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Dear Ms Walli,

**Ontario Power Generation (“OPG”)
Reliability Must-Run Contract (“RMR Contract”)
Board File No.: EB-2008-0298
Our File No.: 339583-000003**

We are writing to seek intervenor status and cost award eligibility in this proceeding on behalf of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (“CME”).

Request for Intervenor Status

The reasons why CME should be granted intervenor status in this proceeding include the following:

- (i) CME is Canada’s leading business network. Its members represent 75% of manufactured output in the Province of Ontario, and 90% of all exports.
- (ii) Manufacturing is important to the Province of Ontario. It is the single largest sector of the economy (17.5% of Gross Domestic Product (“GDP”) or \$300B) employing, directly, over 1M people in the Province.
- (iii) Electricity is the primary source of energy for the manufacturing sector. As a result, the members of CME are vitally concerned with all matters pertaining to the supply and price of electricity.
- (iv) Ontario-based CME members seek an electricity system for Ontario which is one of the most cost-effective and economically sustainable systems in North America.
- (v) CME’s primary concern, in this proceeding, is described in the preamble of the Board’s Procedural Order No. 1 dated October 17, 2008, and, in particular, whether the financial provisions of the 2009 Reliability Must-Run Contract (“RMR Contract”) could be improved from the perspective of electricity consumers who ultimately bear the cost of RMR Contracts.
- (vi) CME also wishes to participate in these proceedings to consider the views of the Ontario Power Authority and IESO which the preamble of the Board’s Procedural Order No. 1 invites with respect to the issue of the continued need for Lennox as a Reliability Must-Run resource beyond September 30, 2009.

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Request for Cost Award Eligibility

CME seeks a determination that it is eligible for a Cost Award on the following grounds:

- (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. The views of these businesses should be considered in this proceeding.
- (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.

CME Contacts

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

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Please contact the undersigned if the Board requires any further information in connection with these requests.

Yours very truly,



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