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December 15, 2017

John Bowker
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Room 463, Legislative Bldg, Queen's Park
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Dear Mr. Bowker:

RE: A-17-171 – (Auditor General Report re: Fair Hydro Plan) – Fee Estimate

I'm writing further to my letter dated December 7, 2017 regarding your request made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act). Our preliminary search indicates that approximately 4,000 records totalling approximately 12,300 pages will require review to respond to your request.

Section 57 of the Act requires fees be charged for certain costs to process an access request. If an estimate is \$100 or more, a deposit of 50% is required before proceeding with the request. The fees that shall be charged are set by Ontario Regulation 460. Based on a representative sample of records, the fee estimate for your request is \$1,900.00 and it was calculated as follows:

Description	Cost per Item	Quantity	Total
Preparation for Disclosure	\$30.00 / hour	63 hrs.	\$1,890.00
Compact Disc	\$10.00	1	\$10.00
Total			\$1,900.00
Deposit due			\$950.00

Please note that preparation time is the time required to prepare records for disclosure including applying exemptions at the rate of 1 minute per page. Preparation time is calculated in accordance with the best practices of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

A deposit of \$950.00 is required if you would like to proceed with your request. Please forward a cheque or money order in this amount, payable to the Minister of Finance, addressed to the above address. If your deposit is not received within 30 days, the file will be closed.

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Under the Act, all or part of the fees can be waived if, in your opinion, the fee will cause you financial hardship, or if the release of the record will benefit public health or safety. You may be required to provide proof to support any waiver claims. Please contact our office as soon as possible if you wish to proceed with a request for a fee waiver or wish to revise your request.

A final decision on access cannot be provided until the records search and review are complete. However, a preliminary review of a representative sample of the records indicates that information may be exempt from disclosure under sections 12 (Cabinet records), 13 (Advice to government), 18 (Economic and other interests of Ontario) and 19 (Solicitor-client privilege) of the Act.

A copy of the Act is located at: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90f31>

We may also find that other provisions of the Act apply. For example, if you wish to proceed with your request as written, a significant time extension will be required to fulfill your request given the estimated volume of responsive records. If a time extension is required you will be given written notice.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the fees, please contact Jessica Murphy, Team Lead, at 416-325-0050.

If you disagree with this fee estimate, you may file an appeal within 30 days by contacting the Information and Privacy Commissioner at 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto ON M4W 1A8, phone 416-326-3333 or toll free 1-800-387-0073.

Sincerely,

Nadia Williams
Manager
Access, Privacy & Information Management