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

Dear Ms Walli

Notice of Proposal to Amend the Licence of the Ontario Power Authority ("OPA")Board File No.:EB-2013-0192Our File No.:339583-000003

We are writing to request Intervenor status and Cost Award Eligibility for our client, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME") in 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 actively participate in this proceeding to consider and, if necessary, to submit comments on the appropriateness of the proposed amendments to the OPA licence. In particular, CME wishes to consider and make comments on whether the proposed amendments adequately recognize the need for those involved in the regional planning of electricity related investments to provide coordinated on-going year-over-year estimates of the total electricity bill impacts of such investments. CME believes that such forward looking total bill impact estimates are critical to ensuring 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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