

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD STAFF INTERROGATORIES
ON THE EVIDENCE OF ANWAATIN INC.**

Ontario Energy Board Community Expansion Proceeding

EB-2016-0004

Interrogatory # 1

Ref: Evidence of Anwaatin Inc., Page 2

Anwaatin Inc.'s evidence discusses the International Energy Agency's four criteria for "energy access".

In Anwaatin Inc.'s view, does electricity service in Ontario currently provide energy access as defined by the International Energy Agency's definition?

Interrogatory # 2

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Anwaatin Inc.'s evidence states that households amongst the First Nations represented by Anwaatin Inc. in this proceeding typically pay between \$1000-\$1500 per month for home heating costs. The evidence further states that similar homes on First Nations with access to natural gas pay \$100 or less per month on home heating.

Please provide the source for these figures. Are these annualized costs, or are they for the heating season(s) only?

Interrogatory # 3

Ref: Evidence of Anwaatin Inc., Page 4

Anwaatin Inc.'s evidence states: "[i]t is important to the First Nations supporting this application, and other First Nations across Ontario, that this hearing focus on the specific needs of First Nation communities in Ontario that do not have access to natural gas [...]"

Please describe the specific needs of First Nation communities that do not have access to natural gas. How are they different from other communities that are not currently served by natural gas?

Interrogatory # 4

Ref: Evidence of Anwaatin Inc., Pages 5-9

Anwaatin Inc.'s evidence proposes a comprehensive Universal Service Fund (Fund) which would collect money from existing natural gas customers and use it to fund expansion to communities that are not currently served by natural gas.

- a) It appears that Anwaatin Inc.'s proposal is that every community in Ontario would be eligible for whatever funding is necessary to bring natural gas service to that community. Is that in fact what Anwaatin Inc. is proposing?
- b) Does Anwaatin propose a specific rate for the Fund? Would the revenues for the Fund be collected through a volumetric rate or a monthly fixed charge and would there be a maximum amount payable by a customer on an annual basis?
- c) Has Anwaatin Inc. conducted any analysis to determine the costs to existing natural gas consumers if its proposal for a Fund is adopted by the OEB? Should the OEB take into account the impacts on existing natural gas customers when considering the appropriateness of the proposed Fund?

Interrogatory # 5

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Anwaatin states that the intent of EBO 188 is to facilitate the expansion of natural gas service while holding other customers harmless from the cost of new connections. The alternative of a Universal Service Fund approach to awarding gas expansion/connections fits with the intent of EBO 188.

Please explain how the Universal Service Fund approach to awarding gas expansion/connections fits with the intent of EBO 188.