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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

**Re: Union Gas Limited (“Union”)  
2014 Deferral Account Balances and Earnings Sharing Amount**  
**Board File #: EB-2015-0010**

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](http://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 consumption of natural gas by manufacturers, including:

- (a) The availability and cost of Demand Side Management (“DSM”) Measures; and
- (b) The supply and price of natural gas, including all matters pertaining to its transmission, distribution and storage.

The outcome of this proceeding will affect CME members served by Union.

**2. Nature and Scope of CME's Intended Participation**

CME intends to participate actively in this proceeding for the purpose of:

- (a) To assure that all relevant facts are placed in evidence for the Board's consideration; and
- (b) To make submissions on the issues which the Application raises, including:
  - (i) The appropriateness of the balances in existing Deferral Accounts and their proposed allocation to rate classes;
  - (ii) The appropriateness of Union's calculation of the 2014 Earnings Sharing amount and its allocation to rate classes;
  - (iii) The appropriateness of the new Deferral Account Union asks the Board to approve;
  - (iv) The appropriateness of Union's Incremental Transportation Contracting;
  - (v) The appropriateness of Union's proposals with respect to any other issues which the Application raises; and
- (c) Such further and other matters as counsel may advise and the Board permits.

**3. Request for Written Evidence**

CME requests that a copy of the written evidence upon which the Application is based be provided to its counsel.

**4. Oral or Written Hearing**

We believe that an oral hearing preceded by written Interrogatories and a Settlement Conference is the most efficient way of determining the issues raised by the Application.

**5. Cost Award**

CME intends to seek a cost award in this proceeding on the grounds that its ability to participate is dependent upon a determination that it is eligible for such an award. In many prior proceedings, the Board has determined that CME is eligible for a Cost Award.

**6. BLG's Representation of CME**

Borden Ladner Gervais ("BLG") represents CME under the auspices of a written retainer agreement executed by Ian Howcroft, Vice-President of CME's Ontario Division. BLG's mandate is to represent the interests of manufacturers in those Ontario Energy Board ("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 BLG liaises.

**7. 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

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP



Peter C.P. Thompson, QC

c. Chris Ripley (Union)  
Crawford Smith (Torys)  
Paul Clipsham and Ian Shaw

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## Attachment 1

### About CME and Its Representation in OEB Proceedings

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”) is Canada’s leading business network. It represents more than 10,000 leading companies nationwide and through various initiatives, touches more than 100,000 companies from coast-to-coast, engaged in manufacturing, international trade, and service-related industries. More than 85% of its members are Small to Medium sized Enterprises (“SMEs”). In Ontario, CME has about 1,400 members representing about 75% of manufactured output and about 90% of all exports.

One of CME’s priorities is to improve the business climate for manufacturers. Initiatives pertaining to Energy and the Environment fall within the scope of this objective and include efforts by CME to ensure that its members enjoy continued access to a reliable and cost competitive supply of energy and electricity across Canada.

In this context, CME seeks an Ontario electricity system for its members which is reliable, affordable, cost effective and economically sustainable with electricity prices for Ontario manufacturers which are competitive with electricity prices available to manufacturers located elsewhere.

Similarly, CME seeks a secure supply of natural gas at burner-tip prices in the plants of Ontario manufacturers which are competitive with such prices for manufacturers located elsewhere.

For further information on CME, please visit their website at [www.cme-mec.ca](http://www.cme-mec.ca).

CME’s authorized representative in proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board” or “OEB”) is Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (“BLG”) represented by Peter C.P. Thompson, Q.C. and Vincent J. DeRose, with support from other BLG associates. BLG’s representation of CME in proceedings before the Board is pursuant to a written retainer agreement executed on behalf of CME by Ian Howcroft, Vice-President – Ontario Division of CME.

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