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VIA RESS AND COURIER

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

Re: EB-2016-0137 / EB-2016-0138 / EB-2016-0139 (South Bruce Proceeding) Response to EPCOR Southern Bruce Gas Inc. (EPCOR) Objection to Cost Claim of Anwaatin Inc.

We are counsel to Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**) in the South Bruce Proceeding. This letter responds to EPCOR's comments on Anwaatin's cost claim in the South Bruce Proceeding, wherein EPCOR raised concerns regarding the number of hours Anwaatin claimed for work in Phase One of the South Bruce Proceeding.

Anwaatin respectfully submits that the number of hours Anwaatin claimed for work in Phase One was consistent with the Board's procedural direction in the South Bruce Proceeding and specifically with Procedural Order No. 3 (**PO3**), issued March 23, 2017.

Anwaatin acknowledges the Board's statement in PO3 it would "limit the maximum number of hours of work claimed for phase one to a total of 8 hours per intervenor" (page 2) and wishes to emphasize that it has claimed 6 hours of work in relation to Phase One, well within the limit set out by the Board. Anwaatin submits that the 8-hour limit on work in relation to Phase One of the South Bruce Proceeding applies to submissions on the draft Issues List and draft Filing Requirements drafted filed between March 3, 2017, when Procedural Order No. 2 (**PO2**) was issued, and April 27, 2017, when Phase One submissions were due.

The Board first introduced its intention to "consider the selection of the distributor to serve the areas covered by the EPCOR Applications in a staged manner" in PO2 (page 2). The Board provided in PO2 that it would "first receive submissions on the preliminary threshold issues related to the criteria and the filing requirements for the supply and rate proposals that it expects to require from EPCOR and Union" (at page 2). The Board attached the draft Issues List and draft Filing Requirements as schedules to PO2. The Board further provided that it would "then

hear the competing proposals to be filed by EPCOR and Union in an oral hearing as part of the second phase" (at page 2) and in Procedural Order No. 5 called for "submissions regarding the draft Issues List and the draft Filing Requirements.

Anwaatin has claimed additional time in relation to the South Bruce Proceeding for work undertaken during the period beginning on December 21, 2016, when the Notice of Application was issued, and ending at the start of Phase Two, but this time does not reflect time-capped work performed in relation to Anwaatin's Phase One submissions. Such additional work was required to educate EPCOR on the Indigenous customers in the South Bruce area and correct EPCOR's later acknowledged errors.

Anwaatin therefore respectfully submits that EPCOR reconsider its objection to Anwaatin's cost claim and requests that the Board award Anwaatin 100% of its eligible costs.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'L' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that ends in a small arrowhead.

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