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Mr. John De Vellis Shibley Righton LLP 250 University Avenue, Suite 700 Toronto, ON M5H 3E5

Dear Mr. De Vellis:

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

The Board confirms SEC 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 SEC 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 SEC that it will be mindful of this concern when determining the reasonableness of costs submitted by SEC during the cost awards portion of the subject proceeding.

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

Yours truly,

Original Signed by

John Pickernell Assistant Board Secretary

c: Ms. Noreen Clement, Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation Mr. Bob Williams, Shibley Righton LLP Ms. Rachel Chen, Shibley Righton LLP