

# **Eastern Canada Response Corporation Ltd.**

Calculation of Bulk Oil Cargo Fee (BOCF) –  
Great Lakes, Maritimes / Quebec and  
Newfoundland Regions  
**For the years ending  
December 31, 2022 and 2023**



February 24, 2022

**Report in connection with the Calculation of Bulk Oil Cargo Fee Rate – Great Lakes, Maritimes / Quebec and Newfoundland Regions for the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023**

**To the Directors of  
Eastern Canada Response Corporation Ltd.**

As agreed with you, we have performed the procedures enumerated below solely to assist you in evaluating management's assertion about Eastern Canada Response Corporation Ltd.'s (the Corporation) compliance with the criteria established in the fee-setting formula, as ratified at the multi-stakeholder consultation held in Toronto, Ontario, from June 1 to June 5, 1998, and the interpretation of such formula as set out in the attached notes for the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023 included in the accompanying Calculation of Bulk Oil Cargo Fee (BOCF) – Great Lakes, Maritimes / Quebec and Newfoundland Regions and summarized below:

**Specified procedures performed**

1. We obtained schedules prepared by management for the BOCF rate application for the Great Lakes, Maritimes / Quebec and Newfoundland Regions.
2. We compared for consistency the approach used in preparing these schedules with the prior year approach and the multi-stakeholder agreement.
3. We mathematically checked the schedules.
4. We compared the allocation of overhead costs for consistency with prior years and the multi-stakeholder agreement.
5. We agreed the tax rate used to the rate used in the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2021.
6. We agreed the interest rate to existing loan agreements held by the Corporation and the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2021.
7. We agreed the depreciation rates used to those used in the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2021.
8. We recalculated the required rate of return on investment based on the percentage agreed upon in meetings of the Board of Directors as per the guidance included in the multi-stakeholder agreement.
9. We recalculated the BOCF rate for the Great Lakes, Maritimes / Quebec and Newfoundland Regions using forecast revenues, expenses and volumes by dividing the forecast annual net expense by forecast annual volume of bulk oil cargo to be loaded or unloaded within the Corporation's geographic area of response.

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As a result of applying the procedures shown above, we report our findings below:

- a) With respect to item 1, we obtained the schedules from management.
- b) With respect to item 2, we did not note any inconsistencies with the prior year or the multi-stakeholder agreement.
- c) With respect to item 3, we did not note any discrepancies.
- d) With respect to item 4, we did not note any inconsistencies with the prior year or the multi-stakeholder agreement.
- e) With respect to item 5, we noted that the tax rate used in the calculation was 28% in comparison with the rate of 26.04% included in the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2021.
- f) With respect to item 6, we did not note any inconsistencies between the interest rate in the loan agreement or the interest rate disclosed in the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2021.
- g) With respect to item 7, we did not note any inconsistencies with the depreciation rates used in the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2021.
- h) With respect to item 8, we did not note any inconsistencies with the rate of return agreed in the Board meetings or set out in the multi-stakeholder agreement.
- i) With respect to item 9, we did not note any discrepancies.

These procedures do not constitute an audit of the Calculation of Bulk Oil Cargo Fee Rate – Great Lakes, Maritimes / Quebec and Newfoundland Regions for the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023 and, therefore, we express no opinion on compliance with the report. Had we performed additional procedures or had we made an examination of the Calculation of Bulk Oil Cargo Fee Rate – Great Lakes, Maritimes / Quebec and Newfoundland Regions for the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

It is understood that this report is intended solely for the information of directors and management of the Corporation, its members and Transport Canada to assess the compliance of the Corporation's calculation with the criteria established in the fee-setting formula, as ratified at the multi-stakeholder consultation held in Toronto, Ontario, from June 1 to June 5, 1998, and the interpretation of such formula as set out in the attached notes. Consequently, the report should not be distributed to other parties. Any use that a third party makes of this report, or any reliance or decisions made based on it, are the responsibility of such third party. We accept no responsibility for any loss or damages suffered by any third party as a result of decisions made or actions taken based on this report.

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**Eastern Canada Response Corporation Ltd.**  
**Calculation of Bulk Oil Cargo Fee (BOCF) – Great Lakes Region**  
**For the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023**

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	<b>2022 Forecast \$</b>	<b>2023 Forecast \$</b>
<b>Expenses and return on equity</b>		
Return on equity (note 2)	159,000	159,000
Debt servicing – interest on long-term debt (note 3)	131,000	122,000
Depreciation (note 4)	335,000	350,000
Operating costs – general operating and administration	1,360,000	1,687,000
Operating costs – provision for income taxes (note 5)	62,000	62,000
	<u>2,047,000</u>	<u>2,380,000</u>
<b>Other revenue (excluding BOCF)</b>		
Arrangement fees	300,000	300,000
Service revenue – net	100,000	100,000
Interest	15,000	15,000
Other	210,000	210,000
	<u>625,000</u>	<u>625,000</u>
Less: Last year's deficit	<u>(152,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>473,000</u>	<u>625,000</u>
<b>Net expense – BOCF revenue required</b>	<u>1,574,000</u>	<u>1,755,000</u>
<b>Estimated tonnes</b>		
Oil other than asphalt	2,100,000	2,100,000
Asphalt	300,000	300,000
<b>BOCF per tonne</b>		
Oil other than asphalt	0.70	0.78
Asphalt (note 6)	0.35	0.39

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial information.

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## Calculation of Bulk Oil Cargo Fee (BOCF) – Maritimes / Quebec Region

For the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023

	2022 Forecast \$	2023 Forecast \$
<b>Expenses and return on equity</b>		
Return on equity (note 2)	380,000	380,000
Debt servicing – interest on long-term debt (note 3)	350,000	326,000
Depreciation (note 4)	1,025,000	1,100,000
Operating costs – general operating and administration	7,432,000	7,241,000
Operating costs – provision for income taxes (note 5)	148,000	148,000
	<u>9,335,000</u>	<u>9,195,000</u>
<b>Other revenue (excluding BOCF)</b>		
Arrangement fees	1,000,000	1,000,000
Service revenue – net	200,000	200,000
Interest	20,000	20,000
Other	630,000	630,000
	<u>1,850,000</u>	<u>1,850,000</u>
Add: Last year's surplus	<u>1,707,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>3,557,000</u>	<u>1,850,000</u>
<b>Net expense – BOCF revenue required</b>	<u>5,778,000</u>	<u>7,345,000</u>
<b>Estimated tonnes</b>		
Oil other than asphalt	21,300,000	21,500,000
Asphalt	200,000	200,000
<b>BOCF per tonne</b>		
Oil other than asphalt	0.27	0.34
Asphalt (note 6)	0.135	0.17

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**Calculation of Bulk Oil Cargo Fee (BOCF) – Newfoundland Region**  
**For the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023**

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	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>Forecast</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Expenses and return on equity</b>		
Return on equity (note 2)	126,000	126,000
Debt servicing – interest on long-term debt (note 3)	129,000	121,000
Depreciation (note 4)	344,000	350,000
Operating costs – general operating and administration	1,991,000	2,025,000
Operating costs – provision for income taxes (note 5)	49,000	56,000
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	2,639,000	2,678,000
Add: Last year's surplus	<hr/> (121,000)	<hr/> -
<b>Net expense – BOCF revenue required</b>	<hr/> <b>2,518,000</b>	<hr/> <b>2,678,000</b>
<b>Estimated tonnes</b>		
Oil other than asphalt	23,500,000	25,000,000
Asphalt	50,000	50,000
<b>BOCF per tonne</b>		
Oil other than asphalt	0.107	0.107
Asphalt (note 6)	0.0535	0.0535

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# Eastern Canada Response Corporation Ltd.

## Notes to the Financial Information

December 31, 2022 and 2023

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### 1 Basis of preparation

This financial information has been prepared in order to calculate the estimated Bulk Oil Cargo Fee (BOCF) for the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023 in accordance with Appendix “A” of the Report on the Multi-Stakeholder Consultations held in Toronto, Ontario, from June 1 to 5, 1998, and the interpretation of such formula based on forecast annual net expenses. The components that make up net expenses are:

- return on equity;
- debt servicing;
- depreciation;
- operating costs; less
- other revenue.

### 2 Return on equity

Return on equity is provided for at a rate of 6.98% per annum for the forecasted years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023.

### 3 Debt servicing – interest on long-term debt

Interest on long-term debt is provided for at the rates and terms specified in the Corporation’s debt agreements. For the purposes of this calculation, a rate of 3.15% has been used for the forecasted years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023.

### 4 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided for over the estimated useful service lives of capital assets, using the straight-line method at the following rates for the forecasted years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023:

Furniture and office equipment	10%
Computer equipment and application software	33.3%
Communications equipment	10%
Marine equipment	4%–10%
Vehicles	30%
Tools and building materials	5%
Boat launch	5%
Warehouse	5%
Building	5%
Land inventory	10%
Leasehold improvements	10%

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## **5 Operating costs – provision for income taxes**

Income taxes are provided for at the estimated combined federal and provincial income tax rates within the Corporation's geographic area of response. For the purposes of this calculation, a combined rate of 28% has been used for the forecasted years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023.

## **6 BOCF per tonne (asphalt)**

The BOCF per tonne for asphalt has been provided for at one-half of the BOCF per tonne for oil other than asphalt.