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Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
27th floor – 2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms Walli,

Independent Electricity System Operator (“IESO”)
Fiscal 2011 Fees Submission for Review
Board File No.: EB-2010-0046
Our File No.: 339583-000003

We are writing as solicitors for Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”) to seek intervenor status and cost award eligibility in this proceeding.

Intervenor Status

The reasons why CME should be granted intervenor status 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. 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.
4. 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.
5. CME and its members are very interested in the work that the IESO performs and the consequential impacts that IESO activities are likely to have on the prices of electricity to consumers. In prior proceedings before the Board, CME has advocated that, in its supervision of the IESO, the Ontario Power Authority (“OPA”), and the other electricity utilities it regulates, the Board should monitor and control the pace at which the combined actions of the IESO, the OPA, and other utilities affect periodic increases in overall electricity prices.

Cost Award Eligibility

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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 the 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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