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Dear Ms Walli

Ontario Power Generation ("OPG")
Application for an Accounting Order Regarding Variance and Deferral Accounts
Board File No.: EB-2009-0174
Our File: 339583-000049

We are writing on behalf of our client, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME"), with respect to paragraph 1 of the Board's June 30, 2009 Notice of Application and Hearing and Procedural Order No. 1 in connection with this matter. The purpose of this letter is to request that the procedural steps be modified to allow for an Oral Technical Conference to follow OPG's delivery of interrogatory responses on August 7, 2009.

The purpose of the requested Oral Technical Conference is to allow all parties to conduct oral questioning of OPG on the interrogatory responses it provides. Such face-to-face questioning invariably produces a clearer understanding of the monetary implications of the relief an Applicant is seeking. In this case, the relief OPG seeks includes relief with respect to a large number of Deferral and Variance Accounts, as well as the establishment of a new Variance Account.

CME believes that face-to-face questioning in a Technical Conference will lead to a better understanding of all of the ramifications of the Application which, in turn, should tend to narrow the scope of matters subsequently addressed in Written Argument. The potential for misinterpreting OPG's written responses will likely be reduced if face-to-face questioning in a Technical Conference is permitted.

For these reasons, we respectfully suggest a one day Oral Technical Conference be added to the schedule set out in the Procedural Order with the Oral Technical Conference to be scheduled within a few days of the August 7, 2009 deadline for OPG's delivery of interrogatory responses. We submit that this one day Oral Technical Conference will tend to enhance the hearing process, which the Notice of Application and Procedural Order establishes.

Please contact me if any further information is required to support this request.

Yours very truly

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