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Mr. John Zych
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Mr. Zych:

Multi-Year Electricity Distribution Plan
EB-2006-00088 Cost of Capital
EB-2006-0089 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation Mechanism

In accordance with the OEB's letter of April 27, 2006, this is to advise that Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters is interested in participating in the Multi-Year Electricity Distribution Plan EB-2006-00088 Cost of Capital EB-2006-0089 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation Mechanism.

Attached is CME's request for an award of costs.

Yours truly,

Malcolm Rowan
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**Canadian
Manufacturers &
Exporters**

Ontario Division

Request for Cost Award

Multi-Year Electricity Distributors

EB-2006-0088 – Cost of Capital

EB-2006-0089 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation Mechanism

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters

1. Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) hereby applies for an award of cost for the OEB's Multi-year electricity distributors Cost of Capital, EB-2006-0088 and its 2nd Generation Incentive Regulation Mechanism, EB-2006-0089 as set out in the Board's letter of April 27, 2006.
2. CME is a not for profit organization funded by membership fees. CME represents approximately 3,500 manufacturers and exporters in Canada, many of which operate in Ontario. CME's goal is to improve the competitiveness of Canadian industry and to expand export business.
3. CME's membership ranges from small to medium sized enterprises (SME) to large companies. Indeed, 80% of CME's members are SMEs and is the only stakeholder that represents the SME interests before the Board.
4. Since electricity is a significant cost of doing business for most companies, CME members have an interest in the allocation of cost by electricity distribution companies (LDC).
5. CME is organized by province. In Ontario, the Vice President, Ontario Region and an Energy Committee oversees CME's energy interests.
6. CME membership fees do not, and cannot, cover extraordinary expenses such as those related to participation in regulatory proceedings.
7. Accordingly, CME's participation in this review is totally dependent on it being able to receive full funding.