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

Dear Ms. Walli

**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One")
2018-2022 Distribution Custom IR Application
Board File #: EB-2017-0049**

We are writing 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.

Electricity is a significant source of energy for the manufacturing sector. As a result, Ontario-based CME members seek an electricity system for Ontario that is one of the most reliable, cost effective and economically sustainable systems in North America.

CME's primary focus, in this proceeding, is the impact that the level of the distribution rate increases Hydro One seeks effective January 1, 2018, in combination with other concurrent increases in electricity prices, will have on the total electricity bills of its members.

CME wishes to actively participate in this proceeding to assure that any rate changes which the Board approves, in combination with other increases in electricity prices, are affordable and capable of sustaining Ontario's manufacturing sector.

2. Nature and Scope of CME's Intended Participation

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

- (a) Assuring that all relevant facts are placed in evidence for the Board's consideration;
- (b) Making submissions on the issues which the Application raises; and
- (c) Such further and other matters as counsel may advise and the Board permits.

3. Request for Evidence

CME requests that an electronic copy of the evidence upon which the Application is based be provided to its counsel. In addition, CME requests that one hard copy of the material be sent to the attention of Mr. Randy Aiken at the address listed below.

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. Request for Cost Eligibility

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. 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.

CME has also sought the assistance of Aiken & Associates to support the review of evidence, preparation of interrogatories, participation in oral proceedings and drafting written submissions.

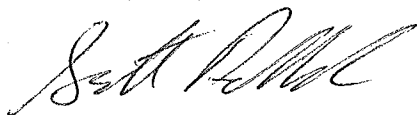
7. CME Contacts

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



Per Emma Blanchard

enclosure

c. Erin Henderson (Hydro One)
Gordon M. Nettleton and George Vegh (McCarthy Tétrault LLP)
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.

CME’s authorized representative in proceedings before the Ontario Energy Board (the “Board” or “OEB”) is Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (“BLG”) represented by Emma Blanchard and Scott Pollock, 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.

BLG’s mandate is to represent the interests of manufacturers in those 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 representatives liaise.

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Please find attached the letter of intervention of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME"), which was filed today through the Board's RESS portal.



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