

**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.**