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March 6, 2023

Ms. Nancy Marconi Registrar Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor Toronto ON M4P 1E4

RE: Board File No. EB-2022-0305

2023 IRM Application Phase 2 - Affidavit

Dear Ms. Marconi:

Please find enclosed the signed affidavit evidence for GrandBridge Energy Inc. with respect to its Application to dispose of balances in certain deferral and variance accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Molon, MBA, CPA, CMA

Director, Regulatory Affairs & Financial Planning

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Email: dmolon@grandbridgeenergy.com







IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by GrandBridge Energy Inc to the Ontario Energy Board for an Order or Orders approving the Application to dispose of balances in certain deferral and variance accounts, Board File No. EB-2022-0305

AFFIDAVIT

I, DAN MOLON, of the City of Hamilton, MAKE AN OATH AND SAY AS FOLLOWS:

I am the Director, Regulatory Affairs and Financial Planning for GrandBridge Energy Inc. and, as such, have knowledge of the matters hereinafter deposed to.

Pursuant to the OEB's Letter of Direction dated February 28, 2023 (the "Letter") in the above-referenced case (attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit 1), GrandBridge Energy Inc. has completed the following steps:

- In accordance with paragraph 1 of the Letter, the Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order, the Application and the evidence were posted in a prominent place on GrandBridge Energy's website. The form of notice posted on the GrandBridge Energy website is attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit 2.
- 2. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the Letter, the Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order, application and evidence were served directly by email on March 6, 2023, to all intervenors in legacy Energy+'s previous rate application EB-2018-0028, Consumers Council of Canada, Hydro One Networks Inc., School Energy Coalition, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Inc., and Vulnerable Energy Consumers Coalition. The form of notice sent to the intervenors is attached to this Affidavit as Exhibit 3.

Sworn remotely by Dan Molon of the City of Hamilton in the Province of Ontario, before me at the City of Toronto in the Province of Ontario, on March 6, 2023, in accordance with O. Reg. 431/20, Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.))))))
Colm Boyle)) Dan Molon
Commissioner for Taking Affidavits in the Province of Ontario)

The attached document is **Exhibit 1** to the Affidavit of Dan Molon.

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the City of Toronto in the Province of Ontario, on March 6, 2023, in accordance with O. Reg.
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Colm Boyle	
Commissioner for Taking Affidavits in the Province of C	ntario

EXHIBIT 1 LETTER OF DIRECTION



BY E-MAIL

T 416-481-1967 1-888-632-6273

F 416-440-7656 OEB.ca

February 28, 2023

Dan Molon
Director, Regulatory Affairs & Financial Planning
GrandBridge Energy Inc
39 Glebe Street
Cambridge, ON N1S 2P1
regulatoryaffairs@grandbridgeenergy.com

LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Mr. Molon:

Re: GrandBridge Energy Inc. (GrandBridge Energy)
Application to dispose of certain deferral and variance account balances
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2022-0305

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 certain deferral and variance accounts.

The OEB has now issued its Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No.1 for GrandBridge Energy's application. Please note that you must complete the steps in paragraphs 1 and 2 by **March 6, 2023.** If GrandBridge Energy is unable to complete the steps in paragraphs 1 and 2 by **March 6, 2023**, GrandBridge Energy must inform the Registrar immediately at registrar@oeb.ca.

GrandBridge Energy is directed:

- 1. To post a copy of the enclosed Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order, the application and the evidence on its website.
- 2. To serve the enclosed Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order, the application and the evidence on all intervenors of record in Energy+ Inc.'s last cost of service application, OEB file number EB-2018-0028.

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3. To file with the OEB an affidavit confirming compliance of the OEB's direction.

If you have any questions, please contact Natalya Plummer at Natalya.Plummer@oeb.ca

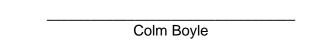
Yours truly,

Nancy Marconi Registrar

Encl.

The attached document is **Exhibit 2** to the Affidavit of Dan Molon.

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EXHIBIT 2 FORM OF NOTICE – WEBSITE



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2023 IRM Distributor Rate Application (Phase 2)

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GrandBridge Energy Inc. has submitted an incentive rate-setting mechanism (IRM) Application (Phase 2) to its regulator for the disposal of certain deferral and variance account balances. The rates will be effective upon approval of the application, for a 12 month period.

View the OEB Notice of Hearing and Procedural Order No.1 EB-2022-0305 (.PDF)

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Learn More - Follow the Progress of the Rate...

View GrandBridge Energy Inc.'s 2023 IRM Distribution Rate Application (Phase 2) EB-2022-0305 (PDF)

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Learn More - Follow the Progress of the Rate Application EB-2022-0305 on the OEB Portal.

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GrandBridge Energy's (formerly Energy+) distribution rates and services are regulated by the Ontario Energy Board, an independent provincial government agency. At any time, our utility may have one or more applications before the OEB, and may be participating in other OEB-sponsored proceedings.

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Renewed Regulatory Framework

As part of the OEB's. Renewed Regulatory Framework for Electricity Distributors: A Performance-Based Approach. GrandBridge Energy's Application must demonstrate it supports the four (4) key objectives:

- 1. Customer Focus: services are provided in a manner that responds to identified customer preferences:
- Operational Effectiveness: continuous improvement in productivity and cost performance is achieved: and the utility delivers on system reliability and quality objectives;
- Public Policy Responsiveness: utility delivers on obligations mandated by government (e.g., in legislation and in regulatory requirements imposed further to Ministerial directives to the Board); and
- 4. Financial Performance: financial viability is maintained; and savings from operational effectiveness are sustainable.

Active Applications

2023 IRM Distribution Rate Application (Phase 2) - EB-2022-0305

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Previous Rate Applications

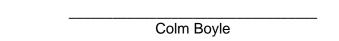
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EXHIBIT 3 FORM OF NOTICE – INTERVENORS

From: Angelica Urrego

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 $\underline{jay@shepherdrubenstein.com;} \ \underline{"wayne.mcnally@oesc-cseo.orq";} \ \underline{helen.newland@dentons.com;}$ melody.collis@toyota.com; pete.leonard@toyota.com; bill.fantin@toyota.com; lawford@piac.ca;

"markgarner@rogers.com"; bharper@econalysis.ca

Dan Molon; Regulatory Affairs Cc:

Subject: Notice of Hearing - GrandBridge Energy Inc. Application (EB-2022-0305)

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:46:29 AM Attachments: NoA PO1 GrandBridge 20230228.pdf image001.png

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Good morning,

Please find attached a copy of the Ontario Energy Board's ("OEB") Notice of Hearing for GrandBridge Energy Inc. with respect to its Application to dispose of balances in certain deferral and variance accounts (the "Application").

The Application has been posted to the GrandBridge Energy Inc. website and is also available on the OEB's Website

If you require any assistance in obtaining a copy of the Application, please reach out to us at regulatoryaffairs@grandbridgeenergy.com

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Regards,



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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. 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 Order² 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 – RSVA Wholesale Market Service Charge, Account 1589 – RSVA 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

¹ EB-2021-0280

² 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. 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 <u>Rules of Practice and Procedure</u>. 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 <u>OEB's online</u> 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 <u>Regulatory Electronic Submission System (RESS)</u> <u>Document Guidelines</u> found at the Filing Systems page on the OEB's website
- Parties are encouraged to use RESS. Those who have not yet <u>set up an account</u>, or require assistance using the online filing portal can contact <u>registrar@oeb.ca</u> 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 and OEB Counsel Lawren Murray at Lawren.Murray@oeb.ca

Email: registrar@oeb.ca

Tel: 1-877-632-2727 (Toll free)

DATED at Toronto, February 28, 2023

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Nancy Marconi Registrar