



December 21, 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: Reliability and Power Quality Review (RPQR)
Board File Number: EB-2021-0307

We are counsel to Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**) in the above-noted RPQR. Please find attached Anwaatin's notice of participation and request for cost eligibility, filed pursuant to the Board's letter dated November 30, 2021.

Anwaatin apologizes for filing its request for cost eligibility in the RPQR after the deadline. We did not receive notice of the RPQR and became aware of it yesterday and immediately sought instructions. Anwaatin is prepared to file its comments by the January 14, 2021 deadline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Vollmer", with a stylized flourish at the end.

DT Vollmer

c. 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 the Ontario Energy Board's
Reliability and Power Quality Review consultation.

EB-2021-0307

NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION

ANWAATIN INC.

December 21, 2021

A. Application for Participant Status

1. Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**) hereby requests status to participate in the Board's Reliability and Power Quality Review (**RPQR**) consultation (EB-2021-0307). This request to participate is filed pursuant to Rule 22 of the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* and the Board's letter dated November 30, 2021.

B. Anwaatin and its Interest in the Consultation

Anwaatin Inc.

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. Anwaatin's interests are focused on ensuring that Indigenous communities and businesses (i) have access to efficient electricity and natural gas energy solutions for Indigenous communities; (ii) are provided with reliable energy transmission and distribution in order to meet basic needs and facilitate economic development; (iii) address poor electricity reliability and the disparate and adverse impacts that it has on Indigenous communities and Aboriginal rights; and (iv) strengthen distributed energy resources in Indigenous communities to facilitate their resilience, reconciliation, 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**). 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.

Anwaatin's Interest in the Consultation

4. Anwaatin is interested in matters including: (i) approaches to reporting, measuring, and assessing reliability; (ii) reliability benchmarking and customer specific reliability measures; and (iii) the need for enhanced reporting on major events and delivery point performance. 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, and the specific and unique reliability challenges faced by Indigenous communities across Ontario.

5. Anwaatin has been active in representing various Indigenous interests before the Board in a number of electricity and natural gas proceedings, and frequently assists the Board in assessing applicants' reliability evidence, particularly in remote and near-remote First Nations communities. Anwaatin filed reliability evidence in the Hydro One Networks Inc. (**Hydro One**) EB-2016-0160 proceeding and entered into a settlement agreement with Hydro One in relation to reliability in EB-2017-0335. Anwaatin continues to be an active participant on issues in and around reliability performance, including in Hydro One's joint Custom IR distribution and transmission proceeding (EB-2021-0110); Hydro One's application for approval to increase electricity transmission rates (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).
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. It will also provide stakeholder views on reliability and the Board's approach to electricity distributor reliability performance on remote and near-remote communities. To assist the Board in responding to these issues, Anwaatin will address unique considerations of, and potential solutions for, Indigenous peoples in this consultation.

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 intervenors where common issues may arise and may be addressed. Anwaatin intends to participate actively to submit written answers in accordance with the Board's process and participate in any proceeding required to address specific issues highlighted by the RPQR. Anwaatin may also make expert submissions subject to the development of the record in this consultation.

D. Costs

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 electricity services. Anwaatin requests an award of costs in this consultation on the basis that its comments serve a direct interest and policy perspective that is relevant to the Board's mandate and pressing for Ontario's energy consumers.
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. Anwaatin's Representatives

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

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AND TO ITS COUNSEL

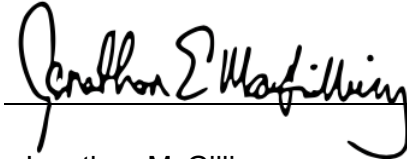
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ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED THIS 21st day of December, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan McGillivray", is written over a horizontal line.

Jonathan McGillivray
Resilient LLP
Counsel for Anwaatin