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Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: EB-2016-0160
Response to Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") Cost Claim Objection

We are counsel to Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**) in the above-mentioned proceeding (the **Proceeding**). This letter responds to Hydro One's comments dated November 29, 2017, where it raised concerns regarding the number of Anwaatin participants in the Proceeding and Anwaatin's expert costs.

Anwaatin wishes to clarify that: (i) the number of participants and their participation was consistent with Procedural Order No. 1, dated July 29, 2016 (**PO1**) and (ii) Anwaatin's expert costs were reasonable.

The Board stated at page 2 of PO1 that, "[c]ost eligible intervenors should be aware that the OEB will not generally allow the recovery of costs **for the attendance** of more than one representative of any party, unless a compelling reason is provided when cost claims are filed" (emphasis added). Anwaatin did not bill for the attendance of more than one representative. Where more than one representative from Anwaatin appeared before the Board, only one billed for their time. This practice follows the Board's direction in PO1.

Anwaatin's expert costs were reasonable. The video evidence presenting First Nation voices and concerns required travelling to remote parts of northern Ontario to interview and record affected First Nation community members and time to prepare and edit the video materials for presentation. This method was less costly than having representatives from the affected First Nations attend the hearing. Further, work was delegated to less senior consultants, where appropriate.

Anwaatin therefore respectfully submits that the Board should award it 100% of its costs.

Yours very truly,

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