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

Dear Ms Walli

**Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity (“RRFE”)
Notice of Proposed Amendments to the Transmission System Code and
the Distribution System Code**

Board File No.: EB-2011-0043
Our File No.: 339583-000098

We are writing to request cost award eligibility for our client, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”), with respect to the Board’s May 17, 2013 Notice of Proposed Amendments to the Transmission System Code (“TSC”) and the Distribution System Code (“DSC”).

In this connection, we seek the indulgence of the Board for our failure to submit this request by May 29, 2013, the deadline specified at page 42 of the Board’s May 17, 2013 Notice. We inadvertently failed to diarize this deadline at the time the Notice was received and only discovered this error late yesterday afternoon.

Request for Cost Award Eligibility

CME requests cost award eligibility with respect to this proceeding for the following reasons:

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 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Over the years, CME has consistently supported the adoption of a more coordinated electricity system planning process.
9. CME wishes to review the proposals made in this proceeding and, if necessary, to submit comments which emphasize the need for on-going estimates of the total likely electricity bill impacts of regionally planned investments. CME believes that such estimates are critical to ensure that regionally planned initiatives are achieved in an economically sustainable manner.

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

Yours very truly



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