

Eastern Canada Response Corporation Ltd.

Calculation of Bulk Oil Cargo Fee Rate –
Maritimes / Quebec Region
For the periods ending
December 31, 2013 and 2014



March 14, 2013

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

We have performed the procedures described in Appendix A with respect to the attached calculation of the Bulk Oil Cargo Fee ("BOCF") for the Maritimes / Quebec Region for the periods ending December 31, 2013 and 2014 to verify 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 5, 1998 and the interpretation of such formula as set out in the attached notes.

Based on the procedures performed in Appendix A and the related results, we found the calculation of the BOCF for the Maritimes / Quebec Region to be in 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 5, 1998 and the interpretation of such formula as set out in the attached notes.

These procedures do not constitute an audit of the forecasts and other assumptions underlying the amounts presented in the attached calculation of the BOCF for the periods ending December 31, 2013 and 2014, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on those forecasts and underlying assumptions. Had we performed audit procedures on these forecasts and underlying assumptions, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information of the Directors and Management of Eastern Canada Response Corporation Ltd., its members and Transport Canada, to assess the Corporation's calculation of the BOCF for the Maritimes / Quebec Region in 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 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 without our prior written consent. Any use of this report, or any reliance or decisions made based on it for any other purposes are the responsibility of such user and 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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Appendix A

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Appendix A

Specified procedures performed

1. We obtained schedules prepared by management for the BOCF Rate Application for the Maritimes / Quebec Region and ensured that the approach used in preparing these schedules was consistent with prior years and the multi-stakeholder agreement.
2. We checked the mathematical accuracy of the schedules.
3. We determined if the allocation of overhead costs was consistent with prior years and the multi-stakeholder agreement.
4. We determined if the tax rate used was consistent with the rate used in the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2012.
5. We determined if the interest rate was consistent with existing loan agreements held by the Corporation and the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2012.
6. We determined if the depreciation rates used are consistent with those used in the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2012.
7. We determined if the amortization rate applied to start-up costs is consistent with the rate used in the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2012.
8. We recalculated the required rate of return on investment based on the percentage agreed upon in meetings of the Board of Directors.
9. We recalculated the BOCF for the Maritimes / Quebec Region rate using forecast revenues, expenses and volumes.

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

- a) With respect to item 1, we found the approach used to be consistent with the prior year and the multi-stakeholder agreement.
- b) With respect to item 2, we found the schedules to be mathematically accurate.
- c) With respect to item 3, we found the allocation of overhead costs to be consistent with the prior year and the multi-stakeholder agreement.
- d) With respect to item 4, we found the tax rate to be consistent with the rate used in the audited financial statements for the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2012.
- e) With respect to item 5, we found the interest rate to be consistent with existing loan agreements held by the Corporation and the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012.
- f) With respect to item 6, we found the depreciation rates to be consistent with those used in the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2012.
- g) With respect to item 7, we found the amortization rate applied to start-up costs to be consistent with the rate used in the audited financial statement of the Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2012.
- h) With respect to item 8, we found the calculation of the rate of return to be consistent with the percentage discussed in minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors. Based on discussions, management expects this rate to be approved at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.
- i) With respect to item 9, we found the calculation of the BOCF rate to be accurate.

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	January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 Forecast \$	January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 Forecast \$
Expenses and return on equity		
General operating and administration	5,316,500	5,574,000
Interest on long-term debt (note 2)	251,000	240,000
Depreciation and amortization (note 3)	1,346,000	1,292,000
Amortization of start-up costs (note 4)	308,000	308,000
Provision for income taxes (note 5)	221,000	221,000
Return on equity (note 6)	393,000	393,000
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	7,835,500	8,028,000
Revenue (excluding BOCF)		
Arrangement fees	1,000,000	1,000,000
Service revenue – net	200,000	200,000
Interest	40,000	40,000
Other	500,000	500,000
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	1,740,000	1,740,000
Gross BOCF revenue required		
	6,095,500	6,288,000
Less: Deferred revenue from previous years		
	(1,326,539)	–
Net BOCF revenue required		
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	4,768,961	6,288,000
Estimated tonnes		
Oil other than asphalt	25,000,000	25,000,000
Asphalt	200,000	300,000
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	As at January 1, 2013 \$	As at January 1, 2014 \$
Bulk Oil Cargo Fee per tonne (oil other than asphalt)	<hr/>	<hr/>
	0.190	0.250
Bulk Oil Cargo Fee per tonne (asphalt) (note 7)	<hr/>	<hr/>
	0.095	0.125

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Notes to the Financial Information

December 31, 2013 and 2014

1 Basis of preparation

This financial information has been prepared in order to calculate the Bulk Oil Cargo Fee (“BOCF”) for the periods ending December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2014 in 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 5, 1998 and the interpretation of such formula. This interpretation results in the BOCF being calculated as a cost per tonne based on forecast net expenses, divided by forecast annual Bulk Oil Cargo volumes. The components of net expenses are:

- Debt servicing;
- Depreciation;
- Return on equity;
- Operating costs; less
- Other revenue.

2 Interest on long-term debt

Interest on long-term debt is provided at the rates and terms specified in the Corporation’s debt agreements. For the purposes of this calculation, a rate of 4.25% has been used for the forecasted period ending December 31, 2013 and 4.75% for the forecasted period ending December 31, 2014.

3 Depreciation of capital assets

Annual depreciation is provided for on a straight-line basis at the following rates:

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

4 Amortization of capitalized start-up costs

Costs incurred to increase the Corporation’s emergency response capacity to 10,000 tonnes were capitalized and are charged against income on a straight-line basis over a period of 20 years.

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5 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 36% has been used.

6 Return on equity

Return on equity is provided at an after tax rate of 7.23% per annum for the forecasted period ending December 31, 2013, and at an after tax rate of 7.23% per annum for the forecasted period ending December 31, 2014.

7 Bulk Oil Cargo Fee (asphalt)

The Bulk Oil Cargo Fee per tonne for asphalt is one-half the Bulk Oil Cargo Fee per tonne for oil other than asphalt.