



November 30, 2022

Nancy Marconi
Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Marconi,

**RE: EB-2022-0016 Bluewater Power Distribution 2023 Rate Application
CCMBC Intervenor and Cost Eligibility Request Letter**

The Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Business of Canada (CCMBC, the Coalition) hereby applies for intervenor status and cost eligibility in the EB-2022-0016 proceeding, the application by Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation for Cost of Service 2023 Rates and Charges.

Statement of Interest

The CCMBC was formed in 2016 with a mandate to advocate for proactive and innovative policies that are conducive to manufacturing and business retention and safeguarding job growth in Canada. The creation of the organization was sparked by the high cost of electricity in Ontario and the negative impact it was having on business competitiveness in the province. The CCMBC was formed by former members of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters association who left that organization over their differing view and approaches towards issues facing the manufacturing community. The Coalition has over 400 members, most but not all of which are manufacturers in Ontario. Although the Coalition is active on a range of business issues, energy-related matters are of particular importance.

The interest of the CCMBC in this proceeding is the impact on manufacturers and businesses of the proposed 2023 rates and charges proposed by Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation. The Coalition expects to focus on the proposed capital expenditures, the Distribution System Plan, the asset condition assessment, project prioritization, grid modernization, load forecast, cost allocation and rate design.

Form of Hearing

The CCMBC hopes that all issues can be resolved by a settlement conference and that a hearing will not be necessary. However, if a hearing is required the Coalition supports the request by Elexicon Energy for a written hearing.

Costs

The CCMBC is a non-profit organization which relies on membership fees and individual donations to help protect the interests of its 418 member manufacturers and other businesses who are all electricity consumers. CCMBC will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this proceeding and believes that, as a coalition representing the direct interests of electricity consumers, it meets the eligibility criteria set out in the Ontario Energy Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure and its' Practice Direction on Cost Awards.

Communications

Communications relating to this Intervenor and Cost Eligibility Request Letter and all documents filed with the Board by the applicant and required by the CCMBC, should be directed to the CCMBC,

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of CCMBC,

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