



August 16, 2021

VIA RESS

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

Dear Ms. Long,

**Re: Ontario Energy Board
Proposed Amendments to the Distribution System Code (DSC) to Facilitate
Connection of Distributed Energy Resources
Board File No.: EB-2021-0117**

We are counsel to Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**). Further to the Board's Notice dated August 5, 2021, Anwaatin hereby provides these written submissions with respect to its interest in the above-noted proceeding and the grounds on which it is cost award eligible.

Interest in the Proceeding

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.

Anwaatin's Indigenous membership for this proceeding presently includes Aroland First Nation, Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek Nation, and Ginoogaming First Nation. Additional Indigenous communities may be confirmed as members of Anwaatin for this proceeding.

The proposed amendments to the DSC may affect the ability of First Nations communities and Indigenous businesses to connect distributed energy resources (**DERs**), including DERs that improve reliability, on their traditional territory. Anwaatin wishes to submit written comments on the proposed amendments to the DSC in accordance with the Board's process.

Request for Costs

Anwaatin 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 this proceeding. 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 affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern electricity service. The Board has granted Anwaatin cost eligibility in many Board proceedings.

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that ends in an arrowhead pointing to the right.

Lisa (Elisabeth) DeMarco

c. Larry Sault, Anwaatin Inc.
Don Richardson