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December 10, 2010

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

Dear Ms Walli,

**Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.** 

Pre-Approval of Cost Consequences of Long-Term Natural Gas Transportation Contract

Board File No.: EB-2010-0333 Our File No.: 339583-000092

We are writing this letter to confirm that our client, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME"), shall participate as a pre-approved intervenor in this proceeding. To this end, CME is identified on the list of pre-approved intervenors attached as Appendix "A" to the Board's Notice of Application and Procedural Order No. 1. In participating as a pre-approved intervenor, CME seeks cost eligibility in this proceeding.

## Request for Cost Eligibility

The reasons why CME should be granted cost eligibility in this proceeding include the following:

- 1. CME is Canada's leading business network. Its members represent 75% of manufactured output in the Province of Ontario, and 90% of all exports.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Natural gas is significant to manufacturing as one of the sources 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 commodity, including its transmission and distribution.
- 4. Many of CME's 1,400 Ontario-based member companies are distribution customers of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("EGD"). The rate changes EGD asks the Board to approve will have an impact on these companies.
- 5. 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.

- 6. 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.
- 7. 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 these requests.

Yours very truly,

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