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Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor
2300 Yonge Street
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2016-0160
Proposed issues list for Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") application for electricity transmission revenue requirement and related changes to the Uniform Transmission Rates beginning January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018

We are counsel to Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**) in the above-mentioned proceeding (the **Proceeding**). Board Staff has requested submissions on its proposed Issues List circulated on September 26, 2016 (the **Proposed Issues List**). Anwaatin's submissions follow.

Anwaatin supports the inclusion of Proposed Issues 3, 4, 6, 10, 11 and 12 on the understanding that they will permit the Board's thorough consideration of reliability issues in Northern and Southern Ontario and related impacts on customers, including Indigenous communities. Anwaatin also respectfully requests that the Board include the following issue on the Issues List in order to assist the Board in its conduct of the proceeding, consideration of the evidence, and setting just and reasonable rates in accordance with section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sched. B (the **OEB Act**), and Rule 28 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*:

Has Hydro One undertaken adequate outreach and consultation with Indigenous communities and groups and are its current processes and procedures sufficient to do so? (the **Anwaatin Issue**)

While Hydro One's evidence at Exhibit A, Tab 9, Schedule 1, directly addresses stakeholder consultation, none of the issues on the Proposed Issues List appear to allow for the Board's full consideration of the evidence and related consideration specific to Indigenous communities and groups. The principles, design, and processes Hydro One used to consult and engage with stakeholders in preparation for the Proceeding are also clearly a part of Hydro One's evidence, relevant, and material to the Board's decision in the Proceeding. Further, Hydro One directly addressed interrogatories related to its engagement with Indigenous stakeholders and its

performance scorecard at Exhibit I, Tab 10, Schedule 1, and Exhibit I, Tab 10, Schedule 7. Moreover, Hydro One owns and maintains assets on reserve lands and within the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples.

Anwaatin submits that the inclusion of the Anwaatin Issue is consistent with the Board's duty to protect the public interest and the interests of the most vulnerable Indigenous customers in accordance with section 1(1) of the *OEB Act*. It will also assist the Board in discharging its substantive and procedural obligations under section 78 of the *OEB Act*. Anwaatin therefore respectfully requests that the Anwaatin Issue be added to the Proposed Issues List.

Yours very truly,

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