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By email

February 19, 2014

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

Dear Ms Walli,

Hydro One Networks Inc.
2015 – 2019 Distribution Custom Incentive Rate-setting Application
Board File No.: EB-2013-0416
Our File No.: 339583-000003

We are writing this letter to seek intervenor status and cost award eligibility in this proceeding on behalf of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”). We apologize for the lateness of this request and respectfully request an extension of the February 15, 2014 deadline for intervenor requests to today’s date to accommodate a consideration of our client’s application for intervenor status in this proceeding.

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. 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 that is one of the most cost-effective and economically sustainable systems in North America.
5. CME’s primary focus, in this proceeding, is the impact that the level of the distribution rate increases Hydro One seeks effective January 1, 2015, in combination with other concurrent increases in electricity prices, will have on the total electricity bills of its members.

6. CME wishes to actively participate in this proceeding to assure that any rate changes which the Board approves, in combination with other increases in electricity prices, are affordable and capable of sustaining Ontario's manufacturing sector

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.

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 the undersigned if the Board requires any further information in connection with these requests.

Yours very truly,



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