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Dear Ms Walli

**Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity (“RRFE”)
Issuance of Board Report and Next Steps**

Board File No.: EB-2010-0377
EB-2010-0378
EB-2010-0379
EB-2010-0043
EB-2011-0004

Our File No.: 339583-000098

We are writing on behalf of our client, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”), to seek cost award eligibility in the above-noted proceedings.

CME’s request for this relief is late. We mistakenly presumed that cost eligibility for CME would continue beyond the Consultative and Working Group phase of these proceedings.

We had not realized, until today, that CME was required to request cost award eligibility. CME has been accorded cost award eligibility in each of the five (5) initiatives that form the subject matter of this Consultative. Further, no party will be prejudiced by the granting of late cost award eligibility. In these circumstances, CME should be awarded cost award eligibility for the implementation portion of the Consultative.

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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Explanation for Lateness of this Cost Award Eligibility Request

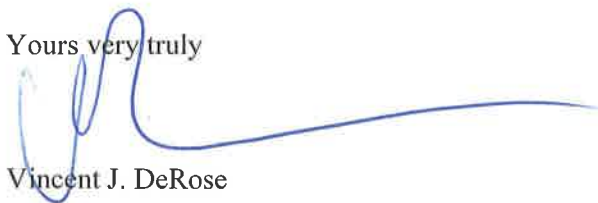
We apologize for failing to submit this request for cost award eligibility by the October 29, 2012 deadline referenced in Attachment B to the Board's letter dated October 18, 2012. Until today, we had been proceeding on a mistaken assumption that CME had already been accorded cost award eligibility throughout the continuation of this Consultative.

We respectfully submit that no one will be prejudiced by the lateness of this request by CME for cost award eligibility.

For these reasons, we ask the Board to excuse our failure to make this cost award eligibility request in a timely manner.

Please contact me if the Board requires any further information pertaining to the requests contained in this letter.

Yours very truly



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