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

Dear Ms Walli,

Ontario Waterpower Association ("OWA")

Board File No.:

EB-2011-0067

Our File No.:

339583-000003

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

## Request for 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 a vital source of energy for the manufacturing sector. As a result, the members of CME are concerned with all matters pertaining to the supply and price of electricity, including its generation and transmission.
- 4. CME has participated in recent consultations on amendments to the Distribution System Code ("DSC").
- 5. CME wishes to better understand the impact which the proposed amendments to the DSC will have on its members.

## 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 1,400 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 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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