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October 27, 2011

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. ("Enbridge")** 

**Renewable Natural Gas Application** 

**Board File No.:** 

EB-2011-0242

Our File No.:

339583-000122

We submitted a request for intervenor status on behalf of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME") on October 13, 2011, a date prior to the issuance of the Notice of Application herein.

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of that Notice, we are enclosing a further copy of CME's request for intervenor status and cost award eligibility in this proceeding.

Please note that the contact name for CME should revert back to **Paul Clipsham** as follows:

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Yours very truly,

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Dear Ms Walli,

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. ("Enbridge")
Renewable Natural Gas Application
Board File No.: EB-2011-0242

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 1 million people in the Province.
- 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.

# 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 with 500 employees or less. The views of these businesses should be considered in this proceeding.



CME's ability to actively participate in this proceeding is dependent upon a determination that it 3. is eligible for a Cost Award. In many prior proceedings, the Board has determined that CME is eligible for a Cost Award.

### Written or Oral Hearing

As noted by the School Energy Coalition ("SEC"), it is premature to assess whether an oral or written hearing is more appropriate in this proceeding until interrogatories have been answered.

## CME Contacts (Updated and Revised)

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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