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

Dear Ms Walli

**Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity  
Consultation Initiation and Notice of Stakeholder Conference**  
**Board File No.: EB-2010-0377, EB-2010-0378 and EB-2010-0379**  
**Our File No.: 339583-000098**

We are writing this letter to seek participant status and cost award eligibility in all three priority initiatives to be undertaken in developing the renewed regulatory framework on behalf of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”).

### Request for Participant 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’s members have an interest in all three of the inter-related initiatives.

### Request for 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 1,500 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 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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