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April 11, 2024

OEB VIA – RESS

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

PIAC File # 7022

Dear Ms. Marconi:

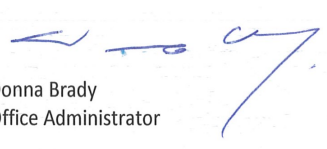
**Re: EB 2023-0229 – Very Small Utilities Working Group Report to the OEB
Cost Claim Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC)**

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

VECC is submitting its claim for the project EB-2023-0229, its contributions to the Very Small Work Group Report. The attached invoices provided by our consultants exceed the maximum of \$10,000 allowed by the Board in its letter of August 31, 2023. VECC recognizes that it agreed to join this project under the cost recovery limitations set out by the Board in its letter. Therefore our actual claim is for the maximum amount of \$10,000.

We thank the Board for the opportunity to participate in this important step in developing cost effective regulation for the smallest of the electricity distributors in the Province.

Thank you.


Donna Brady
Office Administrator

EB-2023-0229 : 1 : Donna Brady

COST CLAIM NUMBER
2016

SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE
April 11, 2024

CLAIM STATUS
Approved by Finance

EB#
EB-2023-0229: Initiatives: Regulatory Direction
and Oversight: Ontario Energy Board

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	6,945.81	20.25	Submitted
No	,	Harper, Bill; +1 (416) 348-0193 bharper.consultant@bell.net	6,774.31	19.75	Submitted

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment	Document Type	Import Message
Cover Letter EB 2023-0229 April 11-2024.pdf	Cover Letter	
VECC EB-2023-0229 Cost Claim 041120241504.pdf		

TOTAL LEGAL/CONSULTANT/OTHER FEES
13,200.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
0.00

TOTAL HST
520.12

TOTAL CLAIM
13,720.12

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

TOTAL HOURS CLAIMED
40.00

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 11, 2024

CASE EB-2023-0229: Initiatives: Regulatory Direction and Oversight: Ontario Energy Board	COST CLAIM EB-2023-0229 : 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 April 11, 2024	OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE No
HST NUMBER 130592405RT0001	HEARINGS No	CONSULTATIONS Yes	DISBURSEMENTS No

CONSULTATION

Consultation		Consultations		Consultations		Consultations	
Hours		Subtotal (\$)		Total Tax (\$)		Total (\$)	
20.25		6,682.50		263.31		6,945.81	

<u>Description</u>	<u>Maximum</u> <u>Hours</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>HST Rate</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 Working group meeting #1 - September 8, 2023	4.00		330		3.94		
2 Working group meeting #2 - September 22, 2023	3.00	1.75	330	577.50	3.94	22.75	600.25
3 Working group meeting #3 - October 6, 2023	4.00	3.00	330	990.00	3.94	39.01	1,029.01
4 Working group meeting #4 - October 23, 2023	4.00	3.00	330	990.00	3.94	39.01	1,029.01
5 Working group meeting #5 - November 6, 2023	4.00	3.25	330	1,072.50	3.94	42.26	1,114.76
6 Working group meeting #6 - December 4, 2023	4.00	3.00	330	990.00	3.94	39.01	1,029.01
7 Working group meeting #7 - December 20, 2023	4.00	3.25	330	1,072.50	3.94	42.26	1,114.76
8 Working group meeting #8 - January 19, 2024	4.00	3.00	330	990.00	3.94	39.01	1,029.01
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HST NUMBER 130592405RT0001	HEARINGS No	CONSULTATIONS Yes	DISBURSEMENTS No

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19.75		6,517.50		256.81		6,774.31	

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WILLIAM O. HARPER

107 BAKER AVE, RICHMOND HILL

ONTARIO L4C 1X5

TELEPHONE: 905-883-1727

Email: bharper.consultant@bell.net

April 8, 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. 2024008

For Professional Services rendered re: VECC's participation in EB-2023-0229
(Very Small Utilities Work Group)

Services (see attached)	\$	7,920.00
HST (13%)	\$	1,029.60
TOTAL	\$	8,949.60

PAYABLE TO: WILLIAM HARPER

HST/GST Registration #81998 6902 RT00001

<u>COST CLAIM DETAILS:</u>			<u>ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD</u>				
NAME:	BILL HARPER		HOURLY RATE:		\$330		
SERVICE:	CONSULTANT		YEARS EXPERIENCE:		40		
FILE #:	EB-2023-0229		PROCESS:	VERY SMALL UTILITY WORK GROUP			
		<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>	<u>SUB TOTAL</u>	
OTHER CONFERENCES							
PREPARATION							
		21/09/2023	0.50	Prep for 1st Mtg.	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00	
		22/10/2023	0.75	Mtg Prep	\$ 330.00	\$ 247.50	
		18/11/2023	1.00	Review Draft Reports	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00	
		15/01/2024	1.00	Review Sample DSP	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00	
		16/01/2024	0.50	Review Draft Materials	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00	
		07/02/2024	0.50	Review Draft Materials	\$ 330.00	\$ 165.00	
ATTENDANCE							
		WorkGroup Meeting	22/09/2023	1.75	Meeting	\$ 330.00	\$ 577.50
		WorkGroup Meeting	06/10/2023	3.00	Meeting	\$ 330.00	\$ 990.00
		WorkGroup Meeting	23/10/2023	3.00	Meeting	\$ 330.00	\$ 990.00
		WorkGroup Meeting	06/11/2023	3.00	Meeting	\$ 330.00	\$ 990.00
		WorkGroup Meeting	04/12/2023	3.00	Meeting	\$ 330.00	\$ 990.00
		WorkGroup Meeting	20/12/2023	3.00	Meeting	\$ 330.00	\$ 990.00
		WorkGroup Meeting	19/01/2024	3.00	Meeting	\$ 330.00	\$ 990.00
SUB-TOTAL			24.00				\$7,920.00
HST (13%)							\$1,029.60
TOTAL							\$8,949.60