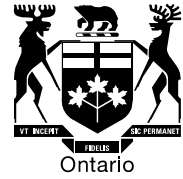


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Attention: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation
2012 Distribution Rate Application
Comments on Draft Rate Order
Board File No. EB-2011-0319**

Please find attached Board staff's comments on draft Rate Order filed by Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation on October 11, 2012.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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