

ANWAATIN INTERROGATORY #2

INTERROGATORY

Issue 1

Reference: • Exhibit B / Tab 1 / Schedule 1 / pp. 21-22, #61 and #62; p. 23, #65; and p. 70, #70
• Issues 1.2, 4.1, and 4.2

Preamble: Enbridge states that it will see complementary investments between customers, Enbridge, and Green Ontario Fund (**GreenON**) funding. Enbridge will own and maintain the geothermal loops while customers will own and maintain the heat pump system that will receive GreenON funding to offset some of that cost. GreenON's website provides a list of contractors for the procurement and installation of geothermal systems.¹

- a) Please explain how Indigenous rights-holding communities will be, or can be, involved in the procurement and installation of geothermal systems.
- b) Please explain how bona fide Indigenous contractors will be involved in the procurement and installation of geothermal systems.
- c) Please explain why selling and installing geothermal loops for households within First Nations should be considered part of Enbridge's regulated business (i.e., a core utility business).
- d) Please explain, given the investment framework, how Enbridge will accommodate geothermal loops serving multiple First Nation households and/or institutional buildings.

RESPONSE

- a) Please see the Company's response to part b) below.
- b) The Ontario Geothermal Association (the "OGA") has formed a Technical Training and Certification Committee, entered into discussions with the Ontario College of Trades, worked with the IESO and the Green Ontario Fund on program guidelines

¹ Green Ontario Fund, "Find a Contractor", available online: <https://www.greenon.ca/find-a-contractor>.

and secured training for geothermal system installers and designers through an arrangement with the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association (“IGSHPA”). Any Indigenous contractors with an interest in becoming qualified to install geothermal heating / cooling systems could contact the OGA with respect to their installer training and certification program or look into other means of attaining recognized qualifications. Once qualified, Indigenous contractors will be able to compete for this work as would any other qualified geothermal heating /cooling contractor.

- c) Please see the Company’s responses to Board Staff Interrogatory #3, part a) at Exhibit I.1.EGDI.STAFF.3 and the response to Energy Probe Interrogatory #2 at Exhibit I.1.EGDI.EP.2.
- d) Enbridge’s Geothermal Energy Service proposal is designed for the low-density residential market. Please see response to Enwave Interrogatory #5 at Exhibit I.1.EGDI.ENWAVE.5.