

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution
Corporation for an Order or Orders approving or
fixing just and reasonable rates and other charges
for the distribution of electricity commencing May
1, 2008.**

**INTERROGATORIES
OF THE
SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION**

**2 Capital Budget
Ref a: Ex 2/pg24, 25
Ref b: Ex 3/pg6**

Per Ref b, the number of Residential and GS<50 customers in ERHDC's service territory has been decreasing since 2004.

Per Ref a, ERHDC has provided capital budget for new services installation to meet customer demand in both 2006 & 2007, in the amount of \$23,295 and \$47,635 respectively. The amount accounts for roughly one-third of ERHDC's total capital budget in that year.

Please explain.

Response

New services and upgraded services installed each year are based on customer requests. Although new and upgraded services are installed each year, the total number of customers may not increase in a year.