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September 28, 2023

OEB VIA – RESS

Ms. Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON
M4P 1E4

PIAC File # 6996

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2023-0041 – Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.
Cost Claim Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

On behalf of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) we have enclosed VECC cost claim with respect to the above-noted proceeding.

We have also forward copy to the Applicant via email.

Thank you.

Donna Brady
Office Administrator

Cc: - NOTL – Jeff Klassen - jklassen@notlhydro.com

EB-2023-0041 : 1 : Donna Brady

COST CLAIM NUMBER
1650

SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE
October 02, 2023

CLAIM STATUS
Approved by Finance

EB#
EB-2023-0041: Rates: Distribution:
Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.

OTHER EB#S

PHASE #*
1

INTERVENOR
Brady, Donna; +1 (613) 562-4002 x.121
dbrady@piac.ca

INTERVENOR COMPANY*
Vulnerable Energy Consumers
Coalition, Toronto:

INTERVENOR TYPE
Qualifying Non-Profit

HST RATE ONTARIO
3.94

EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY

HST NUMBER
130592405RT0001

LATE SUBMISSION ALLOWED
No

EXTENSION DEADLINE DATE

PARTICIPANTS

New	Non-Filing Participant First, Last Name	Filing Participant	Total (\$)	Total Hours	Participant Claim Status
No	,	Grice, Shelley; +1 (647) 880-9942 shelley.grice@rogers.com	12,691.07	37.00	Submitted
No	,	Harper, Bill; +1 (416) 348-0193 bharper.consultant@bell.net	6,345.52	18.50	Submitted

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment	Document Type	Import Message
Cover Letter EB 2023-0041.pdf	Cover Letter	
VECC EB-2023-0041 Cost Claim 092820231208.pdf		

TOTAL LEGAL/CONSULTANT/OTHER FEES
18,315.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
0.00

TOTAL HST
721.59

TOTAL CLAIM
19,036.59

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

TOTAL HOURS CLAIMED
55.50

TOTAL HOURS DISALLOWED

REASON FOR
DISALLOWANCE

REASON FOR
DISALLOWANCE - 2

REASON FOR
DISALLOWANCE - 3

MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO
Public Interest Advocacy Centre

SEND PAYMENT TO ADDRESS
2-285 McLeod Street
Ottawa, ON
K2P1A1

ATTENTION
Donna Brady

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
Donna Brady

DATE SUBMITTED
September 28, 2023

CASE EB-2023-0041: Rates: Distribution: Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.	COST CLAIM EB-2023-0041 : 1 : Donna Brady	INTERVENOR NAME Brady, Donna; +1 (613) 562-4002 x.121 dbrady@piac.ca	PARTICIPANT CLAIM STATUS Submitted
FILING PARTICIPANT Grice, Shelley; +1 (647) 880-9942 shelley.grice@rogers.com	NEW PARTICIPANT No	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT F. NAME	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT L. NAME
SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE* Consultant	YEAR CALLED TO BAR*	COMPLETED YEARS PRACTICING/YEARS OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE* 24	HOURLY RATE 330
HST RATE CHARGED* 3.94	CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST) CV Provided within Previous 24 Months	LAST CV DATE February 16, 2022	OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE No
HST NUMBER 130592405RT0001	HEARINGS Yes	CONSULTATIONS No	DISBURSEMENTS No

HEARINGS

Hearings Hours		Hearings Subtotal (\$)		Hearings Total Tax (\$)		Hearings Total (\$)	
37.00		12,210.00		481.07		12,691.07	
<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	2.00	330	660.00	3.94	26.00	686.00	
DISCOVERY							
Preparation of Interrogatories	11.00	330	3,630.00	3.94	143.02	3,773.02	
Review Interrogatory Responses	4.00	330	1,320.00	3.94	52.01	1,372.01	
Technical Conference Preparation		330		3.94			
Technical Conference Attendance		330		3.94			
Technical Conference Follow Up		330		3.94			
ISSUES LIST							
Preparation	0.25	330	82.50	3.94	3.25	85.75	
Attendance at Issues Conference		330		3.94			
INTERVENOR EVIDENCE							
Preparation		330		3.94			
Interrogatory Responses		330		3.94			
Preparation of Witness(es) for Attendance at Hearing		330		3.94			
SETTELEMENT CONFERENCE / ADR							
Preparation	5.50	330	1,815.00	3.94	71.51	1,886.51	
Attendance	11.00	330	3,630.00	3.94	143.02	3,773.02	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>HST Rate</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
Preparation of Settlement Proposal	2.75	330	907.50	3.94	35.76	943.26
Attendance at Presentation to Panel		330		3.94		
ORAL HEARING						
Preparation		330		3.94		
Attendance at Oral Hearing		330		3.94		
SUBMISSIONS						
Written Submissions		330		3.94		
Oral Submissions		330		3.94		
Attendance at Oral Submissions		330		3.94		
OTHER ATTENDANCE						
Other Attendance		330		3.94		
COMMUNICATION						
With Client		330		3.94		
With Other Parties		330		3.94		
MOTIONS						
Preparation of Motion(s) Materials		330		3.94		
Prepare Submissions on the Motion(s)		330		3.94		
Attendance at Hearing on Motion(s)		330		3.94		
CONFIDENTIALITY						
Preparation of Application for Confidentiality		330		3.94		
Prepare Submissions on Confidentiality		330		3.94		
Attendance at Hearing on Confidentiality		330		3.94		
DECISION						
Review		330		3.94		
RATE ORDER						
Review	0.50	330	165.00	3.94	6.50	171.50
Prepare Submission on Rate Order		330		3.94		
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES						
Total Service Provider Fees:	37.00		12,210.00		481.07	12,691.07

Attachments

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Shelley Grice			
PROJECT TIME SHEET		DATE	INVOICE
EB-2023-0041 Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc. Cost of Service Application - 2024 Rates		2023-09-27	#V23-07
DATE	TASK DESCRIPTION	CHARGE TYPE	Hours
2023-06-12	Review Issues List in last Cost of Service Proceeding; discuss w/B. Harper; emails	Issues List - Preparation	0.25
2023-06-14	Review application & evidence	Review Application & Evidence	2.00
2023-06-15	Review & consider application; prepare interrogatories	Preparation of Interrogatories	3.00
2023-06-22	Review & consider application; prepare interrogatories; Review Issues List	Preparation of Interrogatories	3.75
2023-06-26	Review & consider application; prepare interrogatories; Review 2019 COS evidence	Preparation of Interrogatories	2.25
2023-06-27	Review & consider application; prepare interrogatories	Preparation of Interrogatories	2.00
2023-07-23	Review & consider interrogatory responses; Review VECC ADR Questions	Review of Interrogatories	1.75
2023-07-25	Review & consider interrogatory responses; Call w/SEC; Review OEB Staff & SEC ADR questions; File VECC Part 2 ADR Clarification Questions	Review of Interrogatories	2.25
2023-07-31	Prepare for Settlement Conference; Call w/SEC; Review notes for ADR; Call w/B. Harper; Review NOTL reply to clarification questions	Settlement Conference - Preparation	2.75
2023-08-01	Prepare for Settlement Conference; analysis; prepare notes	Settlement Conference - Preparation	2.25
2023-08-02	Attend Settlement Conference; emails B. Harper	Settlement Conference - Attendance	6.00
2023-08-03	Attend Settlement Conference	Settlement Conference - Attendance	5.00
2023-08-03	Call w/ M. Garner; emails	Settlement Conference - Preparation	0.50
2023-08-11	Review draft Settlement Proposal	Preparation of Settlement Proposal	1.50
2023-08-12	Finalize review of draft Settlement Proposal; Call w/SEC	Preparation of Settlement Proposal	0.50
2023-08-17	Review comments on Draft Settlement Proposal	Preparation of Settlement Proposal	0.25
2023-08-22	Review draft Settlement Proposal	Preparation of Settlement Proposal	0.50
TBD	Review Draft Rate Order (as per OEB Decision) - coordinate w/B. Harper	Review of Rate Order	0.50
		Total	37.00

From: **Shelley Grice**

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
Invoice # V23-07

September 27, 2023

TO: VULNERABLE ENERGY CONSUMERS COALITION
c/o Public Interest Advocacy Centre
2- 285 McLeod Street
Ottawa, ON
K2P 1A1

Re: EB 2023-0041
Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)
Cost Claim

For Services Rendered in the above-noted matter.

RATE: \$330.00 per hour

To receipt, review, preparation, filing, attending on behalf of VECC in the above-noted proceeding.

TO: Hours

37.0 Hours @ \$330.00 per hour	12,210.00
HST @ 13%	<u>1,587.73</u>
TOTAL	13,797.73

Shelley Grice
HST # 817042757 RT0001

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HST RATE CHARGED* 3.94	CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST) CV Provided within Previous 24 Months	LAST CV DATE November 22, 2021	OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE No
HST NUMBER 130592405RT0001	HEARINGS Yes	CONSULTATIONS No	DISBURSEMENTS No

HEARINGS

Hearings Hours		Hearings Subtotal (\$)		Hearings Total Tax (\$)		Hearings Total (\$)	
18.50		6,105.00		240.52		6,345.52	
<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	1.00	330	330.00	3.94	13.00	343.00	
DISCOVERY							
Preparation of Interrogatories	4.00	330	1,320.00	3.94	52.01	1,372.01	
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Preparation of Witness(es) for Attendance at Hearing		330		3.94			
SETTELEMENT CONFERENCE / ADR							
Preparation	6.25	330	2,062.50	3.94	81.26	2,143.76	
Attendance	2.00	330	660.00	3.94	26.00	686.00	

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Preparation of Settlement Proposal	2.25	330	742.50	3.94	29.25	771.75
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ORAL HEARING						
Preparation		330		3.94		
Attendance at Oral Hearing		330		3.94		
SUBMISSIONS						
Written Submissions		330		3.94		
Oral Submissions		330		3.94		
Attendance at Oral Submissions		330		3.94		
OTHER ATTENDANCE						
Other Attendance	1.00	330	330.00	3.94	13.00	343.00
COMMUNICATION						
With Client		330		3.94		
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COST CLAIM DETAILS:		ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD				
NAME:	BILL HARPER	HOURLY RATE:	\$330			
SERVICE:	CONSULTANT	YEARS EXPERIENCE:	40			
FILE #:	EB-2023-0041	PROCESS:	NOTL 2024 Rates			
	DATE	HOURS	DETAILS	HOURLY RATE	SUB TOTAL	
REVIEW APPLICATION & EVIDENCE						
- Review Appl. & Evid	12/06/2023	1.00	Review Application	\$330.00	\$ 330.00	
DISCOVERY						
- Preparation of Interr.	13/06/2023	1.00	Draft IRs	\$330.00	\$ 330.00	
	14/06/2023	2.75	Draft IRs	\$330.00	\$ 907.50	
	15/06/2023	0.25	Finalize IRs	\$330.00	\$ 82.50	
- Review Interr. Resp.	17/07/2023	0.75	Review IRRs	\$330.00	\$ 247.50	
	18/07/2023	0.25	Review IRRs	\$330.00	\$ 82.50	
ISSUES LIST						
- Preparation	12/06/2023	0.25	Comment on Draft	\$330.00	\$ 82.50	
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE/ADR						
- Preparaton	18/07/2023	3.25	ADR Notes	\$330.00	\$ 1,072.50	
	19/07/2023	1.25	ADR Notes/Clarif Questions	\$330.00	\$ 412.50	
	20/07/2023	0.50	Clarification Questions	\$330.00	\$ 165.00	
	28/07/2023	0.75	Review Resp/A. Frank call	\$330.00	\$ 247.50	
	31/07/2023	0.50	Call with Shelley G.	\$330.00	\$ 165.00	
- Attendance	02/08/2023	2.00	Attendance - split with SG	\$330.00	\$ 660.00	
- Prep. Of Settl Prop.	09/08/2023	0.75	Review SP Draft #1	\$330.00	\$ 247.50	
	10/08/2023	0.50	Review/Provide Comments	\$330.00	\$ 165.00	
	13/08/2023	0.25	Discuss SP with SEC	\$330.00	\$ 82.50	
	23/08/2023	0.50	Review SP Draft #2	\$330.00	\$ 165.00	
	24/08/2023	0.25	Review SP Draft #3	\$330.00	\$ 82.50	
OTHER ATTENDANCE						
- Other Attendance	20/04/2023	1.00	Pre-Filing Mtg	\$330.00	\$ 330.00	
DECISION						
- Review	26/09/2023	0.25	Review Decision	\$330.00	\$ 82.50	
RATE ORDER (RO)						
- Review	TBD	0.50	Review DRO per Board Dec	\$330.00	\$ 165.00	
SUB-TOTAL		18.50			\$ 6,105.00	
HST (13%)					\$ 793.65	
TOTAL					\$ 6,898.65	

WILLIAM O. HARPER

107 BAKER AVE, RICHMOND HILL

ONTARIO L4C 1X5

TELEPHONE: 905-883-1727

Email: bharper.consultant@bell.net

September 27, 2023

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. 2023012

For Professional Services rendered re: VECC's participation in EB-2023-0041
(Niagara-on-the Lake's 2024 Rate Application)

Services (see attached)	\$	6,105.00
HST (13%)	\$	793.65
TOTAL	\$	6,898.65

PAYABLE TO: WILLIAM HARPER

HST/GST Registration #81998 6902 RT00001