



**EB-2009-0056**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998,  
S.O. 1998, c.15 (Sched. B);

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Espanola  
Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation, pursuant to  
section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 for an  
order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable  
distribution rates and other charges, to be effective May 1,  
2009.

## **NOTICE OF WRITTEN HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1**

### **APPLICATION**

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation (Espanola) is an Ontario corporation with its office in the town of Espanola carrying on the business of distributing electricity within the towns of Espanola, Massey and Webbwood.

Espanola has applied to the Ontario Energy Board (Board) for approval to increase distribution rates effective May 1, 2009 to include the recovery of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILs). The current rates do not reflect an allowance for PILs. This application is in addition to Espanola's 2009 Incentive Regulation Mechanism (2009 IRM) rate application for which a Decision and Order was issued on March 13, 2009 authorizing rate adjustments effective May 1, 2009.

The impact of the PILs application on a typical residential electricity consumer using 1,000 kWhs per month would be an increase of about \$0.53 per month.

### **Written Hearing**

The parties to the PILs proceeding are deemed to be the parties to the 2008 cost of service proceeding (EB-2007-0901) and the 2009 IRM proceeding (EB-2008-0173). The Board intends to proceed in this matter by way of a written hearing. The Board will

consider reasons provided by any party as to why it should proceed by way of an oral hearing.

### **Cost Awards**

The intervenors eligible for costs may submit their cost claims with supporting rationale as to how their participation contributed to the Board's ability to decide on this matter.

### **THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:**

1. Espanola shall immediately issue a copy of the Application to all intervenors listed in Appendix "A", if they have not already been served, and shall provide affidavit proof of all deliveries to the Board.
2. Any party that objects to proceeding by way of a written hearing may make written comments to the Board for its consideration no later than 4:45 pm, **Friday March 20, 2009**. If any such objections are received by the Board, the Board may amend the deadlines below.
3. Parties to this proceeding may file interrogatories with Espanola and serving a copy on the Board Secretary no later than 4:45 pm, Monday **March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.
4. Espanola shall reply to any interrogatories received by filing such replies with the Board Secretary and serving a copy on all parties who make submissions no later than 4:45 pm, **Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**.
5. Parties to this proceeding may file submissions with the Board Secretary and serving a copy on Espanola no later than 4:45 pm, Monday **April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.
4. Espanola shall reply to any comments received by filing such replies with the Board Secretary and serving a copy on all parties who make submissions no later than 4:45 pm, **Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2009**.

All filings to the Board must quote file number **EB-2009-0056**, be made through the Board's web portal at [www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.errr.oeb.gov.on.ca), and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address.

Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca). If the web portal is not available you may email your document to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD or diskette in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

All parties must also provide the Case Manager, Martin Benum, [martin.benum@oeb.gov.on.ca](mailto:martin.benum@oeb.gov.on.ca), with an electronic copy of all interrogatories, comments and correspondence related to this case.

**IMPORTANT:** If you do not file any comments in response to this notice, the Board may proceed without your participation and you will not be entitled to any further notice of these proceedings.

**ISSUED** at Toronto March 16, 2009

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**APPENDIX "A" TO**  
**NOTICE OF WRITTEN HEARING AND**  
**PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1**  
**APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS**  
**BOARD FILE No. EB-2009-0056**  
**DATED MARCH 16, 2009**

**ESPANOLA REGIONAL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION  
2008 RATE REBASING APPLICATION  
BOARD FILE NO. EB-2007-0901**

**January 14, 2008**

**APPLICANT**

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