



March 22, 2024

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

RE: EB-2024-0092 – Engagement on Electricity Distribution System Expansion for Housing Development - CCMBC Participant and Cost Eligibility Request

The Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (CCMBC, the Coalition) hereby applies for participant status and cost eligibility in the EB-2024-0092 - OEB Consultation – Engagement on Electricity Distribution System Expansion for Housing Development.

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 Coalition is the impact of proposals for electricity distribution system expansion for housing development may have on the distribution rates paid by its members, particularly any potential cross-subsidies by manufacturers and businesses of system expansion costs for residential housing development.

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 two hundred 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 in this engagement should be directed to the CCMBC's consultant,

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of CCMBC,

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