



April 21, 2009

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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.

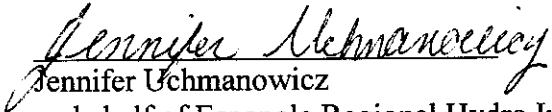
The Ontario Energy Board issued Procedural Order No. 1 on March 16, 2009. On March 30, 2009 ERHDC received Board Staff interrogatories. As per Procedural Order No. 1 the deadline for reply interrogatories to be submitted to the Board is Monday April 6th, 2009. ERHDC received communication on March 31, 2009 from the Ministry of Finance indicating that a decision on the Notice of Objection filed February 6, 2006 was 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 requested a delay in responding to the Board Staff interrogatories pending a decision being issued by the Ministry of Finance. ERHDC anticipated filing the interrogatories by April 24, 2009.

ERHDC has received communication from the case administer at the Ministry of Finance indicating that a decision has not been issued for the Notice of Objection as of April 21, 2009. The decision is expected to be further delayed from the Ministry by at least 3 weeks. ERHDC requests to further extend filing interrogatory responses until the Ministry of Finance issues a decision.

In respect to ERHDC's Rate Decision and Order, EB-2008-0173 approving a change in distribution rates effective May 1, 2009, ERHDC requests the rate order be made interim as of May 1, 2009 pending the decision from the Ministry of Finance.

Sincerely,



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