# EB-2021-0246: 6: Karrain Smith

COST CLAIM NUMBER SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE

2653 April 22, 2025 **CLAIM STATUS** Approved by Finance

EB# OTHER EB#S PHASE #\*

EB-2021-0246: Initiatives: Policy Dev,

Infrastructure and Supply: Ontario Energy Board

INTERVENOR

Smith, Karrain; +1 (703) 713-8838

Karrain.smith@icf.com

INTERVENOR COMPANY\* ICF Consulting Canada Inc.,

Ottawa: Corporation

INTERVENOR TYPE

Full Registrant

HST RATE ONTARIO

13.00

**EXCHANGE RATE** 

COUNTRY

HST NUMBER LATE SUBMISSION ALLOWED **EXTENSION DEADLINE DATE** 

86917-4359-RT0001 No

**PARTICIPANTS Participant** Total (\$) Claim Total New Non-Filing Participant First, Last Name **Filing Participant Status** Hours Nο 6,062.45 18.50 Dikeos, John; +1 (613) Submitted 520-1835 John.Dikeos@icf.com

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

	Document	Import Message
Attachment	Type	
INV2025C-015569 _C40587.0.001.00_Dec2025.pdf	Invoice	July - December 2025 Invoice
NoH_Cost_Awards_IRPWG_Ph6_20250401 - JD Hours.pdf	Other	Invoice hours backup
ICE FB-2021-0246 Cost Claim 042120251708 pdf		

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL LEGAL/CONSULTANT/OTHER FEES **TOTAL HST** 0.00 697.45

5,365.00

**TOTAL CLAIM** TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

6,062.45

TOTAL HOURS CLAIMED TOTAL HOURS DISALLOWED

18.50

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SEND PAYMENT TO ADDRESS **ATTENTION** 

400 University Ave Toronto, ON M5G1S5

### 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 Karrain Smith

DATE SUBMITTED April 21, 2025 **CASE** 

EB-2021-0246: Initiatives: Policy Dev, Infrastructure and Supply:

Ontario Energy Board

**COST CLAIM** 

EB-2021-0246 : 6 : Karrain

Smith

**INTERVENOR NAME** 

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PARTICIPANT CLAIM STATUS

Submitted

FILING PARTICIPANT

Dikeos, John; +1 (613) 520-1835

John.Dikeos@icf.com

NEW

**PARTICIPANT** 

Nο

**NON-FILING** 

PARTICIPANT F. NAME

**NON-FILING** 

PARTICIPANT L. NAME

**SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE\*** 

Consultant

YEAR CALLED TO BAR\*

TEAR CALLED TO BAR

COMPLETED YEARS
PRACTICING/YEARS OF
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE\*

15

**HST RATE CHARGED\*** 

13.00

CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST)

CV Attached

LAST CV DATE

April 21, 2025

HOURLY RATE 290

OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE

No

**HST NUMBER** 

86917-4359-RT0001

**HEARINGS** 

No

**CONSULTATIONS** 

Yes

**DISBURSEMENTS** 

No

### **CONSULTATION**

Consultation Hours 18.50

Consultations Subtotal (\$) 5,365.00

Consultations Total Tax (\$) 697.45

Consultations Total (\$) 6,062.45

	<u>Description</u>	Maximum Hours	<u>Hours</u>	Hourly Rate	Sub Total	HST Rate	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Meeting #40 - July 3, 2024	4.00	2.50	290	725.00	13.00	94.25	819.25
2	Meeting #41 - July 25, 2024	4.00	2.50	290	725.00	13.00	94.25	819.25
3	Meeting #42 -August 21, 2024	4.00	0.00	290		13.00		
4	Meeting #43 - September 4, 2024	4.00		290		13.00		
5	Ad-Hoc Special Meeting - September 9, 2024	2.00	2.00	290	580.00	13.00	75.40	655.40
6	Meeting #44 - September 25,2024	4.00	1.00	290	290.00	13.00	37.70	327.70
7	Meeting #45 - October 9, 2024	4.00	2.50	290	725.00	13.00	94.25	819.25
8	Meeting #46 - October 23, 2024	4.00	1.00	290	290.00	13.00	37.70	327.70
9	Meeting #47 - November 20, 2024	4.00	3.50	290	1,015.00	13.00	131.95	1,146.95
10	Meeting #48 - December 4, 2024	4.00	2.50	290	725.00	13.00	94.25	819.25
11	Member review/comments on written reports (refer to Appendix A of Notice) - July 1 to Dec 31, 2024	8.00	1.00	290	290.00	13.00	37.70	327.70
12	Individual member discussion with EGI - July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024	4.00		290		13.00		
13	System Pruning Subgroup Meeting #1 - December 11, 2024	1.00		290		13.00		
14	Member review/comments on task 1 & task 2 (Appendix A of Notice) - July 1, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024	2.00		290		13.00		
	Total Legal/Consultant Fees		18.50		5,365.00		697.45	6,062.45

## **Attachments**

**Attachment** 

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Invoice

# Hearings, Consultations, Disbursements Attachments

**Attachment** 

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INV2025C-015569 \_C40587.0.001.00\_Dec2025.pdf **Document Type** 

Claim Type Consultations **Import Message** 2024 Invoice

Time Docket and Invoice

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Invoice

Invoice Number: 2024C-015569 Invoice Date 4/21/2025

Bill To:

ICF Consulting Canada Inc John Dikeos

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Ontario Gas IRP Working Group C40587

Job Name: Project Number Terms Net 30 Days 5/21/2025 Due Date:

Project Description	Week Ending	Consultant Labor	Hours	Rate	Α	mount
Meeting #40	July 3, 2024	John Dikeos	2.50	290.00		725.00
Meeting #41	July 25, 2024	John Dikeos	2.50	290.00		725.00
Meeting #42	August 21, 2024	John Dikeos	-	290.00		0.00
Ad-Hoc Special Meeting	September 4, 2024	John Dikeos	2.00	290.00		580.00
Meeting #44	September 9, 2024	John Dikeos	1.00	290.00		290.00
Meeting #45	September 25, 2024	John Dikeos	2.50	290.00		725.00
Meeting #46	October 9, 2024	John Dikeos	1.00	290.00		290.00
Meeting #47	October 23, 2024	John Dikeos	3.50	290.00		1,015.00
Meeting #48	November 20, 2024	John Dikeos	2.50	290.00		725.00
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	July 1, 2024 to					
Individual member discussion with Enbridge Gas	December 31, 2025	John Dikeos	1.00	290.00		290.00
ICF Labor Subtotal:			18.50			5,365.00
Invoice Sub Total (Taxable)					\$	5,365.00
Total Tax (HST - 13%)					\$	697.45
TOTAL DUE THIS INVOICE:					¢	6 062 45

Billing Currency: CAD
Billing Period Fror 7/1/2024
To: 12/31/2024



BY E-MAIL

April 1, 2025

To: All Rate-Regulated Natural Gas Distributors

All Participants in EB-2021-0246

Re: Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards

**Integrated Resource Planning Technical Working Group** 

Board File No.: EB-2021-0246

The OEB is initiating a hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards for eligible Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Working Group activities from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

# **Background**

The OEB's July 22, 2021 <u>Decision and Order</u> established an Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Framework for Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge). Integrated resource planning involves consideration of both traditional facility solutions and alternative supply- or demand-side solutions to meet Enbridge's identified natural gas system needs. The IRP Framework provides direction on the OEB's requirements for IRP for Enbridge.

The Decision and Order required the OEB to establish an IRP Technical Working Group (Working Group) led by OEB staff, to provide input on IRP issues that will be of value to both Enbridge in implementing IRP, and to the OEB in its oversight of the IRP Framework. The Working Group is expected to support an efficient and transparent implementation of this initial phase of the IRP Framework. On March 27, 2025, the OEB announced that it is initiating a consultation to review the IRP Framework.

The OEB has previously issued five decisions on cost awards for Working Group activities covering the periods January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. Cost awards are available under Section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to eligible persons in relation to their participation in the Working Group, based on the criteria set out in the

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OEB's <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>, including analyst/consultant fees that are in accordance with the OEB's tariff. OEB staff provides guidance as necessary regarding any additional hours and eligible activities that may be claimed in addition to the base hours and eligible activities outlined in the Working Group's <u>Terms of Reference</u> (see Appendix A to this Notice for eligible activities and hours). Costs awarded are recovered from all rate-regulated natural gas distributors based on their respective distribution revenues.

# **Notice of Hearing**

The OEB is initiating this hearing on its own motion in order to determine the cost awards that will be made in accordance with section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* in relation to eligible IRP Working Group activities that have occurred from July 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. The maximum number of hours and eligible activities are outlined in Appendix A of this Notice.

The OEB intends to proceed by way of a written hearing unless a party can satisfy the OEB that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If a party wants to object to a written hearing, the objection must be received by the OEB no later than **7 days** after the date of this Notice.

Assuming that the OEB does not receive any objections to a written hearing, the hearing will follow the process set out below.

- Working group members filing cost claims shall submit their cost claims by April 22, 2025. The cost claim must be filed with the OEB and one copy is to be sent by email to each rate-regulated natural gas distributor. The cost claims must be completed in accordance with section 10 of the OEB's <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.
- 2. Natural gas distributors will have until May 6, 2025 to object to a request for cost awards or any aspect of the costs claimed. The objection must be filed with the OEB and one copy must be sent by email to the person against whose claim the objection is being made.
- The person whose cost claim was objected to will have until May 13, 2025 to file
  with the OEB a reply submission as to why its cost claim should be allowed.
  One copy of the reply submission is to be sent by email to the objecting natural
  gas distributor.
- 4. The OEB will then issue its decision on cost awards. The OEB's costs may also be addressed in the cost awards decision.

The OEB will use the process set out in section 12 of its *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* to implement the payment of the cost awards. The OEB will therefore act as a clearing house for all payments of cost awards in this process.

#### **How to File Materials**

Stakeholders are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Please quote file number, **EB-2021-0246** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the <u>OEB's online</u> filing portal.

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address.
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS)</u> <u>Document Guidelines</u> found on the <u>File documents online page</u> on the OEB's website.
- Stakeholders are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an account</u>, or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> for assistance.
- Cost claims are now filed through the OEB's online filing portal. Please visit the
   <u>File documents online page</u> of the OEB's website for more information. All
   participants shall download a copy of their submitted cost claim and serve it on
   all required parties as per the <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Michael Parkes at <a href="michael.parkes@oeb.ca">michael.parkes@oeb.ca</a>.

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Tel: 1-877-632-6273 (Toll free)

If you do not participate in the hearing by filing materials in accordance with this Notice,

the OEB may proceed without your participation and you will not be entitled to further notice in this proceeding.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 1, 2025

### **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Theodore Digitally signed by Theodore Antonopoulos

Antonopoulos Date: 2025.04.01 12:05:16 -04'00'

Theodore Antonopoulos Vice President, Major Applications

Attachment – Appendix A

**Ontario Energy Board** 

# Notice of Hearing for Cost Awards Dated April 1, 2025

# **Integrated Resource Planning Working Group (EB-2021-0246)**

Appendix A: Integrated Resource Planning Working Group Consultation
Activities for Which Cost Claims may be Filed and Maximum
Number of Hours

Item Number	Activity	Date	Maximum Hours <sup>1</sup>	John Dikeos Hours
1	Meeting #40	July 3, 2024	4.0	2.5
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12	Individual member discussion with Enbridge Gas	July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024	4.03	0.0

Appendix A i

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Per the direction in the Working Group Terms of Reference, maximum eligible hours for each meeting are set at 2.0 times actual meeting time. Working Group members who were unable to attend a meeting are eligible to claim up to 50% of the maximum eligible hours for a given meeting, to account for preparation, follow-up, and review of meeting materials.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Review of one or more of these reports was a discussion item at most Working Group meetings; however, members may allocate additional time used to review and comment on reports to this activity, if needed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This will cover any discussions Enbridge wishes to have with members outside of Working Group meetings (this time could be used by the Working Group member for discussion with Enbridge and/or research/preparation for such discussions) in the time period from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. It may also be possible for a member to include such time commitments as part of the typical meeting preparation activity (see footnote 1), but this provides an additional option when more than a short follow-up is needed.

Item Number	Activity	Date	Maximum Hours <sup>1</sup>				
System Pruning Subgroup⁴							
13	System Pruning Subgroup Meeting #1	December 11, 2024	1.0	0.0			
14	Member review/comments on task 1 (identification of priority jurisdictions) and task 2 (research topics and objectives)	July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024	2.0	0.0			
	TOTAL		53.0	20.5			

Appendix A ii

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Eligible activities for cost awards for system pruning subgroup members only

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