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Dear Ms Walli

Consultation on Energy Issues Relating to Low Income Consumers

Board File No.: EB-2008-0150

Our File No.: 339583-000003

We are writing to seek cost award eligibility on behalf of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”) in this consultative process.

The grounds upon which CME bases its request for cost award eligibility are as follows:

- (i) 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 and to break down trade barriers.
- (ii) About 85% of CME’s 1,200 Ontario-based member companies are Small to Medium sized business Enterprises (“SMEs”) with 500 employees or less. CME members acquire gas and electricity from utilities regulated by the Board. Special gas and/or electricity rates for Low Income Earners are likely to impose a subsidy burden on the rates serving CME members. Accordingly, the views of CME should be considered in these proceedings.
- (iii) CME’s ability to actively participate in this proceeding is dependent upon a determination that it is eligible for a Cost Award. In many prior proceedings, the Board has determined that CME is eligible for a Cost Award.

If the relief requested is granted, then CME asks that further communications with respect to this matter be sent to the following:

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Please contact me if the Board requires any further information.

Yours very truly,



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