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

Dear Ms. Walli,

**Ontario Power Authority (“OPA”)  
2014 Revenue Requirement Submission  
Board File No.: EB-2013-0326  
Our 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. CME wishes to actively participate in this proceeding in order to scrutinize the elements of the \$60.3M Operating Expenses Budget for 2014 for reasonableness and to make such submissions as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

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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