



**GrandBridge Energy Inc.**

**Application to dispose of balances in certain  
deferral and variance accounts.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND PROCEDURAL ORDER NO. 1  
February 28, 2023**

GrandBridge Energy Inc. (GrandBridge Energy) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on February 2, 2023, under section 78 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* seeking approval to dispose of the balances in three deferral and variance accounts.

Prior to the filing of the current application, the OEB approved the amalgamation of Energy+ Inc. (Energy+) and Brantford Power Inc. (BPI) on March 17, 2022.<sup>1</sup> The new utility operates under the name GrandBridge Energy Inc. and serves customers in the areas served by the predecessor distributors, referred to as the Energy + Rate Zone and the BPI Rate Zone. Until the rates of the predecessor distributors are harmonized, the rate zones will require separate Tariffs of Rates and Charges.

By Decision and Order<sup>2</sup> dated December 8, 2022, the OEB approved GrandBridge Energy's incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) application for electricity distribution rates effective January 1, 2023. GrandBridge Energy had originally requested approval to dispose of the balances in three deferral and variance accounts (Account 1580 – RSVAs Wholesale Market Service Charge, Account 1589 – RSVAs Global Adjustment and Account 1595 (2018) – Disposition and Recovery/Refund of Regulatory Balances) as part of its IRM application. GrandBridge Energy later submitted a request to withdraw disposition of these accounts and to file a separate application for disposition of these amounts, and the OEB accepted this request.

Through this application GrandBridge Energy is now requesting approval to dispose of the balances in the above-mentioned accounts. GrandBridge Energy states that the balances only pertain to the Energy + Rate Zone and is proposing to recover the balances from customers in the Energy+ Rate Zone. If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service less than 50 kV

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<sup>1</sup> EB-2021-0280

<sup>2</sup> EB-2022-0017

customer in the Energy+ Rate Zone will be charged a monthly rate rider of \$0.0020 kWh and \$0.0019 kWh, respectively for a 12-month period.

### **The OEB will Hold a Public Hearing**

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider GrandBridge Energy's application. During this hearing, we will question GrandBridge Energy on its case and consider questions and arguments from intervenors and OEB staff. At the end of the hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve GrandBridge Energy's request.

### **How to See the Application**

To access GrandBridge Energy's application and evidence, please enter the file number **EB-2022-0305** on the OEB website: [www.oeb.ca/notice](http://www.oeb.ca/notice). You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

### **How to Participate**

If you wish to participate as an intervenor you should apply for intervenor status by **March 16, 2023**. For information on applying for intervenor status, please refer to Rule 22 of the OEB's [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#). If you apply to become an intervenor, all information contained in your request will be public.

### **Format of Hearing**

There are three types of OEB hearings – oral, written and electronic. The OEB intends to proceed by way of a written hearing. If someone believes that an oral hearing or an electronic hearing is needed, they must write to the OEB to explain why by **March 16, 2023**.

### **Interrogatories and Submissions**

At this time, the OEB is making provision for written interrogatories and written submissions. Further procedural orders may be issued by the OEB.

### **THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. Any person that wishes to participate as an intervenor in this proceeding should apply for intervenor status by **March 16, 2023**. For information on applying for intervenor status, please refer to the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

2. OEB staff and intervenors shall request any relevant information and documentation from GrandBridge Energy that is in addition to the evidence already filed, by written interrogatories filed with the OEB and served on GrandBridge Energy and all other parties by **March 29, 2023**
3. GrandBridge Energy shall file with the OEB complete written responses to all interrogatories and serve them on all other parties by **April 12, 2023**.
4. Any written submissions by OEB staff and intervenors shall be filed with the OEB and served on GrandBridge Energy and all other parties by **April 26, 2023**.
5. Any reply submissions by GrandBridge Energy, shall and filed with the OEB be served on all other parties by **May 10, 2023**.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that any documents they file with the OEB, such as applicant and intervenor evidence, interrogatories and responses to interrogatories or any other type of document, **do not include personal information** (as that phrase is defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*), unless filed in accordance with rule 9A of the OEB's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.

Please quote file number, **EB-2022-0305** for all materials filed and submit them in searchable/unrestricted PDF format with a digital signature through the [OEB's online filing portal](#).

- Filings should clearly state the sender's name, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address
- Please use the document naming conventions and document submission standards outlined in the [Regulatory Electronic Submission System \(RESS\) Document Guidelines](#) found at the [Filing Systems page](#) on the OEB's website
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet [set up an account](#), or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact [registrar@oeb.ca](mailto:registrar@oeb.ca) for assistance

All communications should be directed to the attention of the Registrar at the address below and be received by end of business, 4:45 p.m., on the required date.

With respect to distribution lists for all electronic correspondence and materials related to this proceeding, parties must include the Case Manager, Natalya Plummer at [Nataya.Plummer@oeb.ca](mailto:Nataya.Plummer@oeb.ca) and OEB Counsel Lawren Murray at [Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca](mailto:Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca)

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**DATED** at Toronto, **February 28, 2023**

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Nancy Marconi  
Registrar