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December 6, 2024  
Our File: EB20240117

**Attn: Nancy Marconi, Registrar**

Dear Ms. Marconi:

**Re: EB-2024-0117 – Niagara Reinforcement LP – Cost Claim**

We are counsel to the School Energy Coalition (“SEC”). Attached, please find the cost claim using the OEB’s cost claim system.

For purposes of cost claim categorization, where dockets include both reviewing evidence and preparing interrogatories, or reviewing interrogatory responses and preparing for the Settlement Conference, we have allocated 50% to each specific category activity. As a practical matter, each set of activities are done at the same time and so cannot be readily extricable (e.g. we are preparing IRs as we review the evidence).

Unique to this proceeding is that there are significant commonalities with the EB-2024-0117 application. On that basis, time spent regarding discussions with Hydro One staff (on behalf of Niagara Reinforcement LP) that also dealt with the EB-2024-0116 application were allocated 50% to each proceeding.

SEC submits that its participation in this proceeding was thorough and valuable and was designed to maximize its assistance to the OEB in this matter. SEC therefore requests reimbursement of its reasonably incurred costs as set out in its cost claim which is commensurate with the scope of the issues, and the role that it took in this proceeding.

Yours very truly,  
**Shepherd Rubenstein P.C.**

Mark Rubenstein

cc: Brian McKay, SEC (by email)  
Applicant (by email)

# EB-2024-0117 : 1 : Mark Rubenstein

COST CLAIM NUMBER  
2410

SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE  
December 09, 2024

CLAIM STATUS  
Approved by Finance

EB#  
EB-2024-0117: Rates: Transmission: Niagara  
Reinforcement Limited Partnership

OTHER EB#S

PHASE #\*  
1

INTERVENOR  
Rubenstein, Mark; +1 (647) 483-0113  
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INTERVENOR COMPANY\*  
School Energy Coalition, Toronto:  
Corporation

INTERVENOR TYPE  
Full Registrant

HST RATE ONTARIO  
13.00

EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY

HST NUMBER  
83673 5464 RT0001

LATE SUBMISSION ALLOWED  
No

EXTENSION DEADLINE DATE

## PARTICIPANTS

<u>New</u>	<u>Non-Filing Participant First, Last Name</u>	<u>Filing Participant</u>	<u>Total (\$)</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Participant Claim Status</u>
No	,	Rubenstein, Mark; +1 (647) 483-0113 mark@shepherdubenstein.com	3,277.00	10.00	Submitted

## ATTACHMENTS

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Import Message</u>
NRLP Cover Letter.pdf	Cover Letter	
SEC EB-2024-0117 Cost Claim 120620241140.pdf		

TOTAL LEGAL/CONSULTANT/OTHER FEES  
2,900.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS  
0.00

TOTAL HST  
377.00

TOTAL CLAIM  
3,277.00

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

TOTAL HOURS CLAIMED  
10.00

TOTAL HOURS DISALLOWED

REASON FOR  
DISALLOWANCE

REASON FOR  
DISALLOWANCE - 2

REASON FOR  
DISALLOWANCE - 3

MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO  
Shepherd Rubenstein Professional Corporation, in trust

SEND PAYMENT TO ADDRESS

ATTENTION

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**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**  
Mark Rubenstein

**DATE SUBMITTED**  
December 06, 2024

<b>CASE</b> EB-2024-0117: Rates: Transmission: Niagara Reinforcement Limited Partnership	<b>COST CLAIM</b> EB-2024-0117 : 1 : Mark Rubenstein	<b>INTERVENOR NAME</b> Rubenstein, Mark; +1 (647) 483-0113 mark@shepherdrubenstein.c om	<b>PARTICIPANT CLAIM STATUS</b> Submitted
<b>FILING PARTICIPANT</b> Rubenstein, Mark; +1 (647) 483-0113 mark@shepherdrubenstein.com	<b>NEW PARTICIPANT</b> No	<b>NON-FILING PARTICIPANT F. NAME</b>	<b>NON-FILING PARTICIPANT L. NAME</b>
<b>SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE*</b> Legal Counsel	<b>YEAR CALLED TO BAR*</b> 2011	<b>COMPLETED YEARS PRACTICING/YEARS OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE*</b> 12	<b>HOURLY RATE</b> 290
<b>HST RATE CHARGED*</b> 13.00	<b>CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST)</b> CV Required	<b>LAST CV DATE</b>	<b>OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE</b> No
<b>HST NUMBER</b> 83673 5464 RT0001	<b>HEARINGS</b> Yes	<b>CONSULTATIONS</b> No	<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b> No

**HEARINGS**

<b>Hearings Hours</b> 10.00	<b>Hearings Subtotal (\$)</b> 2,900.00	<b>Hearings Total Tax (\$)</b> 377.00	<b>Hearings Total (\$)</b> 3,277.00
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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>
<b>DISCOVERY</b>						
Read and Research Application and Evidence	1.10	290	319.00	13.00	41.47	360.47
Preparation of Interrogatories	1.00	290	290.00	13.00	37.70	327.70
Review Interrogatory Responses	0.70	290	203.00	13.00	26.39	229.39
Technical Conference Preparation		290		13.00		
Technical Conference Attendance		290		13.00		
Technical Conference Follow-up		290		13.00		
<b>Subtotal of DISCOVERY</b>	<b>2.80</b>		<b>812.00</b>		<b>105.56</b>	<b>917.56</b>
<b>PROCEDURAL</b>						
Preparation of Issues List Submission	0.20	290	58.00	13.00	7.54	65.54
Attendance at Issues List Conference		290		13.00		
Preparation for a Confidentiality Request		290		13.00		
Prepare Submissions on Confidentiality		290		13.00		
Preparation of Motion(s) Materials		290		13.00		
Prepare Submissions on the Motion(s)		290		13.00		
Attendance at Hearing on Motion(s)		290		13.00		
Review Procedural Documents	0.50	290	145.00	13.00	18.85	163.85

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>HST Rate</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Subtotal of PROCEDURAL</b>	<b>0.70</b>		<b>203.00</b>		<b>26.39</b>	<b>229.39</b>
<b>INTERVENOR EVIDENCE</b>						
Preparation of Intervenor Evidence		290		13.00		
Interrogatory Responses		290		13.00		
Preparation of Witness(es) for Attendance at Hearing		290		13.00		
<b>Subtotal of INTERVENOR EVIDENCE</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE</b>						
Preparation for Settlement Conference	1.70	290	493.00	13.00	64.09	557.09
Attendance at Settlement Conference	1.70	290	493.00	13.00	64.09	557.09
Preparation of Settlement Proposal	2.70	290	783.00	13.00	101.79	884.79
Attendance at Presentation to Panel		290		13.00		
<b>Subtotal of SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE</b>	<b>6.10</b>		<b>1,769.00</b>		<b>229.97</b>	<b>1,998.97</b>
<b>WRITTEN ARGUMENT</b>						
Written Submissions		290		13.00		
<b>Subtotal of WRITTEN ARGUMENT</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>ORAL ARGUMENT</b>						
Preparation for Oral Hearing		290		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Hearing		290		13.00		
Oral Submissions		290		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Submissions		290		13.00		
<b>Subtotal of ORAL ARGUMENT</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>DECISION</b>						
Review Decision	0.10	290	29.00	13.00	3.77	32.77
Review Rate/Accounting Order	0.30	290	87.00	13.00	11.31	98.31
Prepare Submission on Rate Order		290		13.00		
<b>Subtotal of DECISION</b>	<b>0.40</b>		<b>116.00</b>		<b>15.08</b>	<b>131.08</b>
<b>OTHER</b>						
Other Attendance (e.g., Intervenor Conferences)		290		13.00		
<b>Subtotal of OTHER</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES</b>						
<b>Total Service Provider Fees</b>	<b>10.00</b>		<b>2,900.00</b>		<b>377.00</b>	<b>3,277.00</b>

## Attachments

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Import Message</u>
EB-2024-0117 Client Fees Listing.pdf	Time Docket	

## Hearings, Consultations, Disbursements Attachments

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Claim Type</u>	<u>Import Message</u>
EB-2024-0117 Client Fees Listing.pdf	Time Docket	Hearings	

Date	Explanation	Lwyr	Hours
20240621	review Application/p. call w. S. Grice	MR	0.2
20240716	complete Intervenor Form/emails	MR	0.2
20240719	review PO	MR	0.2
20240722	review issues list/emails	MR	0.1
20240723	review issues letter	MR	0.1
20240731	emails	MR	0.1
20240802	review Application, consider issues and draft IRs	MR	1.5
20240820	edit, finalize and file IRs, review other parties IRs	MR	0.3
20240821	emails	MR	0.1
20240909	emails	MR	0.1
20240913	emails/p. call. H. AR (Hydro One)	MR	0.1
20240916	review IRR/prepare for Settlement Conference	MR	0.6
20240919	review IRR/attend Settlement Conference	MR	0.8
20240922	prepare for Settlement Conference/p. call w. S. Grice	MR	0.1
20240922	prepare for Settlement Conference/p. call w. S. Grice	MR	0.5
20240923	prepare for Settlement Conference	MR	0.2
20240924	attend Settlement Conference	MR	1.7
20240925	emails	MR	0.1
20241005	review SP and provide edits and comments	MR	0.5
20241007	emails	MR	0.1
20241009	emails	MR	0.1
20241010	consolidated edits and comments and return to NRLP	MR	0.3
20241015	emails/review corr	MR	0.1
20241016	review next version of SP draft/emails/p. call w. S. grice (AMPCO)	MR	0.3
20241017	emails/p. call w. S. Grice x2/Zoom call with Hydro One (B2M/NRLP) and AMPCO	MR	0.4
20241018	many emails/multiple phone calls w. S. Grice (AMPCO)	MR	0.4
20241019	emails	MR	0.2
20241021	review final version of SP sign-off/emails	MR	0.1
20241028	review final version of SP and sign-off/emails	MR	0.1
20241121	review OEB Decision	MR	0.1
20241205	review draft RR and charge determinant order/review Staff submission	MR	0.3
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