



**EB-2005-0243**

## **ESPANOLA REGIONAL HYDRO DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION**

### **ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATE**

#### **NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING**

By an application to the Ontario Energy Board (“the Board”), received by it on March 8, 2005, Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation (“Espanola Hydro”) applied under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. c.15, Sched. B, as amended, for an order or orders of the Board approving or fixing just and reasonable rates for the distribution of electricity. The Board has assigned the application Board file number EB-2005-0243.

Espanola Hydro has applied to change the volumetric distribution rate it charges the General Service >50 kW customers from \$0.7777/kW to \$3.12/kW retroactive to March 1, 2003. This rate change would only be applicable to and impact on the General Service >50 kW customers. At present, there are 16 accounts in this rate classification.

In the application, Espanola Hydro states: “By adjusting the rate to the requested amount there will now be a level playing field between our under and over 50 kW customers. Our new rates will still be favourable if a comparison is done between our company and neighboring companies.”

The effect of the proposed rate change is to increase the distributor’s revenue by approximately \$90,000 per year. The individual customer impact of the proposed rate change will depend on the customer’s level of demand.

If you wish to participate in this proceeding you **must**, within 10 days of the date of publication of this Notice, file a written request with the Board stating whether you wish to intervene in, observe, or comment on the proceeding. A copy of your request must also be sent to Espanola Hydro at the address below. If you intend to intervene in the proceeding, Espanola Hydro is required to give you a copy of its application and evidence. Copies of Espanola Hydro's application and evidence will be available for public review at the Board's offices and at Espanola Hydro's office (addresses listed below).

Information on how to participate may be obtained from the Board's Customer Service Centre at 1-877-632-2727 or by e-mail at [BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca](mailto:BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca); please reference Board file number EB-2005-0243. You may also visit the frequently asked questions (FAQs) section of the Board's web site at [www.oeb.gov.on.ca](http://www.oeb.gov.on.ca).

The Board intends to proceed by way of a written hearing unless Espanola Hydro or any intervenor can convince the Board that there is good reason to proceed by way of an oral hearing. A request for an oral hearing **must** be made within 10 days of the publication of this Notice.

## **IMPORTANT**

**IF YOU DO NOT FILE A LETTER OF INTERVENTION OR A LETTER OF COMMENT, AND IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION OR PROVIDE REASONS FOR NOT HOLDING A WRITTEN HEARING, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDING.**

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**DATED** at Toronto, March 22, 2005.

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