



**RP-2005-0020**  
**EB-2005-0362**

**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, 2006.

**BEFORE:** Paul Vlahos  
Presiding Member

Bob Betts  
Member

### **INTERIM RATE ORDER**

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation ("Espanola Hydro") is a licensed distributor providing electrical service to consumers within its defined service area. Espanola Hydro filed an application (the "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 matters, to be effective May 1, 2006.

The processing of Espanola Hydro's Application is not yet concluded, and final rates for 2006 will not be determined for implementation by May 1, 2006. Pending the issuance of final rates for 2006, the Board finds that existing rates shall be declared interim.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. The approved rates of Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation, effective on April 30, 2006, are declared interim as of May 1, 2006 and until such time as a final rate order is issued by the Board.

**DATED** at Toronto, April 27, 2006.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Peter H. O'Dell  
Assistant Board Secretary