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April 2, 2024

OEB VIA – RESS

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

PIAC File # 7020

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: OEB EB 2023-0052 Synergy North Corporation
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 directed a copy to the Applicant as well as their Counsel via email.

Thank you.



Donna Brady
Office Administrator

Cc: Synergy – Tim Wilson – twilson@synergynorth.ca
Counsel – John Vellone – jvellone@blg.com

EB-2023-0052 : 1 : Donna Brady

COST CLAIM NUMBER 1990	SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE April 05, 2024	CLAIM STATUS Approved by Finance
EB# EB-2023-0052: Rates: Distribution: Synergy North Corporation	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	,	Garner , Mark; +1 (647) 408-4501 markgarner@rogers.com	18,693.60	54.50	Submitted
No	,	Harper, Bill; +1 (416) 348-0193 bharper.consultant@bell.net	8,489.29	24.75	Submitted

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment	Document Type	Import Message
Cover Letter EB 2023-0052.pdf	Cover Letter	
VECC EB-2023-0052 Cost Claim 040220241411.pdf		
VECC EB-2023-0052 Cost Claim 040220241423.pdf		

TOTAL LEGAL/CONSULTANT/OTHER FEES
26,152.50

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
0.00

TOTAL HST
1,030.39

TOTAL CLAIM
27,182.89

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

TOTAL HOURS CLAIMED
79.25

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
April 02, 2024

CASE EB-2023-0052: Rates: Distribution: Synergy North Corporation	COST CLAIM EB-2023-0052 : 1 : Donna Brady	INTERVENOR NAME Brady, Donna; +1 (613) 562-4002 x.121 dbrady@piac.ca	PARTICIPANT CLAIM STATUS Submitted
FILING PARTICIPANT Garner , Mark; +1 (647) 408-4501 markgarner@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* 31	HOURLY RATE 330
HST RATE CHARGED* 3.94	CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST) CV Provided within Previous 24 Months	LAST CV DATE December 06, 2023	OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE No
HST NUMBER 130592405RT0001	HEARINGS Yes	CONSULTATIONS No	DISBURSEMENTS No

HEARINGS

Hearings Hours 54.50	Hearings Subtotal (\$) 17,985.00	Hearings Total Tax (\$) 708.60	Hearings Total (\$) 18,693.60
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>HST Rate</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
DISCOVERY						
Read and Research Application and Evidence		330		3.94		
Preparation of Interrogatories	21.00	330	6,930.00	3.94	273.04	7,203.04
Review Interrogatory Responses	11.00	330	3,630.00	3.94	143.02	3,773.02
Technical Conference Preparation		330		3.94		
Technical Conference Attendance		330		3.94		
Technical Conference Follow-up		330		3.94		
Subtotal of DISCOVERY	32.00		10,560.00		416.06	10,976.06
PROCEDURAL						
Preparation of Issues List Submission	0.50	330	165.00	3.94	6.50	171.50
Attendance at Issues List Conference		330		3.94		
Preparation for a Confidentiality Request		330		3.94		
Prepare Submissions on Confidentiality		330		3.94		
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		
Review Procedural Documents		330		3.94		

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Subtotal of PROCEDURAL	0.50		165.00		6.50	171.50
INTERVENOR EVIDENCE						
Preparation of Intervenor Evidence		330		3.94		
Interrogatory Responses		330		3.94		
Preparation of Witness(es) for Attendance at Hearing		330		3.94		
Subtotal of INTERVENOR EVIDENCE	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE						
Preparation for Settlement Conference	10.75	330	3,547.50	3.94	139.77	3,687.27
Attendance at Settlement Conference	5.50	330	1,815.00	3.94	71.51	1,886.51
Preparation of Settlement Proposal	5.00	330	1,650.00	3.94	65.01	1,715.01
Attendance at Presentation to Panel		330		3.94		
Subtotal of SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE	21.25		7,012.50		276.29	7,288.79
WRITTEN ARGUMENT						
Written Submissions		330		3.94		
Subtotal of WRITTEN ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
ORAL ARGUMENT						
Preparation for Oral Hearing		330		3.94		
Attendance at Oral Hearing		330		3.94		
Oral Submissions		330		3.94		
Attendance at Oral Submissions		330		3.94		
Subtotal of ORAL ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
DECISION						
Review Decision		330		3.94		
Review Rate/Accounting Order		330		3.94		
Prepare Submission on Rate Order		330		3.94		
Subtotal of DECISION	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
OTHER						
Other Attendance (e.g., Intervenor Conferences)	0.75	330	247.50	3.94	9.75	257.25
Subtotal of OTHER	0.75		247.50		9.75	257.25
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES						
Total Service Provider Fees	54.50		17,985.00		708.60	18,693.60

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Invoice & Timesheet MG.pdf	Time Docket and Invoice	

Hearings, Consultations, Disbursements Attachments

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SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE* Consultant	YEAR CALLED TO BAR*	COMPLETED YEARS PRACTICING/YEARS OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE* 40	HOURLY RATE 330
HST RATE CHARGED* 3.94	CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST) CV Provided within Previous 24 Months	LAST CV DATE December 06, 2023	OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE No
HST NUMBER 130592405RT0001	HEARINGS Yes	CONSULTATIONS No	DISBURSEMENTS No

HEARINGS

Hearings Hours 24.75	Hearings Subtotal (\$) 8,167.50	Hearings Total Tax (\$) 321.79	Hearings Total (\$) 8,489.29
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>HST Rate</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
DISCOVERY						
Read and Research Application and Evidence	1.75	330	577.50	3.94	22.75	600.25
Preparation of Interrogatories	7.75	330	2,557.50	3.94	100.77	2,658.27
Review Interrogatory Responses	1.00	330	330.00	3.94	13.00	343.00
Technical Conference Preparation		330		3.94		
Technical Conference Attendance		330		3.94		
Technical Conference Follow-up		330		3.94		
Subtotal of DISCOVERY	10.50		3,465.00		136.52	3,601.52
PROCEDURAL						
Preparation of Issues List Submission	0.25	330	82.50	3.94	3.25	85.75
Attendance at Issues List Conference		330		3.94		
Preparation for a Confidentiality Request		330		3.94		
Prepare Submissions on Confidentiality		330		3.94		
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		
Review Procedural Documents		330		3.94		

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>HST Rate</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
Subtotal of PROCEDURAL	0.25		82.50		3.25	85.75
INTERVENOR EVIDENCE						
Preparation of Intervenor Evidence		330		3.94		
Interrogatory Responses		330		3.94		
Preparation of Witness(es) for Attendance at Hearing		330		3.94		
Subtotal of INTERVENOR EVIDENCE	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE						
Preparation for Settlement Conference	6.75	330	2,227.50	3.94	87.76	2,315.26
Attendance at Settlement Conference	5.50	330	1,815.00	3.94	71.51	1,886.51
Preparation of Settlement Proposal	1.50	330	495.00	3.94	19.50	514.50
Attendance at Presentation to Panel		330		3.94		
Subtotal of SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE	13.75		4,537.50		178.77	4,716.27
WRITTEN ARGUMENT						
Written Submissions		330		3.94		
Subtotal of WRITTEN ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
ORAL ARGUMENT						
Preparation for Oral Hearing		330		3.94		
Attendance at Oral Hearing		330		3.94		
Oral Submissions		330		3.94		
Attendance at Oral Submissions		330		3.94		
Subtotal of ORAL ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
DECISION						
Review Decision	0.25	330	82.50	3.94	3.25	85.75
Review Rate/Accounting Order		330		3.94		
Prepare Submission on Rate Order		330		3.94		
Subtotal of DECISION	0.25		82.50		3.25	85.75
OTHER						
Other Attendance (e.g., Intervenor Conferences)		330		3.94		
Subtotal of OTHER	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES						
Total Service Provider Fees	24.75		8,167.50		321.79	8,489.29

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March 30, 2024

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. 2024007

For Professional Services rendered re: VECC's participation in EB-2023-0052
(Synergy North 2024 Rates)

Services (see attached)	\$	8,167.50
HST (13%)	\$	1,061.78
TOTAL	\$	9,229.28

PAYABLE TO: WILLIAM HARPER

HST/GST Registration #81998 6902 RT00001

