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#### **VIA RESS**

Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4 Attention: Registrar

Dear Ms. Long:

Re: Enbridge Gas Inc. (EGI)

2021 Federal Carbon Pricing Program Application

**Board File No.: EB-2020-0212** 

We are counsel to the Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**). Please find enclosed Anwaatin's Notice of Intervention in the above-noted proceeding.

Sincerely,

Jonathan McGillivray

c. Adam Stiers, EGI
Tania Persad, EGI
Larry Sault, Anwaatin Inc.
Don Richardson

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Enbridge Gas Inc., for an order or orders for gas distribution rate changes related to compliance obligations under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act, S.C. 2018, c. 12, s. 186;

EB-2020-0212

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

ANWAATIN INC.

**November 3, 2020** 

# A. Application for Intervenor Status

1. Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**) hereby requests intervenor status in the matter of the application (the **Application**) of Enbridge Gas Inc. (the **Applicant**) to the Ontario Energy Board (the **OEB** or the **Board**) for approval to increase its rates effective April 1, 2021, to recover the costs associated with meeting its obligations under the federal government's *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* (**GGPPA**). This notice of intervention is filed pursuant to Rule 22 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

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

- 2. 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 efficient 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 distributed energy resources in Indigenous communities to facilitate resilience and efficient electrification solutions to address climate change.
- 3. Anwaatin's Indigenous membership for this proceeding presently includes Aroland First Nation (Aroland), Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek Nation (AZA), and Ginoogaming First Nation (Ginoogaming) (collectively, the Anwaatin First Nations). Additional Indigenous communities may be confirmed as members of Anwaatin for this proceeding. The Anwaatin First Nations each have traditional territory, and associated rights and interests protected by the Constitution Act, 1982, that may be impacted by the outcomes of this proceeding.
- 4. In its decision on the Applicant's 2020 Federal Carbon Pricing Program (FCPP) application (EB-2019-0247), the Board relied heavily on Anwaatin's submissions to make its determination that the Federal Carbon Charge on First Nations on-reserve customers will remain interim until determination of outstanding constitutional (s. 35) and *Indian Act* (ss. 87 and 89) issues, which the Board has deferred until after the decision of the Supreme

Court of Canada in the carbon pricing reference appeals (SCC Docket Nos. 38663, 38781, and 39116). A decision may be handed down during the course of this proceeding. Anwaatin, therefore, intends to make submissions on the applicability of the proposed FCPP natural gas charges to Indigenous and/or on-reserve communities in light of sections 87 and 89 of the *Indian Act*, treaty rights, and section 35 of the Constitution. To assist the Board in responding to these issues, Anwaatin will also address unique consideration of Indigenous peoples in this proceeding.

5. Anwaatin has been active in representing various Indigenous interests before the Board in a number of electricity and natural gas proceedings, including the Applicant's prior FCPP application (EB-2019-0247); the Town of Marathon's North Shore project (EB-2018-0329); the Applicant's Chatham-Kent (EB-2018-0188) and Georgian Sands (EB-2018-0226) leave to construct proceedings; the Southern Bruce franchise proceeding (EB-2016-0137 / EB-2016-0138 / EB-2016-0139); EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's Southern Bruce leave to construct (EB-2018-0263) and rates (EB-2018-0264) proceedings; Hydro One's applications for approval to increase electricity transmission rates (EB-2016-0160 and EB-2019-0082); Hydro One's application to increase 2018-2022 electricity distribution rates (EB-2017-0049); Hydro One's application for approval of a Revenue Cap Index adjustment for its 2019 revenue requirement (EB-2018-0130); and the East-West Tie Line / Lake Superior Link combined proceeding (EB-2017-0182 / EB-2017-0194 / EB-2017-0364).

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

6. 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 may be addressed. Anwaatin intends to participate to request information, participate in any requisite motions, test evidence through the stipulated processes, submit written interrogatories, if applicable, and provide submissions. Subject to the development of the record in this matter, Anwaatin may also submit evidence.

#### D. Costs

7. Anwaatin hereby requests cost eligibility in this proceeding. 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 interest or policy perspective

that is relevant to the Board's mandate and to the proceeding.

8. Anwaatin represents the interests of a unique and otherwise unrepresented set of

Indigenous energy consumers in Ontario and is committed to ensuring that they are served

through access to an affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern natural gas service.

Anwaatin requests an award of costs in this proceeding on the basis that its comments

and participation serve a direct interest and policy perspective that is relevant to the

Board's mandate and pressing for Ontario's energy consumers. The Board has granted

Anwaatin cost eligibility in several Board proceedings, including each and all of those

referred to above in paragraph 5.

9. Anwaatin therefore submits that it is appropriate for the Board to award Anwaatin costs in

the context of this proceeding, and hereby requests cost eligibility.

## E. Anwaatin's Representatives

10. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>day of November, 2020

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