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# **Annual Filing of Frequent Intervenor**

## **Intervenor Name:**

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters

## **Mandate and Objectives:**

One of CME's priorities is to improve the business climate for manufacturers. Initiatives pertaining to Energy and the Environment fall within the scope of this objective and include efforts by CME to ensure that its members enjoy continued access to a reliable and cost competitive supply of energy and electricity across Canada.

In this context, CME seeks an Ontario electricity system for its members which is reliable, affordable, cost effective and economically sustainable with electricity prices for Ontario manufacturers which are competitive with electricity prices available to manufacturers located elsewhere.

Similarly, CME seeks a secure supply of natural gas at burner-tip prices in the plants of Ontario manufacturers which are competitive with such prices for manufacturers located elsewhere.

## **Membership of the Intervenor and Constituency Represented:**

CME is Canada's leading business network. Its members represent 75% of manufactured output in the Province of Ontario, and 90% of all exports. 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. About 85% of CME's 400 Ontario-based member companies are Small to Medium sized business Enterprises ("SMEs") with 500 employees or less.

## **Programs or Activities Carried Out by the Intervenor:**

CME has advocated for manufacturers for over 150 years. It is a recognized leader in advocacy before governments and regulatory bodies on behalf of its members. CME also offers member-driven programs and services in areas such as LEAN and productivity, trade and export, energy and environment, leadership development, safety and more.

## **Focus Areas:**

Electricity – Rates, Natural Gas – Rates, OEB Consultations – Natural Gas, MAADs (Mergers, Amalgamations, Acquisitions and Divestitures)

## **Governance Structure:**

CME has a national board of directors, which is supported by provincial advisory boards, including one for Ontario.

CME has a national office in Ottawa with staff, including its president and CEO, as well as staff focused on Ontario-specific issues. Amongst the Ontario staff is Pratik Bhalerao, the Manager, Ontario Policy & Outreach. Mr. Bhalerao is one of the listed representatives on the OEB form, and the person with whom external counsel liaises to receive instructions from CME.

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