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Staff Question-1

Ref 1: Rate Generator Model (BPI), Tab 3 - Continuity Schedule

Ref 2: Rate Generator Model (EPLUS), Tab 3 - Continuity Schedule

Preamble:

On September 11, 2025, the OEB published the 2025 Quarter 4 prescribed accounting interest rates applicable to the carrying charges of deferral, variance and construction work in progress (CWIP) accounts of natural gas utilities, electricity distributors and other rate-regulated entities.

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm that Tab 3 (Continuity Schedule), for each of the Brantford Power and Energy+ rate zones, reflects the Q4 2025 OEB-prescribed interest rate of 2.91%. If not, please update Tab 3, as necessary.

Staff Question-2

Question(s):

- a) As applicable, please update the Rate Generator Model, for each of the Brantford Power and Energy+ rate zone, to reflect any updated rates/charges (e.g., 2026 Uniform Transmission Rates).

OEB Staff Questions - Brantford Power Rate Zone (GBE BPI)

Staff Question -3

Ref 1: Rate Generator Model, Tab 4 – Bill Det. For Def-Var, Cells O17:O24

Ref 2: EB- 2021-0009, 2022 DVA Continuity Schedule, November 4, 2021, Tab 5 – Allocation of Balances

Preamble:

The allocation by rate indicated in the 2026 rate generator model with respect to Account 1595 (2022) should be based on the allocation of rate riders from the 2022 rates. OEB staff notes that the allocation percentages noted in the current rate generator model of Account 1595 (2022) differ from the allocations indicated in the 2022 DVA continuity schedule.

Question(s):

- a) Please explain the reasoning behind the variance in allocation.

Staff Question-4

Ref 1: Manager's Summary, page 24, Table 8

Ref 2: Rate Generator Model, Tab 3 – Continuity Schedule, Cell BT34

Ref 3: Rate Generator Model, Tab 5 Allocating Def-Var Balances, Cell S26

Preamble:

OEB staff notes that within the Manager's Summary, the total balance in 1595 (2022) is indicated as \$(61,555) while in the rate generator model, this value is indicated as \$(61,555) on Tab 3 and as \$(60,327) on Tab 5.

Question(s):

- a) Please explain this discrepancy and update the Rate Generator Model, if there is an error.

Staff Question-5

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 20 – Final Tariff Schedule and Tab 21 – Bill Impacts

Preamble:

OEB staff notes that the RTSR – Network and RTSR - Connection and/or Line and Transformation Connection for several rate classes, were not the same between Tabs 20 and 21 of the rate generator model.

Question(s):

- a) OEB staff has corrected the model with the alignment of the RTSR – Network and RTSR - Connection and/or Line and Transformation Connection charges. Please verify the correction and ensure that all tabs linked to Tab 20 and 21, are updated accordingly.

Staff Question-6

Ref 1: Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform, Tab – GA 2024, Cells D14:16

Ref 2: 2024 RRR Data

Preamble:

The table below compares the consumption of the BPI rate zone indicated in the commodity accounts analysis workform and the 2024 RRR data.

	Per Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform	Per 2024 RRR data
Total Metered excluding WMP	1,035,245,518	901,380,873
RPP	431,718,316	413,151,569
Non RPP	603,527,201	470,594,945

Question(s):

- a) Please explain the differences indicated in the table above, and update the commodity accounts analysis workform, if necessary.

Staff Question-7

Ref: Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform, Tab – Principal Adjustments, Cells J19:20 and V19:20

Preamble:

OEB staff notes that the amounts within the cells referenced, within Note 9 of the Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform are not reversed within the current application.

Question(s):

- a) Please explain why these are not reversed

OEB Staff Questions – Energy+ Rate Zone (GBE E+)

Staff Question -8

Preamble:

If a distributor uses the actual GA price to bill non-RPP Class B customers for an entire rate class, it must exclude these customers from the allocation of the GA balance and the calculation of the resulting rate riders. These rate classes are not to be charged/refunded the general GA rate rider as they did not contribute to the GA balance.

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm that for the Energy+ rate zone, GrandBridge Energy proposes to bill the GA on the 1st estimate, and that the same GA rate is used to bill all customers.

Staff Question-9

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 1 – Information Sheet, Cell F47

Preamble:

The rate generator model indicates that the earliest vintage year in which there is a balance in account 1595 is 2020. OEB staff notes that in the application, only the balance of 1595 (2022) is requested for disposition.

Question(s):

- a) Please confirm whether the 2021 and 2020 balances for account 1595 have been previously disposed of.
 - i. If not, please explain why have they not been requested to be disposed of as yet.
 - ii. If they have been disposed of, please explain why balances for these years are still being recorded in the continuity schedule.

Staff Question-10

Ref: Rate Generator Model, Tab 21 – Bill Impacts, cells I205 and I261

Preamble:

OEB staff notes that the referenced cells were not pulling the correct values.

Question(s):

- a) OEB staff has corrected the model with the alignment of these rate riders and values shown in the final tariff schedule. Please verify the correction and ensure that all tabs linked to 21, are updated accordingly.

Staff Question-11

Ref 1: Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform, Tab – GA 2024, Cells D14:16

Ref 2: 2024 RRR Data

Preamble:

The table below compares the consumption of the E+ rate zone indicated in the commodity accounts analysis workform and the 2024 RRR data.

	Per Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform	Per 2024 RRR data
Total Metered excluding WMP	1,739,400,580	1,588,876,023
RPP	776,950,567	749,098,272
Non RPP	962,450,013	733,304,970

Question(s):

- a) Please explain the differences indicated in the table above, and update the Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform if necessary.

Staff Question-12

Ref: Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform, Tab – Principal Adjustments, Cells J19 and V19

Preamble:

OEB staff notes that the amounts within the cells referenced, within Note 9 of the Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform are not reversed within the current application.

Question(s):

- a) Please explain why these are not reversed

Staff Question-13

Ref 1: Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform, Tab – Principal Adjustments, Cell J19

Ref 2: EB-2024-0025, 2025 GA Analysis Worform, October 16, 2024

Preamble:

OEB staff notes that the adjustment ("Remove prior year end unbilled to actual revenue differences" with amount 352,004) in referenced cell does not appear as an adjustment in the 2025 GA analysis workform.

Question(s):

- a) Please explain the discrepancy.

Staff Question-14

Ref 1: Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform, Tab – Principal Adjustments, Cell V22

Ref 2: EB-2024-0025, 2025 GA Analysis Workform, October 16, 2024, Tab – Principal Adjustments , Cell V57

Preamble:

OEB staff notes that the referenced cell refers to an adjustment appearing to be from 2022. However, this adjustment appears to be reversed in 2024, in the current application.

Question(s):

- a) Please explain why the adjustment was not reversed in 2023.

Staff Question-15

Ref 1: Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform, Tab – Principal Adjustments, Cell V28

Ref 2: EB-2024-0025, 2025 GA Analysis Workform, October 16, 2024, Tab – Principal Adjustments, Cell V88

Preamble:

OEB staff notes that the "total principal adjustments include in last balance" per the commodity accounts analysis workform (1,328,780) does not align with the total principal adjustments that were approved in EB-2024-0025 (822,724).

Question(s):

- a) Please explain the discrepancy.

Staff Question-16

Ref: Manager's Summary, Page 19

Preamble:

Section 3.2.3 of the Chapter 3 Requirements requires distributors to propose a mitigation plan if the total bill impact for any customer class exceeds 10%.

OEB staff notes that for the Energy+ rate zone, the total bill impact for the street lighting rate class is 23.7%, exceeding the 10% threshold. OEB staff notes that GrandBridge Energy is not proposing rate mitigation as it believes the bill impacts reflect a normalization to bills.

Question(s):

- a) Please explain whether a rate mitigation plan was considered to minimize the impact.
 - i. If so, please describe that rate mitigation plan.
 - ii. If not, please explain why this was not considered.