

ANWAATIN INTERROGATORY #1

INTERROGATORY

Issue 4

Reference: • Exhibit B / Tab 1 / Schedule 1 / pp. 7-8, #21 and 22
• Issues 4.1 and 4.2

Preamble: Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. (**Enbridge**) states that it is working with the Ontario Geothermal Association (**OGA**), the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (**MOECC**), and the Ministry of Energy (**MOE**) to find solutions to overcome barriers to the adoption of ground source heat pump heating and cooling systems ("**geothermal systems**"), such as high initial costs and inconsistent deployment and installation practices.

- a) Please describe in general terms Enbridge's existing and planned consultation and engagement with Indigenous rights-holding communities in Ontario with respect to the proposed Geothermal Energy Service Program (**GES Program**).
- b) Please describe specifically Enbridge's existing and planned consultation and engagement with Indigenous rights-holding communities in Ontario on solutions to overcome barriers to the adoption of geothermal systems that may be unique to Indigenous communities, including high initial costs and inconsistent deployment and installation practices.
- c) Please describe any Ontario government (e.g., MOECC, MOE, Ontario Energy Board) Crown consultations with Indigenous rights-holding communities in Ontario with respect to Crown decisions for the GES Program.

RESPONSE

- a) The Company has not yet consulted indigenous rights-holding communities in Ontario with respect to the proposed Geothermal Energy Service Program. Enbridge's proposals have been designed generically to be suitable all potential customers of the proposed services. Once the Board has rendered a decision in this proceeding Enbridge will assess the degree of interest the various First Nations communities may have in partaking in the Geothermal Energy Service Program and how best to work with these communities to deliver these programs to them.

- b) Please see the Company's response to part a) above.
- c) The Company is not aware of any consultations that may or may not have taken place between Ontario government (e.g., MOECC, MOE, Ontario Energy Board) ministries or agencies and indigenous rights-holding communities in Ontario with respect to the Enbridge proposed Geothermal Energy Service Program.