



April 13, 2022

**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. Marconi:

**Re: Reliability and Power Quality Review**  
**Board File No.: EB-2021-0307**

We are counsel to Anwaatin Inc. (**Anwaatin**) in connection with the above-noted consultation (the **Consultation**). Further to the Board's letter of March 31, 2022, Anwaatin wishes to nominate Dr. Don Richardson to serve as a member of the Reliability and Power Quality Review Working Group (**RPQR WG**). In addition, Anwaatin requests that it be granted cost award eligibility for its participation in the RPQR WG.

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 reliability improvement initiatives before the Board and helped to achieve the first islanded grid energy storage projects to improve poor electricity reliability in vulnerable Indigenous communities.<sup>1</sup>

**Nomination of Dr. Richardson.** Anwaatin wishes to nominate Dr. Don Richardson to the RPQR WG as the representative for Anwaatin. 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 advocated on behalf of Anwaatin's indigenous membership and rightsholders in numerous proceedings and consultations before the Board. Dr. Richardson, on behalf of Anwaatin, has participated in numerous major electricity proceedings before the Board, including a wide variety of Hydro One Networks Inc. applications, major electricity transmission

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<sup>1</sup> 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>.

proceedings, and helping to achieve the first islanded grid energy storage projects to improve poor electricity reliability in vulnerable Indigenous communities (see EB-2017-0355, Decision and Order, August 23, 2018 and EB-2017-0049, Decision and Order, March 7, 2019). He has also been an active consultant and participant in various natural gas proceedings, including EB-2020-0212, EB-2020-0106, EB-2020-0066, EB-2019-0247, EB-2019-0255, EB-2019-0137, EB-2016-0004. In addition, Dr. Richardson is currently serving as Anwaatin's representative in the Framework for Energy Innovation Working Group (**FEI WG**) (EB-2021-0118). He is or was an active participant in, among others, the following Board proceedings: EB-2021-0002; EB-2021-0004; EB-2020-0194; EB-2020-0212; and EB-2020-0106.

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 and organizations across Ontario. He has extensive experience navigating the deployment, use, and integration of DERs in and around Indigenous communities to improve access and reliability in remote and near-remote 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 brownfield redevelopment, and a Consulting Engineers of Ontario, Canada Award for Indigenous Traditional Knowledge achievements.

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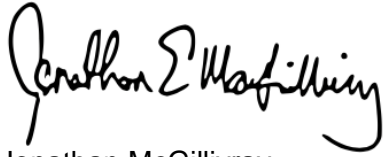
### **Request for Cost Eligibility**

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 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 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 relation to its participation in the RPQR WG. Anwaatin's 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 cost eligibility for Anwaatin's participation in several prior Board proceedings, including in respect of Dr. Richardson's participation as a member of the FEI WG.

We therefore submit that it is appropriate for the Board to award Anwaatin cost eligibility in the context of this Consultation, and hereby requests cost eligibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan McGillivray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathan" and last name "McGillivray" clearly legible.

Jonathan McGillivray

c. Larry Sault, Anwaatin  
Don Richardson