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Sent by Email

December 12, 2022

Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
27th Floor
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4
Attention: Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: EB-2022-0013 – Application for rates and other charges to be effective January 1, 2023 by Alectra Utilities Corporation – SBUA Cost Claim

We submit this letter together with the Small Business Utility Alliance (SBUA)'s claim to recover costs in this proceeding.

We respectfully submit that the overall costs claimed by SBUA are reasonable and should be reimbursed in full. We note the following in particular:

1. SBUA's participation

- a. This was SBUA's second intervention. It provided a unique perspective not otherwise covered by other interveners – that of small businesses – which are a large stakeholder and yet had not previously been represented.
- b. In our submission, SBUA (i) participated responsibly in the process, (ii) contributed to a better understanding by the Board of one or more of the issues in the process, (iii) complied with the Board's orders, and rules, codes, guidelines, filing requirements, among others, and (iv) made reasonable efforts to ensure that its participation in the process was not unduly repetitive.
- c. In addition to the comments set out above, we note the hours claimed in different categories also covered other activities such as communication with the client and other parties, activities required given the nature of the proceeding.

2. Attachments:

According to the above, attached are the next documents:

- a. Invoice issued by E&E Law Corp to SBUA
- b. Invoice issued by Savoie Laporte to SBUA
- c. Savoie Laporte time docket
- d. James Birkelund's time docket
- e. Myriam Seer's resume
- f. Sebastian Melo's resume
- g. James Birkelund's resume

Yours truly,

Myriam Seers

cc. All parties in EB-2022-0013

EB-2022-0013 : 1 : Sebastian Melo

COST CLAIM NUMBER 977	SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE December 12, 2022	CLAIM STATUS Approved by Finance
EB# EB-2022-0013: Rates: Distribution: Alectra Utilities Corporation	OTHER EB#S	PHASE #* 1
INTERVENOR Melo, Sebastian; +1 (416) 886-7154 sebastian.melo@savoielaporte.com	INTERVENOR COMPANY* Small Business Utility Alliance , Elora: Cooperative	INTERVENOR TYPE Unregistered
HST RATE ONTARIO 13.00	EXCHANGE RATE	COUNTRY Canada
HST NUMBER	LATE SUBMISSION ALLOWED No	EXTENSION DEADLINE DATE

PARTICIPANTS

New	Non-Filing Participant First, Last Name	Filing Participant	Participant Total (\$)	Claim Status
No	,	Seers, Myriam; +1 (416) 886-7154 myriam.seers@savoielaporte.com	458.78	Submitted
No	,	Birkelund, James; +1 (415) 602-6223 james@birkelundlaw.com	1,211.94	Submitted
No	,	Melo, Sebastian; +1 (416) 886-7154 sebastian.melo@savoielaporte.com	2,036.26	Submitted

ATTACHMENTS

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1212_Cover Letter- Costs Claim - Alectra.pdf			Cover Letter		
SBUA EB-2022-0013 Cost Claim 121220221044.pdf					

TOTAL LEGAL/CONSULTANT/OTHER FEES 3,280.50	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 0.00	TOTAL HST 426.48
TOTAL CLAIM 3,706.98	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED	

REASON FOR DISALLOWANCE	REASON FOR DISALLOWANCE - 2	REASON FOR DISALLOWANCE - 3
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MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO
Myriam Seers Law PC

SEND PAYMENT TO ADDRESS
2 Grange Place
Toronto ON
M5T 1Z5

ATTENTION
Myriam Seers

SUBMIT SECTION
I am a representative of the Party. I have examined all of the documentation in support of this cost claim. The costs incurred and time spent are directly related to the Party's participation in the OEB Process referred to above.

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 section 6.05 and 6.09 of the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

The information (fees and disbursements) filed in this cost claim is complete and accurate and in accordance with the OEB's Practice Direction for Cost Awards and Appendix A, the Cost Awards Tariff.

SUBMITTED BY Sebastian Melo	DATE SUBMITTED December 12, 2022
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Myriam Seers

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FILING PARTICIPANT Seers, Myriam; +1 (416) 886-7154 myriam.seers@savoielaporte.com	NEW PARTICIPANT No	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT F. NAME	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT L. NAME
SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE Legal Counsel	YEAR CALLED TO BAR 2008	COMPLETED YEARS PRACTICING/YEARS OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE 14	HOURLY RATE 290
CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST) CV Attached	LAST CV DATE December 12, 2022		HST RATE CHARGED 13.00
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Discovery						
Preparation of Interrogatories	0.50	290	145.00	13.00	18.85	163.85
Review Interrogatory Responses		290		13.00		
Technical Conference Preparation		290		13.00		
Technical Conference Attendance		290		13.00		
Technical Conference Follow Up		290		13.00		
Issues List						
Preparation		290		13.00		
Attendance at Issues Conference		290		13.00		
Intervenor Evidence						
Preparation		290		13.00		
Interrogatory Responses		290		13.00		
Preparation of Witness(es) for Attendance at Hearing		290		13.00		
Settlement Conference / ADR						
Preparation		290		13.00		
Attendance		290		13.00		
Preparation of Settlement Proposal		290		13.00		
Attendance at Presentation to Panel		290		13.00		
Oral Hearing						
Preparation		290		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Hearing		290		13.00		
Submissions						
Written Submissions	0.90	290	261.00	13.00	33.93	294.93
Oral Submissions		290		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Submissions		290		13.00		
Other Attendance						
Other Attendance		290		13.00		
Communication						
With Client		290		13.00		
With Other Parties		290		13.00		
Motions						
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Confidentiality						

Preparation of Application for Confidentiality	290	13.00		
Prepare Submissions on Confidentiality	290	13.00		
Attendance at Hearing on Confidentiality	290	13.00		
Decision				
Review	290	13.00		
Rate Order				
Review	290	13.00		
Prepare Submission on Rate Order	290	13.00		
Total Service Provider Fees				
Total Service Provider Fees:	406.00	52.78	458.78	

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 Corporation ICM Proceeding (Active Only)
 Task Code = All
 View = Original
 From 01-01-2022 To 30-11-2022

Time Entries

Savoie Laporte s.e.n.c.r.l.

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Small Business Utility Alliance									
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							Timekeeper Total	10.600	1,802.00
Seers, Myriam									
11-07-2022	Pending		Billable	Seers, Myriam			0.500	290.00	145.00
	Preparing interrogatories								
23-08-2022	Pending		Billable	Seers, Myriam			0.900	290.00	261.00
	Preparing submissions								
							Timekeeper Total	1.400	406.00
							Case Total	12.000	2,208.00
							Client Total	12.000	2,208.00
							Grand Total	12.000	2,208.00

Myriam Seers

Myriam is Savoie Laporte's partner.

She joined the firm as a partner in 2021 after practising for 14 years in major Canadian business law firms. She specializes in investment treaty arbitration and international commercial arbitration, with a particular focus on disputes arising from the mining, electricity (including renewable energy), oil & gas and transportation sectors. She has experience with disputes involving projects all over the world, with a particular emphasis on Latin America. She also appears before Canadian courts in proceedings to set aside or enforce foreign arbitral awards.

Myriam is based in Toronto, Canada, a global center for the mining industry. Throughout her career, she has worked on cases involving mining projects at all phases of their life cycle, from early-stage exploration to development-stage projects to operating mines, in jurisdictions as varied as Ecuador, Mexico, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar and the Kyrgyz Republic. She has extensive experience helping clients navigate the wide variety of roadblocks that can stall or stop a mining project over the course of its life, and in fearlessly advocating on clients' behalf in an investment treaty arbitration or other dispute resolution forum when those roadblocks cannot be overcome.

Myriam also has substantial experience with disputes involving renewable energy projects, including offshore wind, onshore wind, hydroelectric and solar projects.

Myriam is ranked as a "Future Leader" by the global publication "Who's Who Legal: Arbitration" (which states that she is "truly excellent" and has "a remarkable reputation for her work on large, complex international arbitration proceedings") and "Up and Coming" by Chambers Global and Chambers Canada: Dispute Resolution (which states that she is "extremely bright and dynamic" and "attracts praise for her ability to understand and manage very complicated situations"). She works in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian.

In addition to her counsel practice, Myriam sits as an arbitrator and is part of Arbitration Place's NextGen roster of arbitrators. She has been appointed arbitrator by the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC. She is the Chair of the ICC Canada Arbitration Committee, and a frequent guest lecturer on investment treaty arbitration at Osgoode Hall Law School and McGill University. She is also coaching Osgoode's first-ever moot team to compete in a Spanish-language moot competition.

James Birkelund

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FILING PARTICIPANT Birkelund, James; +1 (415) 602-6223 james@birkelundlaw.com	NEW PARTICIPANT No	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT F. NAME	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT L. NAME
SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE Legal Counsel	YEAR CALLED TO BAR 2000	COMPLETED YEARS PRACTICING/YEARS OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE 22	HOURLY RATE 330
CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST) CV Attached	LAST CV DATE December 12, 2022		HST RATE CHARGED 13.00
HEARINGS Yes	CONSULTATIONS No	DISBURSEMENTS No	

HEARINGS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>HST Rate</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
Review Application and Evidence						
Review Application and Evidence	1.25	330	412.50	13.00	53.63	466.13
Discovery						
Preparation of Interrogatories		330		13.00		
Review Interrogatory Responses		330		13.00		
Technical Conference Preparation		330		13.00		
Technical Conference Attendance		330		13.00		
Technical Conference Follow Up		330		13.00		
Issues List						
Preparation		330		13.00		
Attendance at Issues Conference		330		13.00		
Intervenor Evidence						
Preparation		330		13.00		
Interrogatory Responses		330		13.00		
Preparation of Witness(es) for Attendance at Hearing		330		13.00		
Settlement Conference / ADR						
Preparation		330		13.00		
Attendance		330		13.00		
Preparation of Settlement Proposal		330		13.00		
Attendance at Presentation to Panel		330		13.00		
Oral Hearing						
Preparation		330		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Hearing		330		13.00		
Submissions						
Written Submissions	1.25	330	412.50	13.00	53.63	466.13
Oral Submissions		330		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Submissions		330		13.00		
Other Attendance						
Other Attendance		330		13.00		
Communication						
With Client		330		13.00		
With Other Parties		330		13.00		
Motions						
Preparation of Motion(s) Materials		330		13.00		
Prepare Submissions on the Motion(s)		330		13.00		
Attendance at Hearing on Motion(s)		330		13.00		
Confidentiality						

Preparation of Application for Confidentiality		330		13.00		
Prepare Submissions on Confidentiality		330		13.00		
Attendance at Hearing on Confidentiality		330		13.00		
Decision						
Review	0.75	330	247.50	13.00	32.18	279.68
Rate Order						
Review		330		13.00		
Prepare Submission on Rate Order		330		13.00		
Total Service Provider Fees						
Total Service Provider Fees:			1,072.50		139.44	1,211.94

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Time Docket for James Birkelund: EB-2022-0013
EB-2022-0013 - Alectra Utilities Corporation ICM

Issue Identification

- 1 Review Application and Evidence
- 2 Discovery
- 3 Issue List
- 4 Intervenor Evidence
- 5 Stmt Conference / ADR
- 6 Oral Hearing
- 7 Submissions
- 8 Other Attendance
- 10 Communications
- 11 Motions
- 12 Confidentiality
- 13 Decision
- 14 Rate Order

Date	Descriptions	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6/2/2022	Confer w M. Seers re intervention	0.25	0.25													
6/21/2022	Advise client rep on SBUA interests and intervention	0.5														
6/21/2022	Review NOI.	0.25	0.25									0.25				
6/27/2022	Read Proc Order #1 granting int status.	0.25	0.25													
6/28/2022	Confer w client rep re the same.	0.25										0.25				
7/11/2022	Skim ROGs	0.25		0.25												
8/23/2022	Rev SBUA written submission	0.25							0.25							
8/25/2022	Rev othe parties' Submissions.	0.25							0.25							
9/15/2022	Read Alectra Reply Submission re small business issues.	0.5							0.5							
10/12/2022	Rev Procedural Order No. 2 re addn info	0.25	0.25													
11/17/2022	Confer w client rep re final decision	0.5										0.5				
	Totals:	3.5	1	0.25					1			1				

Sebastian Melo

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SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE Legal Counsel	YEAR CALLED TO BAR 2017	COMPLETED YEARS PRACTICING/YEARS OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE 5	HOURLY RATE 170
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Review Application and Evidence						
Review Application and Evidence	0.80	170	136.00	13.00	17.68	153.68
Discovery						
Preparation of Interrogatories	4.30	170	731.00	13.00	95.03	826.03
Review Interrogatory Responses		170		13.00		
Technical Conference Preparation		170		13.00		
Technical Conference Attendance		170		13.00		
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Preparation		170		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Hearing		170		13.00		
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Written Submissions	4.10	170	697.00	13.00	90.61	787.61
Oral Submissions		170		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Submissions		170		13.00		
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Decision						
Review	1.40	170	238.00	13.00	30.94	268.94
Rate Order						
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Sebastián Melo

Sebastián is associate of Savoie Laporte.

He focuses his practice on foreign investment protection law and international arbitration. He has experience advising Canadian companies with mining and other types of projects in Latin America and elsewhere with respect to foreign investment protections and representing them in investor-state arbitrations, including before the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

He has more than five years of experience representing different international companies before international and domestic (Colombian) arbitral tribunals. Since 2019, he has been on the Arbitral Tribunal Secretaries Roster of the Bogotá's Chamber of Commerce Arbitration and Conciliation Center and has acted as arbitral tribunal secretary in more than ten cases.

He is a lawyer admitted to practice in Colombia, has postgraduate studies in commercial law, completed a specialized course for Arbitral Tribunal Secretaries, and is currently pursuing studies in Global Business Management.

Before joining the firm, Sebastián was an associate at a Colombian firm where he focused his practice on commercial litigation in different jurisdictions and sectors, especially in the mining and energy sector. In 2016, he was a semifinalist in the Inter-American Human Rights Competition at the American University – Washington College of Law.

Sebastián is fluent in English and Spanish.