



April 1, 2009

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

**Re: Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation's (ERHDC) Rate Application for Recovery of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILs) EB-2009-0056**

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation applied to the Ontario Energy Board on February 18, 2009 for approval to increase distribution rates effective May 1, 2009 to include the recovery of PILs.

The Ontario Energy Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 on March 16, 2009. On March 30, 2009 ERHDC received Board Staff interrogatories. As per Procedural Order No. 1 the deadline for reply interrogatories to be submitted to the Board is Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. ERHDC received communication on March 31, 2009 from the Ministry of Finance indicating that a decision on the Notice of Objection filed February 6, 2006 is expected to be issued in approximately 2 weeks. The decision from the Ministry of Finance depending on a favourable outcome may impact the amount ERHDC is seeking in PILs recovery. ERHDC requests a delay in responding to the Board Staff interrogatories pending a decision being issued by the Ministry of Finance. ERHDC anticipates filing the interrogatories by April 24, 2009.

Sincerely,

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