

March 2, 2021

#### **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) Consultation to Review Annual Update to Five-Year Natural Gas Supply Plan Board File No.: EB-2021-0004

We are counsel to Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**). Further to the Board's letter dated February 19, 2021, please find enclosed Anwaatin's Notice of Participation in the above-noted proceeding.

Sincerely,

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Jonathan McGillivray

c. David Stevens, Counsel, Aird & Berlis LLP Larry Sault, Anwaatin Inc. Don Richardson, Consultant

## 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** the consultation to review the annual update to the five-year natural gas supply plan of Enbridge Gas Inc. (**EGI**).

EB-2021-0004

## NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION

# ANWAATIN INC.

March 2, 2021

## A. Application for Participant Status

 Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin) hereby requests status to participate in the consultation by the Ontario Energy Board (the Board) on the Annual Update to EGI's five-year natural gas supply plan (the Plan). This notice of participation is filed pursuant to the Board's letter dated February 19, 2021.

## 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 to facilitate resiliency and efficient electrification solutions to address climate change.
- 3. Anwaatin's Indigenous membership for this consultation 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 consultation. 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 consultation.
- 4. Anwaatin is interested in matters including the cost-effectiveness, reliability and security of supply, risk management, and execution of the Plan. Anwaatin's participation would bring to bear a strong Indigenous perspective and include experience and input on issues including the potential impacts on Indigenous rights and Aboriginal title including economic rights, which may be adversely affected by the Plan.

- 5. Anwaatin has been active in representing various Indigenous interests before the Board in a number of electricity and natural gas proceedings, including the Board's consultation on EGI's five-year natural gas supply plan (EB-2019-0137), the proceeding to review EGI's proposed integrated resource planning (IRP) framework (EB-2020-0091), the Board's consultation on EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership's five-year natural gas supply plan (EB-2020-0106), Enbridge'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), ENGLP'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-2017-0049), 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).
- 6. Anwaatin hopes to provide the Board with the unique perspective of the disproportionate number of Indigenous communities currently living in energy poverty in Ontario. Anwaatin may, in accordance with the Board's *Framework for the Assessment of Distributor Gas Supply Plans*, specifically address the cost-effectiveness and economic efficiency of the Plan, the extent to which the Plan ensures reliability and security of supply, and the extent to which the Plan supports, and is aligned with, public policy.

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

7. Anwaatin intends to be an active participant in this consultation and will act responsibly to coordinate with other participants where common issues may arise and may be addressed. Anwaatin intends to participate actively to submit written questions to EGI in accordance with the Board's process, participate in the transcribed Stakeholder Conference, submit written comments on the Plan, and participate in any subsequent proceeding that the Board determines may be required.

# D. <u>Costs</u>

8. Anwaatin hereby requests cost eligibility in this consultation. 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 consultation.

- 9. 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 consultation on the basis that its comments and participation serve a direct interest and policy perspective that are 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 of those referred to above in paragraph 5.
- 10. Anwaatin therefore submits that it is appropriate for the Board to award Anwaatin costs in the context of this consultation, and hereby requests cost eligibility.

# E. <u>Anwaatin's Representatives</u>

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

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ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

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