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Dear Ms Walli

**Union Gas Limited** 

Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("QRAM") of October 1, 2008

**Board File No.:** 

EB-2008-0281

Our File No.:

339583-000007

We are writing on behalf of our client, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters ("CME"). We have reviewed the Application of Union Gas Limited ("Union") for an order approving or fixing rates for the sale, distribution, transmission and storage of gas effective October 1, 2008.

CME is satisfied that the written evidence provided by Union supports the proposed changes contained in the Application.

Pursuant to Procedural Order No. 1 dated September 5, 2008, we should have served a copy of this correspondence on Union by September 11, 2008. I have discussed this matter with Chris Ripley of Union, and he has confirmed that Union does not oppose our late submission of this correspondence.

We urge the Board to take comfort from the fact that Union's QRAM Application has been subject to ratepayer scrutiny. In our respectful submission, the review of QRAM applications by CME contributes to the regulatory process. For these reasons, CME requests an award of its reasonably incurred costs in connection with conducting its examination of Union's QRAM Application. We will submit a claim for costs on behalf of CME if the Board responds favourably to this request.

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