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**Kirsten Walli**  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Upper Canada Transmission, Inc., operating as NextBridge Infrastructure LP (NextBridge) and Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) East-West Tie Line Project and Lake Superior Link Project Combined Hearing Board File Nos. EB-2017-0182 / EB-2017-0194 / EB-2017-0364**

Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**) hereby submits this Notice of Late Intervention in the matter of the applications of: (i) NextBridge, for leave to construct an electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario; (ii) Hydro One, to upgrade existing transmission facilities in the districts of Thunder Bay and Algoma, Ontario; and (iii) Hydro One, for leave to construct an electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario (the **Proceeding**).

We note that Anwaatin has a unique perspective on First Nations reliability and reliability disparity issues that may serve the Board in assessing the evidence and making its related determinations in this Proceeding. We therefore request that the Board approve Anwaatin's late intervention in the Proceeding, which is being filed two weeks after the deadline for notice.

Please note that this late intervention is being submitted on the consent of each of NextBridge and Hydro One on the understanding that Anwaatin accepts the record in its current form and does not intend to submit written interrogatories in light of the timing of this notice.

Thank you for your timely consideration of this matter.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Lisa DeMarco", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Lisa (Elisabeth) DeMarco

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,  
S.O. 1998, c. 15, Sched. B, as amended;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Upper  
Canada Transmission Inc., operating as NextBridge  
Infrastructure LP (**NextBridge**), for leave to construct an  
electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and  
Wawa, Ontario;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Hydro One  
Networks Inc. (**Hydro One**) to upgrade existing  
transmission facilities in the districts of Thunder Bay and  
Algoma, Ontario;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Hydro One for  
leave to construct an electricity transmission line between  
Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario.

**EB-2017-0182**  
**EB-2017-0194**  
**EB-2017-0364**

**NOTICE OF INTERVENTION**

**OF**

**ANWAATIN INC.**

**September 20, 2018**

**A. Application for Intervenor Status**

1. Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**) hereby requests intervenor status in the matter of the applications of: (i) Upper Canada Transmission Inc., operating as NextBridge Infrastructure LP (**NextBridge**), for leave to construct an electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario, and (ii) Hydro One Networks Inc. (**Hydro One**) to upgrade existing transmission facilities in the districts of Thunder Bay and Algoma, Ontario, and leave to construct an electricity transmission line between Thunder Bay and Wawa, Ontario. This notice of intervention is filed pursuant to Rule 22 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure.
2. NextBridge and Hydro One are each seeking to develop and operate an electricity transmission line between Wawa and Thunder Bay, in the Northwest region of Ontario's electricity grid and the related integrated regional planning area (the **Project(s)**, or the **East-West Tie Line**). The Project(s) are intended to, in part, address critical reliability concerns and electricity infrastructure needs in the area. Anwaatin's member First Nations have and continue to be very active in and around the Project(s) and on First Nations reliability issues in the region and have participated actively taking a leadership role in a number of Ontario Energy Board electricity transmission and distribution proceedings.

**B. Anwaatin and its Interest in the Proceeding**

3. Anwaatin is an Indigenous business corporation that works with Indigenous communities in linked energy markets that include Ontario, Quebec, California and Manitoba. Anwaatin's mission is to ensure that Indigenous communities are afforded reliable and affordable energy and have a central role in energy-related climate change action. Its business focusses on (i) access to electricity and natural gas energy solutions for indigenous communities; (ii) ensuring Indigenous communities have reliable energy transmission and distribution in order to meet basic needs and facilitate economic development; (iii) addressing poor electricity reliability and the disparate and adverse impacts that it has on Indigenous communities and Aboriginal rights; and (iv) strengthening biodiversity, resilience, and efficient solutions to address climate change.
4. The member First Nations communities and organizations participating in Anwaatin in connection with this proceeding are Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (**AZA**) and Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (**BNA**). AZA has recently negotiated reserve lands and is in the

process of planning a new reserve community near Beardmore. Their traditional territory includes the Lake Nipigon watershed and areas that will be impacted by the projects proposed by both proponents. BNA is formerly known as the Sand Point First Nation and is located on the south-east shore of Lake Nipigon, with traditional territory that also includes the Lake Nipigon watershed and areas that will be impacted by both proposed projects. Both First Nations are members of Waaskinaysay Ziibi Inc., (**WZI**) an economic development corporation made up of five Lake Nipigon First Nations. Other WZI members that form part of Bamkushwada Limited Partnership (**BLP**) have intervened separately in this Proceeding.

5. BLP's affiliate construction company, 'Supercom Industries', is involved in the construction of the East-West Tie Line and has entered into agreements with affected communities including BZA and AZA related to education, training and the construction of the East-West Tie.
6. BNA and AZA have a direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding in that they: (i) have signed consultation agreements with an applicant; (ii) have agreements in place with Supercom and the outcome of the proceeding will affect their related economic development; (iii) have considerable electricity reliability challenges and impacts, and have lead the First Nations advocacy on transmission reliability and the disparate impacts of poor reliability on First Nations and traditional aboriginal rights on matters before the Ontario Energy Board; (iv) have an economic interest in the Namewaminikan Hydroelectric Project (commissioned in the spring of 2017) north of Beardmore, which may be served by the East-West Tie Line; and (v) continue to participate jointly with other First Nations in the environmental assessment technical reviews of the Project.
7. Anwaatin hopes to provide the Board with these unique perspectives of First Nations communities with reliability challenges, and electricity network needs, that may be materially impacted by the outcome of this proceeding, and the effective and efficient construction and implementation of the East-West Line.

**C. Nature and Scope of Anwaatin's Intended Participation**

8. Anwaatin intends to be an active participant in this proceeding and will act responsibly to coordinate with other intervenors where common issues may arise and be otherwise addressed. Anwaatin acknowledges that interrogatory requests and evidence have been

submitted in this proceeding and it agrees to accept the record as it stands, foregoing the right to ask written interrogatories. Anwaatin otherwise intends to participate actively in order to test evidence in accordance with the stipulated processes and timelines, and provide argument.

**D. Costs**

9. Anwaatin is, in accordance with s. 3.03(b) of the Board's Practice Direction on Cost Awards, eligible to seek an award of costs as Anwaatin is a party that primarily represents an First Nations interests and customers and reliability-related policy perspectives that are relevant to the Board's mandate and to the proceeding.
10. Anwaatin represents the interests of First Nations energy consumers in Ontario and is committed to ensuring that they are served through access to affordable, reliable, sustainable electricity. Anwaatin therefore submits that it should be afforded cost eligibility in this proceeding as its comments will serve an important and unique interest and policy perspective relevant to the Board's mandate.
11. Consequently, Anwaatin submits that it is appropriate for the Board to find that Anwaatin is eligible for its costs of participation in this proceeding.

**E. Anwaatin's Representatives**

12. Anwaatin hereby requests that further communications with respect to this proceeding be sent to the following:

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ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY  
SUBMITTED THIS  
20th day of September, 2018



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