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December 14, 2023

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

PIAC File # 7002

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re:

EB-2023-0143 - Locates DVA Account Order

Response Letter re: Total Cost Claim of Vulnerable Energy Consumers

Coalition (VECC)

We are in receipt of email see below re: VECC Total Cost Claim

"The attached cost claim shows VECC's total claim of 7.25 hours. As per Notice & Procedural Order No. 1, the maximum time is 6 hours. If VECC's total claimed time is correct, please filed a letter addressing the reasons why the costs above the maximum amount should be awarded."

VECC response to the above-noted we thank you for your inquiry as to the reasons VECC cost claim in EB-2023-0143 exceeds the 6 hour maximum set out in the Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1 of August 1, 2023.

VECC/PIAC receives invoices from its consultants for the actual time expended on any given project. In turn VECC has sought the same amount for cost recovery. We are aware of the Board's restrictions in this proceeding. We understand the Board may make an adjustment in line with that set out in Procedural Order No.1. In that case we will make the necessary adjustments to absorb the loss.

Thank you.

John Lawford Counsel for VECC

Executive Director/General Counsel

Public Interest Advocacy Centre