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Mr. Michael Buonaguro
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Dear Mr. Buonaguro:

**Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation
2007 Electricity Distribution Rates Application
Board File No. EB-2007-0901
Notice of Intervention of the Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition
("VECC")**

The Board confirms VECC as an intervenor in the above noted proceeding, subject to Espanola's right of reply to your request within 10 days of the mailing of this letter.

The Board has determined that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under its Practice Direction on Cost Awards. The Board is concerned, however, that regulatory costs not be significantly out of proportion to the size of the utility. The Board cautions VECC that it will be mindful of this concern when determining the reasonableness of costs submitted by VECC during the cost awards portion of the subject proceeding.

The Practice Direction and related forms are available on the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca.

Yours truly,

Original Signed by

John Pickernell
Assistant Board Secretary

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