



April 14, 2021

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

Dear Ms. Long:

**Re: Framework for Energy Innovation: Distributed Resources and Utility Incentives
Board File Nos.: EB-2021-0118**

We are counsel to Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**) in connection with the above-noted consultation (the **Consultation**). Further to the Board's letter of March 23, 2021, Anwaatin wishes to request cost eligibility in the Consultation and nominate Dr. Don Richardson to serve as a member of the Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group (**FEI WG**).

In its March 23, 2021 letter, the Board noted its intent that the FEI WG will represent the full range of interests related to the integration of distributed energy resources (**DERs**) in Ontario and that selections for the FEI WG will be made with a view to achieving a broad and representative membership. Anwaatin appears to be the only participant representing the unique perspective of Indigenous rightsholders in the Consultation. Anwaatin has been active in representing various Indigenous interests before the Board in a number of electricity and natural gas proceedings and consultations. Anwaatin is moreover a pioneer of DERs initiatives before the Board and helped to achieve the first islanded grid energy storage projects to improve poor electricity reliability in vulnerable Indigenous communities.¹

Anwaatin's Indigenous membership for this Consultation presently includes Aroland First Nation, Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek Nation, and Ginoogaming First Nation.

Request for Cost Eligibility

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

¹ See EB-2017-0335, Decision and Order, August 23, 2018, available online at: <http://www.rds.oeb.ca/HPECMWebDrawer/Record/617740/File/document>; EB-2017-0049, Decision and Order, March 7, 2019, available online at: <http://www.rds.oeb.ca/HPECMWebDrawer/Record/636422/File/document>.

consumers in Ontario and is committed to ensuring that they are served through access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy service.

Anwaatin appears to be the only participant representing Indigenous rightsholders in the Consultation. Anwaatin requests an award of costs in this Consultation given 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 prior Board proceedings.

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.

Nomination of Dr. Richardson. Anwaatin wishes to nominate Dr. Don Richardson to the FEI WG. Dr. Richardson has over 30 years of experience as a skilled facilitator supporting project implementation, impact assessments and building agreements between energy, infrastructure and resource management project proponents, community/non-governmental organizations, government agencies, and rural/Indigenous communities. He fosters constructive engagement to create shared value between communities and infrastructure proponents.

Dr. Richardson has experience with several large scale and small scale energy infrastructure development projects, and energy regulatory and policy matters, working on behalf of First Nation governments across Ontario. He has extensive experience navigating the deployment, use, and integration of DERs in and around Indigenous communities. He is also a recipient of the Canadian Urban Institute's Brownie Award recognizing outstanding achievement in building and maintaining effective working partnerships with professionals, the local community and others involved in Brownfields redevelopment, and a Consulting Engineers of Ontario, Canada Award for Indigenous Traditional Knowledge achievements.

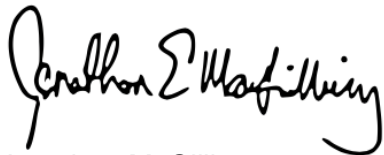
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We request that the Board grant Anwaatin cost eligibility in the Consultation and name Dr. Richardson to the FEI WG on behalf of Anwaatin.

Sincerely,



Jonathan McGillivray

c. Larry Sault, Anwaatin
Don Richardson