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

Dear Ms. Walli

Re: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (“EGD”) – 2015 Rates Application
Board File No.: EB-2014-0276

We are writing this letter to seek intervenor status and cost award eligibility in this proceeding on behalf of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”).

1. CME and its Interest in this Proceeding

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.

CME’s mandate and objectives, its membership and the constituency it represents, and the types of programs and activities by which it carries out its mandate, are described on CME’s website, www.cme-mec.ca. CME’s priority objectives related to Energy and the Environment are summarized in Attachment 1.

Natural gas is a significant source of energy for the manufacturing sector. As a result, CME members are vitally concerned with all matters pertaining to the supply and price of natural gas, including its transmission, distribution and storage.

The outcome of this proceeding will have consequences for ratepayers served by EGD.

2. Nature and Scope of CME’s Intended Participation

CME intends to participate actively in this proceeding to evaluate:

- (a) The appropriateness of EGD’s updates of the elements of the Board approved Revenue Requirement Placeholder for 2015;
- (b) The rates streaming therefrom, including their proposed implementation; and
- (c) EGD’s Deferral and Variance Account proposals.

