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Dear Ms Walli,

Transmission Project Development Planning Consultative

Board File No.: EB-2010-0059

Our File No.: 339583-000003

We are writing this letter to seek participant status and cost award eligibility in this proceeding on behalf of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”).

Request for Participant Status

The reasons why CME should be granted participant status in this proceeding include the following:

- (i) CME is Canada’s leading business network. Its members represent 75% of manufactured output in the Province of Ontario, and 90% of all exports.
- (ii) Manufacturing is important to the Province of Ontario. It is the single largest sector of the economy (17.5% of Gross Domestic Product (“GDP”) or \$300B) employing, directly, over 1M people in the Province.
- (iii) Electricity is the primary source of energy for the manufacturing sector. As a result, the members of CME are vitally concerned with all matters pertaining to the supply and price of electricity.
- (iv) Ontario-based CME members seek an electricity system for Ontario which is one of the most cost-effective and economically sustainable systems in North America.
- (v) One of CME’s primary concerns is the need to develop and apply measures that will operate to constrain, within the limits of reasonableness, the system expansion, system enhancement, and embedded generation initiatives the government of Ontario is striving to achieve in a manner that constrains the level of spending within affordable and tolerable limits and thereby prevents material harm to the Ontario economy.
- (vi) CME wishes to actively participate in this consultation to assure that Transmission Project Development Planning requirements include a consideration of all matters relevant to their economic feasibility and affordability, including their estimated multi-year impacts on the “all in” price of electricity and the sensitivity of the Ontario economy to such prospective electricity price increases.

Request for Cost Award Eligibility

CME seeks a determination that it is eligible for a Cost Award on the following grounds:

- (i) CME is a not-for-profit organization funded by membership fees and revenues from the services it renders to Federal and Provincial Governments and Agencies to foster the development of national and international markets for its members and to break down trade barriers.
- (ii) About 85% of CME's 1,200 Ontario-based member companies are Small to Medium sized business Enterprises ("SMEs") with 500 employees or less. The views of these businesses should be considered in this proceeding.
- (iii) CME's ability to actively participate in this proceeding is dependent upon a determination that it is eligible for a Cost Award. In many prior proceedings, the Board has determined that CME is eligible for a Cost Award.

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If the relief requested in this letter is granted, then CME requests that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following:

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Please contact the undersigned if the Board requires any further information in connection with these requests.

Yours very truly,



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