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

Dear Ms Walli,

**Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.  
Clearance of Demand Side Management (“DSM”) Variance Accounts  
Board File No.: EB-2013-0075  
Our File No.: 339583-000003**

Pursuant to the Notice of Application and Procedural Order No. 1, we are writing this letter to seek intervenor status and cost award eligibility in this proceeding on behalf of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”).

CME has been active in the consultative process leading up to the filing of this Application. At this stage, CME does not intend to file any comments on Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.’s (“EGD”) application. The reason that CME is seeking Intervenor status is to preserve its ability to review any comments filed by other Intervenor and participate in any subsequent steps that could arise therefrom.

### 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. 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.
4. Many of CME’s 1,400 Ontario-based member companies are distribution customers of EGD. Further, many CME members participate in EGD’s DSM program. As such, EGD’s DSM plan will have an impact on these companies.

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.

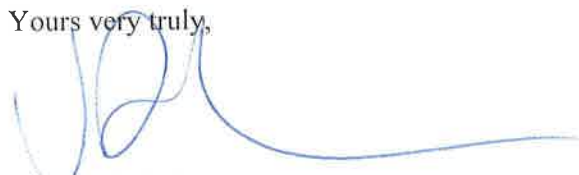
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If the relief requested in this letter is granted, then CME requests that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following:

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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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