



February 1, 2023

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
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Dear Ms. Marconi,

**RE: EB-2023-0003 - Engagement on Distributor Resilience, Responsiveness and Cost Efficiency - CCMBC Participant and Cost Eligibility Request Letter**

The Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (CCMBC, the Coalition) hereby applies for participant status and cost eligibility in the EB-2023-0003 Engagement on Distributor Resilience, Responsiveness and Cost Efficiency.

**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 418 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 is the impact on its members of potential increases in electricity distribution rates that may result from this initiative. The report that will be produced could be used by electricity distributors to justify excessive spending on resilience and responsiveness that would lead to large increases in electricity distribution rates.

**Costs Eligibility**

CCMBC is a non-profit organization which relies on membership fees and individual donations to help protect the interests of its member manufacturers and other businesses

who are Ontario electricity consumers. CCMBC will be requesting an award of costs for its participation in this engagement 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. CCMBC will be represented by Tom Ladanyi, its consultant. Mr. Ladanyi is an engineer and an accountant who has been involved in more than 200 energy regulatory applications, consultations, forums, and proceedings as case manager, consultant, participant, and witness. His CV is on file with the OEB.

## **Communications**

Communications relating to this Participant and Cost Eligibility Request Letter and all documents filed with the Board by in this engagement should be directed to the CCMBC,

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of CCMBC,

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