



EB-2014-0071

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, 2015.

PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1

November 25, 2014

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation (“Espanola Hydro”) filed a complete application (the “Application”) with the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board”) on October 10, 2014 under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) and under the Board’s Filing Requirements for Incentive Regulation Rate Applications. Espanola Hydro is seeking approval for changes to the rates that Espanola Hydro charges for electricity distribution, to be effective May 1, 2015. The Board assigned the application file number EB-2014-0071.

The Board issued a Notice of Application and Hearing on October 31, 2014. The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (“VECC”) applied for intervenor status and cost eligibility in relation to Espanola Hydro’s request for an adjustment to its base rates given its earnings in the prior year. No objection was received.

I approve VECC as an intervenor and have determined that VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the Board’s *Practice Direction on Cost Awards* in relation to Espanola Hydro’s request outlined above.

The list of parties in this proceeding is attached as Appendix A to this procedural order.

Parties are reminded to consult sections 26 and 27 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (as revised April 24, 2014) regarding required naming and numbering conventions and other matters related to interrogatories.

I consider it necessary to make provision for the following matters related to this proceeding. Provision is being made for written submissions following the filing of interrogatory responses, unless the Board orders otherwise during the course of the proceeding. 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 Espanola Hydro that is in addition to Espanola Hydro's pre-filed evidence with the Board, and that is relevant to the hearing, by written interrogatories filed with the Board and served on Espanola Hydro on or before **December 8, 2014**.
2. Espanola Hydro shall file with the Board complete written responses to the interrogatories and serve them on VECC on or before **December 22, 2014**.
3. Unless the Board orders otherwise, Board staff and VECC wishing to file a written submission shall do so by **January 19, 2015**. Any submission should be filed with the Board and delivered to Espanola Hydro and VECC.
4. Unless the Board orders otherwise, Espanola Hydro may file a written reply submission with the Board, and deliver it to VECC by **February 2, 2015**.

All filings to the Board must quote the file number, EB-2014-0071 and be made electronically through the Board's web portal at <https://www.pes.ontarioenergyboard.ca/eservice/> in searchable / unrestricted PDF format. Two paper copies must also be filed at the Board's address provided below. 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, Georgette Vlahos at georgette.vlahos@ontarioenergyboard.ca and Board Counsel, Richard Lanni at richard.lanni@ontarioenergyboard.ca.

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DATED at Toronto, **November 25, 2014**

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

By delegation, before: Kristi Sebalj

Original signed by

Kristi Sebalj
Registrar

Appendix 'A'

To

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Applicant and List of Intervenors

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