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

Dear Ms. Marconi,

**Re: Ontario Energy Board
Revised 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**). Anwaatin appreciates the opportunity to provide its comments on the *Revised Proposed Amendments to the Distribution System Code to Facilitate Connection of Distributed Energy Resources* (the **Revised Proposed Amendments**) pursuant to the Board's Notice dated December 20, 2021.

Anwaatin has considered, and is generally supportive of, the Revised Proposed Amendments. However, Anwaatin wishes to reiterate that the Revised Proposed Amendments affect, or may affect, the ability of Indigenous communities and Indigenous businesses to connect DERs as they increasingly seek to improve safety and reliability, advance energy sovereignty, and secure critical health and safety infrastructure. In addition, any amendments which affect the rights and abilities of Indigenous communities to safe, reliable, and efficient energy should also advance the spirit and imperative of reconciliation. As such, Anwaatin underscores the importance of ensuring the Revised Proposed Amendments support the low-cost connection of DERs to address the long-standing challenges of energy poverty and poor energy reliability in many of Ontario's Indigenous communities.

Sincerely,

Lisa (Elisabeth) DeMarco

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Don Richardson