



November 8, 2012

Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation's ("ERHDC") 2013 IRM Rate Application
Board File Number: EB-2012-0122**

ERHDC is scheduled to file an IRM Application for its 2013 Electricity Distribution Rates. On July 26 2012, the Board issued a letter assigning electricity distributors to one of six application groupings including filing deadlines so that, in the normal course of events, a Decision and Order would be issued in time for the May 1 implementation date. Espanola is grouped in Tranche #5 with an application filing deadline of October 26, 2012.

ERHDC regrets that it will not be able to meet the October 26, 2012 filing deadline. ERHDC filed a 2012 Cost of Service Rate application and the Rate Order for that application was issued by the Board on November 1, 2012. ERHDC has delayed filing its 2013 IRM application due to the timing of the 2012 Rate Order. ERHDC is working diligently on its 2013 IRM Rate Application and expect to file within 6 to 8 weeks.

Sincerely,

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