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May 26, 2015

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

Dear Ms. Walli

**Re: 2014 Natural Gas Market Review
Consultation and Stakeholder Conference**
Board File #: EB-2014-0289

This letter is prompted by the letter from Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.'s ("EGD") to the Board dated May 14, 2015. That letter correctly notes that the Cost Claim of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME") in this proceeding does not include supporting time dockets for the hours spent by CME counsel in providing services in connection with this proceeding.

In this particular case, there is no direct link between the time docketed by Vince DeRose and myself in working on this file and CME's Cost Claim because the total time we spent in representing CME's interests was about 64.6 hours. The total time spent materially exceeds the total of 47 hours which the Board imposed at the outset of the proceeding for participation in the process, including the making of written submissions.

Nevertheless, to respond to EGD's criticism of our Cost Claim, we have enclosed the details of the time Mr. DeRose and I each spent in connection with this matter.

The Cost Claim allocates between Mr. DeRose and me some, but not all, of the total time we spent leading up to and participating in the 2 day Stakeholder Conference. All of the 25 hours which the Board allotted for written comments are allocated to me because I was the one who spent more than that amount of time preparing the written material which was reviewed by Mr. DeRose and then finalized by me.


In these circumstances, we submit that it would be unreasonable and unfair to issue a Cost Award for CME in an amount less than the 47 hours claimed, if that is what EGD is suggesting in noting the absence of our dockets its May 14, 2015 letter.

We sincerely hope that this letter adequately responds to EGD's criticisms.

Please contact me if the Board requires any further information.

Yours very truly

Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

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

Peter C.P. Thompson

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enclosure

c. Ryan Small (EGD)
Paul Clipsham and Ian Shaw (CME)
Vince DeRose

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Detail of Fees being Claimed



File #:	EB-2014-0289
Process:	2014 Natural Gas Market Review
Party:	Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters
Name:	Peter Thompson

Sep 26-14	Considering and responding to email from D. Quinn re: possible retention of an expert	0.2
Sep 30-14	Considering and responding to emails from D. Quinn and J. Rosenkranz; telephone call from J. Girvan; drafting and finalizing letter to the Board re: issues and expert evidence	1.8
Sep 30-14	Considering email exchange re: possible retention of expert witness	0.2
Nov 7-14	Considering emails from J. Rosenkranz and D. Quinn re: issues for Stakeholder Conference	0.5
Nov 19-14	Considering J. Rosenkranz's report outline; email exchange with J. Rosenkranz and D. Quinn	0.8
Nov 24-14	Considering material from J. Rosenkranz and D. Quinn; emails to D. Quinn	0.6
Dec 2-14	Reviewing various presentations to be made tomorrow at Natural Gas Market Review conference	3.8
Dec 2-14	Considering and responding to emails from D. Quinn	0.7
Dec 3-14	Attendance at Natural Gas Market Review conference	6.0
Dec 4-14	Briefing V. DeRose for proceedings today	0.5
Jan 12-15	Reviewing Board staff questions; email to V. DeRose and E. Blanchard; considering their responses	0.5
Jan 12-15	Reviewing presentations to conference in preparation for meeting with V. DeRose and E. Blanchard	1.0
Jan 13-15	Meeting with V. DeRose and E. Blanchard	0.8
Jan 13-15	Email to J. Rosenkranz; considering his response with suggestions for positions on Board staff questions	0.4
Jan 13-15	Considering and drafting outline for submissions	1.5
Jan 14-15	Preparation for and subsequent conference with D. Forsyth and P. Clipsham	1.0
Jan 14-15	Considering and dictating initial draft of CME comments	5.0
Jan 14-15	Reviewing conference materials; forwarding email links to D. Forsyth with covering emails	0.4
Jan 14-15	Considering email from D. Quinn and J. Rosenkranz	0.1
Jan 15-15	Considering emails from D. Forsyth	0.2

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Jan 15-15	Considering and responding to email from P. Clipsham	0.2
Jan 15-15	Email to V. DeRose	0.1
Jan 15-15	Reviewing, revising and re-dictating comments and emails to D. Forsyth and P. Clipsham, and to J. Rosenkranz and D. Quinn	6.5
Jan 16-15	Reviewing comments on draft from J. Rosenkranz, D. Quinn, D. Forsyth; considering draft comments of AMPCO; considering draft comments of FRPO and OGVG; revising and finalizing CME comments; emails to OEB and stakeholders	6.5
Jan 19-15	Reviewing comments from TCPL, Union, EGD, APPrO, FRPO, OGVG, IGUA, SEC and BOMA	2.3

Total Hours for Peter Thompson: 41.6

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Process: 2014 Natural Gas Market Review

Party: Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters

Name: Vince DeRose

Nov 18-14	Reviewing J. Rosenkranz emails; emails to and from P. Thompson; reviewing corresponding filed documents	2.1
Nov 19-14	Reviewing emails and draft evidence of J. Rosenkranz	1.4
Dec 4-14	Prepare for and attend meeting via teleconference	6.0
Jan 6-15	Telephone call to P. Clipsham; prepare material for client	0.9
Jan 13-15	Reviewing material; prepare for and attend meeting with E. Blanchard and P. Thompson; telephone call to P. Clipsham; telephone call to C. Ripley; telephone call to P. Thompson	5.4
Jan 14-15	Reviewing evidence; meeting with P. Thompson; telephone call to A. Mandyam; meeting with client and P. Forsyth	1.7
Jan 15-15	Reviewing draft CME comments	1.1
Jan 16-15	Reviewing drafts; meeting with P. Thompson	2.4
Jan 19-15	Reviewing submissions by TCPL and by Eastern utilities	2.0

Total Hours for Vince DeRose: 23.0