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November 19, 2010

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli

## Union Gas Limited – Pre-Approval of the Cost Consequences of Three Long-TermTransportation ContractsBoard File No.:EB-2010-0300Our File No.:339583-000090

After filing our Interrogatories in this matter on November 17, 2010, it has come to our attention that our request for cost award eligibility was inadvertently not filed with the Board. We thought that our request for cost award eligibility was filed with the Board prior to November 8, 2010.

As such, we are seeking cost award eligibility in this proceeding on behalf of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME") at this time. In determining this request, we urge the Board to take into consideration that our late request has not, and will not, affect any of the timelines set out in the Notice of Application and Procedural Order No. 1 dated November 1, 2010.

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

- (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) Natural gas is a significant 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 natural gas.
- (iv) 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.

- (v) About 85% of CME's 1,400 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.
- (vi) 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.

## CME Contacts

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 this request.

Yours very truly,

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