | OCA | MEETING No. 1 9:30 - 1:30 BH partial time (left around 11am) |
| June 3, 2021 | 0.50 | OCP | Review meeting notes and comments back to Jane |
| June 19, 2021 | 0.75 | OCP | Review Manuela material for next meeting |
| June 23, 2021 | 1.50 | OCA | MEETING No.2 Late for meeting - on at 12:00-12:30/1:15-2:15 |
| June 24, 2021 | 3.25 | OCA | MEETING No. 2b 1-4pm |
| July 7, 2021 | 0.50 | OCP | Review material sent out prior to 25th meeting |
| July 8, 2021 | 3.75 | OCA | MEETING No. 3: 9am -12:45 |
| July 10, 2021 | 1.00 | OCP | Review meeting minutes/other meeting |
| July 22, 2021 | .0 | OCA | MEETING No. 4- not in attendance BH attended, this meeting alone |
| August 9, 2021 | 0.75 | OCP | Review materials prior to meeting |
| August 12, 2021 | 1.50 | OCA | MEETING No.5: 1-4pm = 3hrs shared 50% with BH |
| August 26, 2021 | 0.75 | OCA | MEETING No. 6 : 9 am - 10 /review material prior to meeting - not attendance - emails |
| Sept 14, 2021 | 0.25 | OCP | Review of Staff Presentation |
| September 20, 2021 | 0.75 | OCP | Review materials prior to meeting |
| September 23, 2021 | 4.25 | OCA | MEETING No. 7 : 9 am to 1:15pm |
| October 13, 2021 | 1.75 | OCP | Review Chapter 2 and provide edits - emails |
| October 14, 2021 | 1.25 | OCP | Review of Chapter 2 with comments |
| October 27, 2021 | 0.75 | OCP | Prepare for meeting |
| October 29, 2021 | 0.25 | OCP | Assorted email traffic comments |
| November 2, 2021 | 3.00 | OCA | MEETING No. 8 : 10:00 am - 4:30 /30 min lunch 50% BH = 6/2=3 with BH |
| November 10, 2021 | 0.75 | OCP | Chapter 2 Review |
| November 14, 2021 | 0.50 | OCP | Chapter 5 review |
| November 25, 2021 | 0.50 | OCP | Call with working groupd 1:30 - 2pm |
| December 7, 2021 | 1.25 | OCA | Staff Presentation 9:30-10:50 |
| December 15, 2021 | 0.25 | OCP | Review threshold issue and get back to group |
| TOTAL | 33.50 | | |