

## **Request for an Award of Costs**

**EB-2006-0064 – Ontario Power Generation Regulatory Process**

### **Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters**

#### **Statement of Interest**

1. Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) hereby applies for cost eligibility for the Regulatory Process for setting payment accounts for Ontario Power Generation's prescribed generation assets (EB-2006-0064) as set out in the Board's letter of March 21, 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 regulatory process for setting payment accounts for Ontario Power Generation's prescribed generation assets.
5. CME is organized by province. In Ontario, the Vice President, Ontario Region and an Energy Committee oversees CME's energy interests.

#### **Issues of Interest**

6. CME is interested in participating in each of two stages outlined in the OEB's March 21, 2006 letter and in the subsequent hearing process.

#### **Funding**

7. CME requests an award of costs. CME membership fees do not, and cannot, cover extraordinary expenses such as those related to participation in regulatory proceedings.
8. Accordingly, CME's participation in this review is totally dependent on it being able to receive full funding.

#### **Credentials**

9. Attached are CVs of the personnel CME expects to involve in this review.