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

Dear Ms. Walli,

**Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“EGD”) – April 1, 2014 QRAM Application
Response by Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”)
Board File No.: EB-2014-0039
Our File No.: 339583-000007**

We are writing to provide CME’s response to the Board’s invitation for further submissions on rate impact mitigation.

CME has reviewed the further interrogatory responses provided by EGD and the submissions of Board Staff and others with respect to the appropriateness of providing some relief to mitigate the significant increase in gas costs stemming from the abnormally cold winter which we have recently experienced.

CME does not wish to be seen as strenuously opposing the granting of such relief and, in that connection, wish to modify the position taken in our initial letter to say that CME now takes no position with respect to the outcome of the Board’s inquiry into the mitigation issue.

We would point out that some further 2014 rate reduction relief for EGD’s ratepayers is one of the likely outcomes of EGD’s application for rates for the period 2014 to 2018. The degree to which that 2014 rate reduction relief will help mitigate the gas cost increases recently approved by the Board will depend upon the extent to which the Board finds favour with submissions made in that case on behalf of ratepayer interests.

CME requests an award of its reasonably incurred costs for participating in this QRAM proceeding.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thompson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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