

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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 pursuant to section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the “OEB Act”) for approval of its proposed distribution rates and other charges, effective May 1, 2021.

INTERROGATORIES

FROM THE

SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION

1. [General] With respect to the schools served by the Applicant, please confirm:
 - a. The Applicant currently serves seven schools in three district school boards, and of those schools five are in the GS>50 class and two are in the GS<50 class.
 - b. The Applicant proposes to increase the annual distribution charges (fixed plus variable plus ICM riders) by about \$6,000 a year in this Application, of which \$4,500 is an increase for the five GS>50 schools, and \$1,500 is an increase for the two GS<50 schools.
 - c. It is reasonable to anticipate that, when rates are harmonized with North Bay, and given the relative size of the Applicant and North Bay Hydro, as well as the rates for North Bay proposed in EB-2020-0043, the Applicant’s schools in the GS>50 class will in aggregate end up with total distribution charges within 5% of the 2021 charges proposed by the Applicant in this Application, while the schools in the GS<50 class will end up with a reduction in annual distribution charges of 15-20%, partially offsetting the increase proposed for this year.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the School Energy Coalition this March 5, 2021.

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