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Dear Mr. Roth:

## Re: EB-2022-0053 North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. - Application for 2023 Rates

North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited filed an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on November 23, 2022, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, seeking approval for changes to its electricity distribution rates to be effective May 1, 2023.

Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1 was issued on February 6, 2023. In that document, the OEB decided that intervenors of record in Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation's last cost of service application, EB-2020-0020, would be accepted as intervenors in this proceeding if they notified the OEB of their intention to participate in writing by February 17, 2023.

On February 14, 2023, Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition (VECC) wrote asking to be intervenor in this proceeding. VECC was an intervenor in Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation's last cost of service application.

This letter confirms that VECC is approved as an intervenor. VECC is eligible to apply for an award of costs under the OEB's <u>Practice Direction on Cost Awards</u>. As noted in

Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No 1, cost awards are only available in relation to the potential over-earning issue in the Espanola Rate Zone.

Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi Registrar

c: All Parties in EB-2022-0053