

June 10, 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)

**Demand Side Management Plan for 2022-2027 Application** 

OEB File No. EB-2021-0002

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

Sincerely,

Jonathan McGillivray

c. Asha Patel, EGI
 Dennis M. O'Leary, Aird & Berlis LLP
 Larry Sault, Anwaatin
 Don Richardson

Encl.

# **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. pursuant to Section 36(1) of the Act, for an order or orders approving its Demand Side Management Plan for 2022-2027.

EB-2021-0002

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

ANWAATIN INC.

June 10, 2021

# A. Application for Intervenor Status

Anwaatin Inc. (Anwaatin) hereby requests status to intervene in the matter of the application by Enbridge Gas Inc. (the Applicant) to the Ontario Energy Board (the OEB or the Board) for order or orders approving the Applicant's proposed Demand Side Management Plan for 2022-2027 (the Application). This notice of intervention is filed pursuant to Rule 22 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Board's notice dated May 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 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. Anwaatin is interested in matters including the cost-effectiveness, reliability and security of supply, risk management, and execution of the Applicant's 2022-2027 DSM Plan (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 hopes to provide the Board with the unique perspective of the disproportionate number of Indigenous communities currently living in energy poverty in Ontario. Anwaatin intends to make submissions, *inter alia*, on the Applicant's evidence in respect of: whether "on-reserve First Nations communities are well served" by the DSM Plan [Exhibit E, Tab 1, Schedule 3, p. 6]; opportunities for the Applicant to serve its "on-reserve Indigenous customers through the DSM Commercial Program" [Exhibit E, Tab 4, Schedule 4, p. 5]; and ensuring the eligibility of "Indigenous Single Family homes on and off-Reserve" for the "Continue Home Winterproofing offer" [Exhibit E, Tab 4, Schedule 6, Attachment 1, p 4].
- 6. Anwaatin has been active in representing various Indigenous interests before the Board in a number of electricity and natural gas proceedings, including Enbridge's integrated resource planning proposal proceeding (EB-2020-0091), the Board's consultation on Enbridge Gas Inc's five-year natural gas supply plan (EB-2019-0137) and update (EB-2021-0004) proceedings, Enbridge's 2020 (EB-2019-0247) and 2021 (EB-2020-0212) federal carbon pricing program proceedings. Enbridge's renewable natural gas program (EB-2020-0066) proceeding, Enbridge's Chatham-Kent (EB-2018-0188) and Georgian Sands (EB-2018-0226) leave to construct proceedings, Enbridge's renewable natural gas enabling program (EB-2017-0319) proceeding, 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-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

7. 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

8. 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.

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 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 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 proceeding, and hereby requests cost eligibility.

E. Anwaatin's Representatives

11. 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

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