



**EB-2005-0243**

**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 rates.

### **PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1**

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.

The Board issued a Notice of Application dated March 17, 2005; it was published on April 6, 2005.

A letter of intervention, a letter seeking observer status and a letter of comment were received by the Board. Subsequently, the letter of intervention was withdrawn.

The Board will proceed with the application by way of an oral hearing.

The Board considers it expedient to make provision for the following items relating to this proceeding. Other procedural orders may be issued from time to time.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. The oral hearing of the evidence will begin Thursday May 12, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at 2300 Yonge Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto in the Board's Hearing Room.
2. The applicant shall serve this Procedural Order on the current General Service >50 kW accounts, for their information.

ISSUED at Toronto, May 2, 2005

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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