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Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Toronto, Ontario
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April 2, 2025
Our File: EB20240058

Attn: Nancy Marconi, Registrar

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Re: EB-2024-0058 – Welland Hydro 2025 Rates – Cost Claim

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

SEC divided responsibility for this proceeding between its consultant, Jane Scott, and its counsel, Mark Rubenstein. Ms. Scott had primary responsibility for reviewing the Application, managing the written discovery process, and participating in the Settlement Conference negotiations. Mr. Rubenstein provided overall oversight, reporting, and advice on certain technical matters.

For the purpose of cost claim categorization, where dockets included both reviewing evidence and preparing interrogatories, or reviewing interrogatory responses and preparing for the Settlement Conference, time has been allocated 50% to each applicable activity category. As a practical matter, these tasks are conducted concurrently and cannot be readily separated (e.g., interrogatories are prepared while reviewing evidence).

SEC submits that its participation in this proceeding was thorough and valuable and was designed to maximize its assistance to the OEB. Accordingly, SEC requests reimbursement of its reasonably incurred costs as set out in this letter and the attached documentation. These costs are commensurate with the scope of the issues and the role SEC played in this proceeding.

Yours very truly,
Shepherd Rubenstein P.C.

Mark Rubenstein

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

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EB-2024-0058 : 1 : Mark Rubenstein

COST CLAIM NUMBER
2596

SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE
April 07, 2025

CLAIM STATUS
Approved by Finance

EB#
EB-2024-0058: Rates: Distribution: Welland
Hydro-Electric System Corp.

OTHER EB#S

PHASE #*
1

INTERVENOR
Rubenstein, Mark; +1 (647) 483-0113
mark@shepherdubenstein.com

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	819.25	2.50	Submitted
No	,	Scott, Jane ; +1 (647) 271-3174 jane_scott@rogers.com	13,014.21	34.90	Submitted

ATTACHMENTS

<u>Attachment</u>	<u>Document Type</u>	<u>Import Message</u>
Welland Cover Letter.pdf	Cover Letter	
SEC EB-2024-0058 Cost Claim 040220251516.pdf		

TOTAL LEGAL/CONSULTANT/OTHER FEES
12,242.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
0.00

TOTAL HST
1,591.46

TOTAL CLAIM
13,833.46

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

TOTAL HOURS CLAIMED
37.40

TOTAL HOURS DISALLOWED

REASON FOR
DISALLOWANCE

REASON FOR
DISALLOWANCE - 2

REASON FOR
DISALLOWANCE - 3

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Toronto, ON
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ATTENTION

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
April 02, 2025

CASE EB-2024-0058: Rates: Distribution: Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	COST CLAIM EB-2024-0058 : 1 : Mark Rubenstein	INTERVENOR NAME Rubenstein, Mark; +1 (647) 483-0113 mark@shepherdrubenstein.c om	PARTICIPANT CLAIM STATUS Submitted
FILING PARTICIPANT Rubenstein, Mark; +1 (647) 483-0113 mark@shepherdrubenstein.com	NEW PARTICIPANT No	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT F. NAME	NON-FILING PARTICIPANT L. NAME
SERVICE PROVIDER TYPE* Legal Counsel	YEAR CALLED TO BAR* 2011	COMPLETED YEARS PRACTICING/YEARS OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE* 12	HOURLY RATE 290
HST RATE CHARGED* 13.00	CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST) CV Required	LAST CV DATE	OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE No
HST NUMBER 83673 5464 RT0001	HEARINGS Yes	CONSULTATIONS No	DISBURSEMENTS No

HEARINGS

Hearings Hours 2.50	Hearings Subtotal (\$) 725.00	Hearings Total Tax (\$) 94.25	Hearings Total (\$) 819.25
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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	0.50	290	145.00	13.00	18.85	163.85
Preparation of Interrogatories		290		13.00		
Review Interrogatory Responses		290		13.00		
Technical Conference Preparation		290		13.00		
Technical Conference Attendance		290		13.00		
Technical Conference Follow-up		290		13.00		
Subtotal of DISCOVERY	0.50		145.00		18.85	163.85
PROCEDURAL						
Preparation of Issues List Submission		290		13.00		
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	0.30	290	87.00	13.00	11.31	98.31

<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	0.30		87.00		11.31	98.31
INTERVENOR EVIDENCE						
Preparation of Intervenor Evidence		290		13.00		
Interrogatory Responses		290		13.00		
Preparation of Witness(es) for Attendance at Hearing		290		13.00		
Subtotal of INTERVENOR EVIDENCE	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE						
Preparation for Settlement Conference	0.80	290	232.00	13.00	30.16	262.16
Attendance at Settlement Conference		290		13.00		
Preparation of Settlement Proposal	0.30	290	87.00	13.00	11.31	98.31
Attendance at Presentation to Panel		290		13.00		
Subtotal of SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE	1.10		319.00		41.47	360.47
WRITTEN ARGUMENT						
Written Submissions		290		13.00		
Subtotal of WRITTEN ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
ORAL ARGUMENT						
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		
Subtotal of ORAL ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
DECISION						
Review Decision	0.60	290	174.00	13.00	22.62	196.62
Review Rate/Accounting Order		290		13.00		
Prepare Submission on Rate Order		290		13.00		
Subtotal of DECISION	0.60		174.00		22.62	196.62
OTHER						
Other Attendance (e.g., Intervenor Conferences)		290		13.00		
Subtotal of OTHER	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES						
Total Service Provider Fees	2.50		725.00		94.25	819.25

Attachments

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EB-2024-0058 Client Fees Listing.pdf	Time Docket	

Hearings, Consultations, Disbursements Attachments

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Date	Explanation	Lwyr	Hours
20241002	Review Application and prepare IRs	JS	2.0
20241003	prelim. review of Applicaiton/emails	MR	0.5
20241010	Review Application, comment on issues list and prepare IRs	JS	2.0
20241015	Review Application and prepare IRs	JS	2.0
20241018	Review Application and prepare IRs	JS	2.0
20241019	Review Application and prepare IRs	JS	2.0
20241027	Review Application and prepare IRs	JS	2.0
20241029	Review Application and prepare IRs	JS	1.0
20241031	Finalize IRs	JS	0.5
20241118	Settlement prep	JS	1.0
20241122	Review IRRs and prepare clarification questions	JS	2.2
20241123	Review IRRs and prepare clarification questions	JS	1.0
20241126	Review IRRs and prepare clarification questions, prep for settlement	JS	3.0
20241127	emails/sign D&U	MR	0.1
20241203	Prepare for Settlement Conference, including call with Mark R.	JS	1.5
20241203	prepare for meeting with JS	MR	0.3
20241203	review IRR/meeting with JS to prepare for SP	MR	0.4
20241204	Attend Settlement Conference	JS	7.0
20241205	Attend Settlement Conference	JS	3.0
20250108	Review settlement proposal	JS	1.5
20250108	emails/review SP	MR	0.3
20250113	Review Settlement Proposal	JS	0.3
20250118	Review revised Settlement Proposal	JS	0.4
20250119	Review revised Settlement Proposal	JS	0.1
20250121	Review revised Settlement Proposal	JS	0.2
20250122	Review revised Settlement Proposal	JS	0.2
20250206	email/review staff sub	MR	0.3
20250327	review Decision/emails	MR	0.3
20250331	emails/reporting	MR	0.3
			37.4

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FILING PARTICIPANT Scott, Jane ; +1 (647) 271-3174 jane_scott@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* 20	HOURLY RATE 330
HST RATE CHARGED* 13.00	CV STATUS (FOR CONSULTANT/ANALYST) CV Provided within Previous 24 Months	LAST CV DATE August 04, 2023	OVERRIDE HOURLY RATE No
HST NUMBER 83673 5464 RT0001	HEARINGS Yes	CONSULTATIONS No	DISBURSEMENTS No

HEARINGS

Hearings Hours 34.90	Hearings Subtotal (\$) 11,517.00	Hearings Total Tax (\$) 1,497.21	Hearings Total (\$) 13,014.21
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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	6.50	330	2,145.00	13.00	278.85	2,423.85
Preparation of Interrogatories	7.00	330	2,310.00	13.00	300.30	2,610.30
Review Interrogatory Responses	3.60	330	1,188.00	13.00	154.44	1,342.44
Technical Conference Preparation		330		13.00		
Technical Conference Attendance		330		13.00		
Technical Conference Follow-up		330		13.00		
Subtotal of DISCOVERY	17.10		5,643.00		733.59	6,376.59
PROCEDURAL						
Preparation of Issues List Submission		330		13.00		
Attendance at Issues List Conference		330		13.00		
Preparation for a Confidentiality Request		330		13.00		
Prepare Submissions on Confidentiality		330		13.00		
Preparation of Motion(s) Materials		330		13.00		
Prepare Submissions on the Motion(s)		330		13.00		
Attendance at Hearing on Motion(s)		330		13.00		
Review Procedural Documents		330		13.00		

<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	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
INTERVENOR EVIDENCE						
Preparation of Intervenor Evidence		330		13.00		
Interrogatory Responses		330		13.00		
Preparation of Witness(es) for Attendance at Hearing		330		13.00		
Subtotal of INTERVENOR EVIDENCE	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE						
Preparation for Settlement Conference	5.10	330	1,683.00	13.00	218.79	1,901.79
Attendance at Settlement Conference	10.00	330	3,300.00	13.00	429.00	3,729.00
Preparation of Settlement Proposal	2.70	330	891.00	13.00	115.83	1,006.83
Attendance at Presentation to Panel		330		13.00		
Subtotal of SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE	17.80		5,874.00		763.62	6,637.62
WRITTEN ARGUMENT						
Written Submissions		330		13.00		
Subtotal of WRITTEN ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
ORAL ARGUMENT						
Preparation for Oral Hearing		330		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Hearing		330		13.00		
Oral Submissions		330		13.00		
Attendance at Oral Submissions		330		13.00		
Subtotal of ORAL ARGUMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
DECISION						
Review Decision		330		13.00		
Review Rate/Accounting Order		330		13.00		
Prepare Submission on Rate Order		330		13.00		
Subtotal of DECISION	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
OTHER						
Other Attendance (e.g., Intervenor Conferences)		330		13.00		
Subtotal of OTHER	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDER FEES						
Total Service Provider Fees	34.90		11,517.00		1,497.21	13,014.21

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Docket Notice.pdf	Time Docket	
EB-2024-0058 PJScott Invoices.pdf	Invoice	

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See Participant – Mark Rubenstein



By Email

INVOICE

November 8, 2024

Ontario Education Services Corporation

439 University Ave.

18th Floor

Toronto, ON M5G 1Y8

ATTN: Diana Hong

Re: Welland 2025 EB-2024-0058

FOR: Work done and professional services rendered as per detailed dockets attached:

JS	13.50	hours at \$330.00 per hour	\$4,455.00
MR	0.50	hours at \$290.00 per hour	\$145.00
Total Fees			\$4,600.00
Disbursements			\$0.00
HST (Registration #83673 5464 RT0001)			\$598.00
Total Amount of this Invoice			\$5,198.00

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Please make cheque payable to: **Shepherd Rubenstein Professional Corp**

Invoice # 241114



By Email

INVOICE

December 10, 2024

Ontario Education Services Corporation

439 University Ave.
18th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 1Y8

ATTN: Diana Hong

Re: Welland 2025 EB-2024-0058

FOR: Work done and professional services rendered as per detailed dockets attached:

JS	7.20	hours at \$330.00 per hour	\$2,376.00
MR	0.10	hours at \$290.00 per hour	\$29.00
Total Fees			\$2,405.00
Disbursements			\$0.00
HST (Registration #83673 5464 RT0001)			\$312.65
Total Amount of this Invoice			\$2,717.65

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Please make cheque payable to: **Shepherd Rubenstein Professional Corp**
Invoice # 241205



By Email

INVOICE

January 10, 2025

Ontario Education Services Corporation

439 University Ave.

18th Floor

Toronto, ON M5G 1Y8

ATTN: Diana Hong

Re: Welland 2025 EB-2024-0058

FOR: Work done and professional services rendered as per detailed dockets attached:

JS	11.50	hours at \$330.00 per hour	\$3,795.00
MR	0.70	hours at \$290.00 per hour	\$203.00
Total Fees			\$3,998.00
Disbursements			\$0.00
HST (Registration #83673 5464 RT0001)			\$519.74
Total Amount of this Invoice			\$4,517.74

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Invoice # 250112



By Email

INVOICE

February 10, 2025

Ontario Education Services Corporation

439 University Ave.

18th Floor

Toronto, ON M5G 1Y8

ATTN: Diana Hong

Re: Welland 2025 EB-2024-0058

FOR: Work done and professional services rendered as per detailed dockets attached:

JS	2.70	hours at \$330.00 per hour	\$891.00
MR	0.30	hours at \$290.00 per hour	\$87.00
Total Fees			\$978.00
Disbursements			\$0.00
HST (Registration #83673 5464 RT0001)			\$127.14
Total Amount of this Invoice			\$1,105.14

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