



EB-2013-0127

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
approving just and reasonable rates and other charges for
electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2014.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1
November 22, 2013

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation (“ERHDC”) filed a complete application (the “Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on October 18, 2013 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B), under the Board’s Filing Guidelines for an Incentive Regulation Mechanism. ERHDC is seeking approval for changes to the rates that ERHDC charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2014. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2013-0127.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on October 31, 2013. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to ERHDC’s request for additional revenues to recover the cost of a new municipal substation through an Incremental Capital Module (“ICM”) and lost revenue due to conservation programs.

The Board approves VECC as an intervenor and determined that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board’s Practice Direction on Cost Awards in relation to ERHDC’s proposed ICM and lost revenue due to conservation programs. The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this procedural order.

The Board has decided to make provision at this time for written interrogatories, interrogatory responses, submission and reply submission. The Board may issue further procedural orders from time to time.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. Board staff and VECC shall request any information and material from ERHDC that is in addition to ERHDC's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and served on ERHDC on or before **December 3, 2013**.
2. ERHDC shall file with the Board complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on VECC on or before **December 17, 2013**.
3. Board staff and VECC wishing to file a written submission shall do so by **January 15, 2014**. Any submission should be filed with the Board and delivered to ERHDC and VECC.
4. ERHDC may file a written reply submission with the Board, and deliver it to VECC by **January 29, 2014**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2013-0127, be made through the Board's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/>, and consist of two paper copies and one electronic copy in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Filings must clearly state the sender's name, postal address and telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. Parties must use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the RESS Document Guideline found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>. If the web portal is not available parties may email their documents to the address below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit all filings on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies. Those who do not have computer access are required to file 7 paper copies.

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Birgit Armstrong at birgit.armstrong@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Maureen Helt at maureen.helt@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **November 22, 2013**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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Board Secretary

Appendix 'A'

To

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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APPLICANT & LIST OF INTERVENORS

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