



**EB-2007-0901**

**IN 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 distribution  
rates and other charges, effective May 1, 2008.

**BEFORE:** Paul Vlahos  
Presiding Member

Bill Rupert  
Member

### **INTERIM RATE ORDER**

On December 20, 2007, Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation ("Espanola") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") for an order or orders approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity and other charges, to be effective May 1, 2008.

The processing of Espanola's application is not yet concluded. Pending the issuance of final rates for 2008, the Board declares the current rates interim effective May 1, 2008.

In declaring Espanola's rates interim, the Board emphasizes that this interim rate order should not be construed as predictive, in any way whatsoever, of the final determination with regards to the effective date of this Application or the effective date of the final rate order.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

The approved rates of Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation effective on April 30, 2008, are declared interim as of May 1, 2008 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the Board.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 24, 2008

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary