

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF Sections 86 and 18 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application for leave to amalgamate North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation, into an entity referred to in the Application as “New NBHDL”, made pursuant to section 86(1)(c) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* and other relief as described under Section 2 of this application.

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

OF THE

SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION

1. The School Energy Coalition (“SEC”) applies for intervenor status in this proceeding.
2. SEC is a frequent intervenor in Board proceedings. Our current Annual Filing can be found on the Board’s website, here:

<http://www.rds.oeb.ca/HPECMWebDrawer/Record/589545/File/document>

3. The School Energy Coalition intends to apply for recovery of its costs reasonably incurred in the course of its intervention in this matter. SEC has participated in many past natural gas and electricity proceedings in Ontario, including consultations, rate cases, and other processes and hearings, and has been found eligible to be paid its reasonably incurred costs in all of those proceedings.

Issues to be Addressed

4. SEC’s intended participation will include the following:
 - a. The impact of the proposed transactions on the ratepayers of both utilities, in both the short and long term, including application of the “no harm” test, and whether the proposed rates going forward are just and reasonable;
 - b. The consistency of the proposed transactions, including proposed conditions and related activities, with the Board’s policies and guidelines, including recent decisions of the Board in other cases and in cases with respect to these specific utilities;
 - c. If the applicant is granted, in full or in part, what conditions should the Board impose; and
 - d. Generally, to represent the interests of school boards and their students in this process.

The Intervenor’s Intended Participation

5. SEC intends to participate in any pre-hearing procedures, including interrogatories or technical conferences, and settlement conferences. SEC also intends to participate in any oral hearings of

this matter, and in written or oral submissions, as well as any other parts of the process that the Board should order. SEC does not currently intend to file evidence in this proceeding.

Nature of Hearing Requested

6. Until interrogatories have been answered, we believe it is premature to assess whether a written or an oral hearing is more appropriate in this proceeding.

Counsel/Representative

7. SEC requests that a copy of all documents filed with the Board by each party to this proceeding be served on the intervenor, and on the intervenor's counsel, as follows:

- a. School Energy Coalition: (electronic copies only)

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- b. SEC's counsel: (electronic copies only)

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Respectfully, submitted on behalf of the School Energy Coalition this January 27, 2022.

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