

# PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE LE CENTRE POUR LA DÉFENSE DE L'INTÉRÊT PUBLIC

January 16, 2025 OEB VIA – RESS

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

**PIAC File # 7068** 

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: EB-2024-0007 Algoma Power 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 directed a copy to the Applicant as well as their counsel via email.

VECC acknowledges the OEB's letter dated April 11, 2024 which states the budget for intervenors participating in cost of service applications for utilities with less than 30,000 customers will be \$20,000 per intervenor which is approximately 60 hours of work at the rate of \$330/hour in accordance with the OEB's Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

VECC's cost claim in this proceeding exceeds the OEB's budget for Very Small Utilities with respect to hours and cost. The drivers for the increase in VECC's actual hours of work are as follows:

- Two extra days for a Settlement Conference. (The Settlement Conference was convened on September 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25)
- Complex and challenging issues to consider and settle such as:
- Understanding and application of the new Land Use Revenue Requirement Variance Account (LURR VA).
- In-service additions in 2024 and 2025 including consideration of the in-service additions of two previous ACM projects (Sault St. Marie Facility ACM project & the Echo River TS ACM project with cost overruns and schedule delays).
- Consideration of and written submissions for Issue 6.2: Is the proposal for the disposition of balances in Accounts 1588 and 1589, including the request for an order as per Section 36.1.1 of the Electricity Act, 1998 requiring the IESO to settle past Class A submissions, appropriate?

While SEC's consultant took the lead on behalf of intervenors during the settlement process, VECC participated in all aspects of the process including follow-up discussions with SEC and Board Staff on some of the above more challenging issues which took more time.

VECC submits that its participation in this proceeding was responsible and valuable in resolving certain issues and reaching settlement. VECC asks that its costs be found to be reasonably incurred.

Please note that we have MOVED and when submitting payment for cost claim please send payment to:

Payee: Public Interest Advocacy Centre 314-225 Metcalfe Street Ottawa, ON K2P 1P9

If you would like to set up payment by EFT please contact me at 613-562-4002 or via email <a href="mailto:dbrady@piac.ca">dbrady@piac.ca</a> and send me the form and I can provide our banking details.

Thank you.

Donna Brady
Office Administrator

Cc: Algoma – Oana Stefan <u>regulatoryaffairs@FortisOntario.com</u> Counsel – Michael Buonaguro – <u>mrb@mrb-law.com</u>

# EB-2024-0007: 1: Donna Brady

**CLAIM STATUS** 

COST CLAIM NUMBER SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE

2469 January 16, 2025 Approved by Finance

EB# OTHER EB#S PHASE #\*

EB-2024-0007: Rates: Distribution: Algoma Power

Inc.

INTERVENOR INTERVENOR COMPANY\* INTERVENOR TYPE
Brady, Donna; +1 (613) 562-4002 x.121 Vulnerable Energy Consumers Qualifying Non-Profit

dbrady@piac.ca Coalition, Toronto:

HST RATE ONTARIO EXCHANGE RATE COUNTRY

3.94

HST NUMBER LATE SUBMISSION ALLOWED EXTENSION DEADLINE DATE

130592405RT0001 No

**PARTICIPANTS Participant** Total (\$) Claim **Total** New Non-Filing Participant First, Last Name **Filing Participant** Hours **Status** No 37.00 12,691.08 Grice, Shelley; +1 (647) Submitted 880-9942 shelley.grice@rogers.com No 9,432.55 27.50 Harper, Bill; +1 (416) Submitted 348-0193 bharper.consultant@bell.net

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment	Document Import Message Type
VECC Cover Letter EB 2024-0007.pdf	Cover Letter
VECC EB-2024-0007 Cost Claim 011620251552.pdf	

TOTAL LEGAL/CONSULTANT/OTHER FEES 21,285.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 0.00

TOTAL HST 838.63

TOTAL CLAIM 22,123.63

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

TOTAL HOURS CLAIMED

TOTAL HOURS DISALLOWED

64.50

REASON FOR DISALLOWANCE

REASON FOR DISALLOWANCE - 2 REASON FOR DISALLOWANCE - 3

MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO Public Interest Advocacy Centre

SEND PAYMENT TO ADDRESS
PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS WE HAVE MOVED
Public Interest Advocacy Centre
314-225 Metcalfe Street
Ottawa, ON
K2P1P9

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
January 16, 2025

# **Shelley Grice**

**CASE** EB-2024-0007: Rates:

Distribution: Algoma Power Inc.

**COST CLAIM** 

EB-2024-0007:1: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** 

**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

**HST RATE CHARGED\*** 

3.94

**CV STATUS (FOR** CONSULTANT/ANALYST) CV Provided within Previous

24 Months

**LAST CV DATE** 

February 21, 2024

**OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE** 

**HOURLY RATE** 

330

No

**HST NUMBER** 130592405RT0001 **HEARINGS** 

Yes

**CONSULTATIONS** 

No

**DISBURSEMENTS** 

No

### **HEARINGS**

<b>Hearings Hours</b> 37.00	Hearings Subto 12,210.00	otal (\$)		Hearings Total 1 481.08	Tax (\$)		ngs Total (\$) ,691.08
<u>Name</u>		<u>Hours</u>	Hourly Rate	Sub Total	HST Rate	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
DISCOVERY							
Read and Research Appli Evidence	cation and	5.00	330	1,650.00	3.94	65.01	1,715.01
Preparation of Interrogato	ries	5.50	330	1,815.00	3.94	71.51	1,886.51
Review Interrogatory Resp	oonses	3.50	330	1,155.00	3.94	45.51	1,200.51
Technical Conference Pre	paration		330		3.94		
Technical Conference Atte	endance		330		3.94		
Technical Conference Foll	ow-up		330		3.94		
Subtotal of DISCOVERY		14.00		4,620.00		182.03	4,802.03
PROCEDURAL Preparation of Issues List	Submission		330		3.94		
Attendance at Issues List	Conference		330		3.94		
Preparation for a Confider	ntiality Request		330		3.94		
Prepare Submissions on 0	Confidentiality		330		3.94		
Preparation of Motion(s) N	/laterials		330		3.94		
Prepare Submissions on t	he Motion(s)		330		3.94		
Attendance at Hearing on	Motion(s)		330		3.94		
Review Procedural Docun	nents		330		3.94		

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	Hourly Rate	Sub Total	HST Rate	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
Subtotal of PROCEDURAL	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
INTERVENOR EVIDENCE Preparation of Intervenor Evidence		330		3.94		
Interrogatory Responses		330		3.94		
Preparation of Witness(es) for Attenda at Hearing Subtotal of INTERVENOR EVIDENCE		330	0.00	3.94	0.00	0.00
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE			0.00		0.00	0.00
Preparation for Settlement Conference	e 4.50	330	1,485.00	3.94	58.51	1,543.51
Attendance at Settlement Conference	12.50	330	4,125.00	3.94	162.53	4,287.53
Preparation of Settlement Proposal	1.00	330	330.00	3.94	13.00	343.00
Attendance at Presentation to Panel		330		3.94		
Subtotal of SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE WRITTEN ARGUMENT	18.00		5,940.00		234.04	6,174.04
Written Submissions	5.00	330	1,650.00	3.94	65.01	1,715.01
Subtotal of WRITTEN ARGUMENT	5.00		1,650.00		65.01	1,715.01
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)		330		3.94		
Subtotal of OTHER	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES  Total Service Provider Fees	37.00		12,210.00		481.08	12,691.08

Attachments

**Document Type** <u>Attachment</u> Import Message

SG Timesheet Algoma.pdf SG Invoice\_Algoma.pdf

Time Docket

### **Hearings, Consultations, Disbursements Attachments**

<u>Attachment</u> <u>Document Type</u> <u>Claim Type</u> <u>Import Message</u>

SG Timesheet Algoma.pdf Time Docket Hearings

SG Invoice\_Algoma.pdf Invoice Hearings

Name: Shelley Grice		
PROJECT TIME SHEET	DATE	INVOICE
EB-2024-0007	20/12/2024	#V24-11
Project: Algema Power Inc. 2025 COS		_

Project: Algoma Power Inc. 2025 COS

PROJECT TIME SHEET

DATE	TASK DESCRIPTION	CHARGE TYPE	Hours
2024-08-02	Review Application & Evidence; Review	Read & Research	0.75
	Decision on issues List; Review correspondence	Application	
2024-08-09	Review & consider Application & Evidence	Read & Research	2.25
		Application	
2024-08-12	Review & consider Application & Evidence	Read & Research	2.00
		Application	
2024-08-13	Review evidence & Prepare interrogatories	Preparation -	3.00
		Interrogatories	
2024-08-14	Review evidence & Finalize interrogatories	Preparation -	2.50
		Interrogatories	
2024-09-14	Review interrogatory responses; Review	Reponses -	2.00
	clarification questions	Interrogatories	
2024-09-15	Review interrogatory responses; Prepare	Reponses -	1.50
	clarification questions on interrogatories	Interrogatories	
2024-09-16	Prepare for Settlement	Preparation -	2.00
		Settlement	
2024-09-17	Review clarification questions responses;	Preparation -	1.50
	Prepare for Settlement	Settlement	
2024-09-18	Attend Settlement Conference	Attendance -	3.50
		Settlement	
2024-09-19	Attend Settlement Conference	Attendance -	2.25
		Settlement	
2024-09-20	Attend Settlement Conference	Attendance -	3.25
		Settlement	
2024-09-23	Meeting w/SEC re Settlement	Preparation -	1.00
		Settlement	
2024-09-24	Attend Settlement Conference	Attendance -	1.25
		Settlement	
2024-09-25	Attend Settlement Conference	Attendance -	2.25
		Settlement	
2024-10-03	Review Draft Settlement Proposal	Preparation - Proposal	0.75
2024-10-16	Review Draft Settlement Proposal	Preparation - Proposal	0.15
2024-10-18	Prepare draft submissions on Issue 6.2	Preparation -	1.00
		Submission	
2024-10-21	Prepare draft submissions on Issue 6.2	Preparation -	2.50
		Submission	

2024-10-22	Finalize draft submissions on Issue 6.2	Preparation - Submission	1.50
2024-10-23	Review Draft Settlement Proposal	Preparation - Proposal	0.10
TOTAL			37.00

# Shelley Grice, P. Eng.

46 Scarborough Road, Toronto ON M4E 3M5

### **INVOICE #V25-02**

January 12, 2025

Public Interest Advocacy Centre 2-285 McLeaod Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1A1

Attention: Geoff White/Donna Brady

Re: Algoma Power Inc. 2025 COS

EB-2024-00007

Description	Charge Type	Hours	Rate	Amount
Professional Service	S			
of Shelley Grice	Read Application	5.00	\$330.00	\$1,650.00
	Prepare interrogatories	5.50	\$330.00	\$1,815.00
	Review IRR Responses	3.50	\$330.00	\$1,155.00
	Prepare ADR	4.50	\$330.00	\$1,485.00
	Attendance ADR	12.50	\$330.00	\$4,125.00
	Review Proposal	1.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
	Prepare Submissions	5.00	\$330.00	\$1,650.00
Sub-Total				\$12,210.00
HST on Services				\$1,587.30
Disbursements				
HST on Disburseme	nts			
GST#		37.00	TOTAL	\$13,797.30
817042757RT0001				

Details are included in the attached time sheet. Please make cheque payable to Shelley Grice.

Sincerely,

Shelley Grice, P. Eng.

### **Bill Harper**

**CASE** EB-2024-0007: Rates:

Distribution: Algoma Power Inc.

**COST CLAIM** 

EB-2024-0007:1:Donna

Brady

**INTERVENOR NAME** 

Brady, Donna; +1 (613) 562-4002 x.121

dbrady@piac.ca

**PARTICIPANT CLAIM STATUS** 

Submitted

FILING PARTICIPANT

Harper, Bill; +1 (416) 348-0193

bharper.consultant@bell.net

NEW

**PARTICIPANT** 

**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\*** 

40

**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** 

**HOURLY RATE** 

330

No

**HST NUMBER** 130592405RT0001 **HEARINGS** 

Yes

**CONSULTATIONS** 

No

**DISBURSEMENTS** 

No

### **HEARINGS**

**Hearings Hours** Hearings Subtotal (\$) **Hearings Total Tax (\$)** Hearings Total (\$) 27.50 9,075.00 357.55 9,432.55

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	Hourly Rate	Sub Total	HST Rate	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
DISCOVERY  Read and Research Application and Evidence	1.00	330	330.00	3.94	13.00	343.00
Preparation of Interrogatories	3.50	330	1,155.00	3.94	45.51	1,200.51
Review Interrogatory Responses	1.50	330	495.00	3.94	19.50	514.50
Technical Conference Preparation		330		3.94		
Technical Conference Attendance		330		3.94		
Technical Conference Follow-up		330		3.94		
Subtotal of DISCOVERY	6.00		1,980.00		78.01	2,058.01
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 Reque	est	330		3.94		
Prepare Submissions on Confidentiality	y	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>	2	<u>Hours</u>	Hourly Rate	Sub Total	HST Rate	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
Subto	otal of PROCEDURAL	0.25		82.50		3.25	85.75
_	OR EVIDENCE aration of Intervenor Evidence		330		3.94		
Interr	ogatory Responses		330		3.94		
at He	aration of Witness(es) for Attendance aring of INTERVENOR EVIDENCE	0.00	330	0.00	3.94	0.00	0.00
	NT CONFERENCE	0.00		5.55		0.00	
_	aration for Settlement Conference	5.50	330	1,815.00	3.94	71.51	1,886.51
Atten	dance at Settlement Conference	11.75	330	3,877.50	3.94	152.77	4,030.27
Prepa	aration of Settlement Proposal	3.75	330	1,237.50	3.94	48.76	1,286.26
Atten	dance at Presentation to Panel		330		3.94		
	otal of SETTLEMENT FERENCE RGUMENT	21.00		6,930.00		273.04	7,203.04
Writte	en Submissions		330		3.94		
Subto	otal of WRITTEN ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
ORAL ARGI Prepa	JMENT aration for Oral Hearing		330		3.94		
Atten	dance at Oral Hearing		330		3.94		
Oral S	Submissions		330		3.94		
Atten	dance at Oral Submissions		330		3.94		
Subto	otal of ORAL ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
DECISION Revie	ew Decision	0.25	330	82.50	3.94	3.25	85.75
Revie	ew Rate/Accounting Order		330		3.94		
Prepa	are Submission on Rate Order		330		3.94		
Subto	otal of DECISION	0.25		82.50		3.25	85.75
	Attendance (e.g., Intervenor erences)		330		3.94		
	otal of OTHER	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
	VICE PROVIDER FEES Service Provider Fees	27.50		9,075.00		357.55	9,432.55

**Attachments** 

<u>Attachment Document Type</u> <u>Import Message</u>

Hearings, Consultations, Disbursements Attachments

<u>Attachment Document Type Claim Type Import Message</u>

BH TimeSheet & Invoice Algoma .pdf Time Docket and Invoice Hearings

# WILLIAM O. HARPER

# 107 BAKER AVE, RICHMOND HILL ONTARIO L4C 1X5

TELEPHONE: 905-883-1727

Email: bharper.consultant@bell.net

January 16, 2025

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. 2025003

For Professional Services rendered re: VECC's participation in EB-2024-0007 (Algoma Power's 2025 Rate Application)

TOTAL		\$ 10,254.75
	HST (13%)	\$ 1,179.75
	Services (see attached)	\$ 9.075.00

PAYABLE TO: WILLIAM HARPER

HST/GST Registration #81998 6902 RT00001

COST CLAIM D	ETAILS:		ONTARIO	ENERGY BOARD		
NAME:	BILL HA	RPER	HOU	RLY RATE:	\$330	
					,,,,,	
SERVICE:	CONSU	LTANT	YEARS EX	(PERIENCE:	40	
FILE #:	EB-202	4-0007	PROCESS	3:	Algoma Powe	r Inc.
					2025 Rates	
		DATE	HOURS	DETAILS	HOURLY	SUB
					RATE	TOTAL
DISCOVERY						
-Read & Resear	ch Application	25/07/2024	1.00	Review Application	\$330.00	\$ 330.0
- Preparation of	Interrogatories	10/08/2024	3.50	Draft IRs	\$330.00	\$1,155.0
-Review of IR Re	esponses	06/09/2024	1.50	Review IRRs	\$330.00	\$ 495.0
PROCEDURAL						
- Prep Issues Li	st Subm	25/07/2024	0.25	Comment on Draft	\$330.00	\$ 82.5
SETTLEMENT						
CONFERENCE	E/ADR					
- Preparaton		08/09/2024	4.00	ADR Notes	\$330.00	\$1,320.0
		10/09/2024	0.50	Clar. Questions	\$330.00	\$ 165.0
		23/09/2024	1.00	Prep Mtg with JS & S	G \$330.00	\$ 330.0
- Attendance		18/09/2024	3.25	Attend-split with SG	\$330.00	\$1,072.5
		19/09/2024	2.25	Attend-split with SG	\$330.00	\$ 742.5
		20/09/2024	3.25	Attend-split with SG	\$330.00	\$1,072.5
		24/09/2024	1.25	Attend-split with SG	\$330.00	\$ 412.5
		25/09/2024	1.75	Attend-split with SG	\$330.00	\$ 577.5
- Prep. Of Settl	Prop.	04/10/2024	1.25	Review Draft #1	\$330.00	\$ 412.5
		16/10/2024	1.75	Review Draft #2	\$330.00	\$ 577.5
		23/10/2024	0.75	Review Draft #3	\$330.00	\$ 247.5
DECISION						
- Review Decisi	on	09/01/2024	0.25	Review Decision	\$330.00	\$ 82.5
SUB-TOTAL			27.50			\$9,075.
HST (13%)						\$1,179.
TOTAL						\$10,254.