



EB-2007-0901

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 or fixing just and reasonable rates and other
charges for the distribution of electricity to be effective
May 1, 2008.

BEFORE: Paul Vlahos
Presiding Member

Bill Rupert
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

Background

Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation ("Espanola") filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board on November 6, 2007, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, seeking approval for changes to the rates that it charges for electricity distribution to be effective May 1, 2008.

The Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition ("VECC") and the School Energy Coalition ("SEC") received intervenor status and were deemed eligible to apply for an award of costs.

The Board issued its Decision on the application on June 3, 2008, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims and to respond to any objections raised by Espanola.

The Board received cost claims from VECC and SEC. No comments were received from Espanola.

The Board finds that both VECC and SEC are eligible for 100% of their reasonably incurred costs of participating in this proceeding. The Board finds that each party's claims are reasonable and both should be reimbursed by Espanola.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Espanola shall immediately pay:
 - VECC \$3,805.32; and
 - SEC \$5,930.00.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, Espanola shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to, this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, September 3, 2008

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary