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

Dear Ms. Walli,

Consultation Process for Developing a New Demand Side Management (“DSM”) Framework for Natural Gas Distributors
Board File No.: EB-2014-0134
Our File No.: 339583-000173

As solicitors for Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”), we are writing in response to the Board’s letter of April 10, 2014, to seek participant status and cost award eligibility in this consultative for CME.

The outcome of this process may have significant impacts on the rates paid by CME members, as well as the DSM programs available to them.

CME is Canada’s leading business network. Its members represent 75% of manufactured output in the Province of Ontario, and 90% of all exports. 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. 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.

Natural gas is a significant 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 natural gas, including its transmission and distribution.

CME’s ability to participate in this proceeding is dependent upon a determination that it is eligible for a cost award.

BLG’s Representation of CME

Borden Ladner Gervais (“BLG”) represents CME under the auspices of a written retainer agreement executed on behalf of CME by Ian Howcroft, Vice-President – Ontario Division. Our mandate is to represent the interests of manufacturers in OEB proceedings which are likely to have an impact on the

rates which Ontario manufacturers pay for utility services. Paul Clipsham, Director of Policy – Ontario Division of CME, is the individual with whom we liaise.

CME Contacts

If the relief sought 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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