

OEB Staff Interrogatories Responses

GrandBridge Energy Inc. EB-2025-0037

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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.

Response:

GrandBridge Energy confirms that the Q4 2025 OEB-prescribed interest rate of 2.91% has been applied in Tab 3 (Continuity Schedule) for both the GBE(BPI) and GBE(E+) rate zones.

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).

Response:

GrandBridge Energy confirms that the Rate Generator Models have been updated for both the GBE (BPI) and GBE (E+) rate zones to reflect the changes outlined in the OEB letter dated October 9, 2025. These updates incorporate the 2026 Preliminary Uniform Transmission Rates and Hydro One Sub-Transmission Rates, as set out in OEB File No. EB-2025-0232. The updated models are provided as part of this response.

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.

Response:

GrandBridge Energy has updated the allocation for Account 1595 (2022) using the allocation of rate riders from 2022 rates. The allocation percentages were recalculated based on the totals from line 20, columns F through L in the EB-2021-0009 2022 DVA Continuity Schedule (Tab 5 – Allocation of Balances). Each total was divided by the value in cell D20 to determine the percentage allocation for the 2022 rate year for Group 1 accounts. The table below summarizes the revised calculation.

Tab 4 in the GrandBridge Energy (BPI) Rate Generator Model (Tab 4 – *Bill Det. for Def-Var*, Cells O17:O24) has been updated to reflect this revised calculation.

Per EB-2021-0009 DVA Continuity Sch. Tab 5		
Rate Class	\$ Allocated	% Allocation
RESIDENTIAL	(84,384.32)	45%
GS<50 KW	(10,742.87)	6%
GS>50 KW	(102,074.51)	55%
STREET LIGHT	(1,517.27)	1%
SENTINEL LIGHTING	(33.82)	0%
UNMETERED SCATTER	(111.93)	0%
EMBEDDED DISTRIBUTOR	12,927.93	-7%
Total	(185,936.79)	100%

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.

Response:

Tab 5 in the Rate Generator Model is auto-populated. The most recent version of the model reflects the correct balance of \$61,555. This was not an error; the difference observed was due to how the model initially opens. The correct value appears once the tariff on Tab 2 is reloaded, ensuring that all linked cells update properly.

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.

Response:

GrandBridge Energy has reviewed Tab 21- Bill Impacts and confirmed that the RTSR - Network and the RTSR - Connection and/or Line and Transformation Connection rates for the following classes have been updated appropriately by OEB staff: General Service Greater than 50 KW, Embedded Distributor, Sentinel Lighting, and Street Lighting. These rates now match the corresponding values in Tab 20- Final Tariff Schedule and Tab 15- RTSR Rates to Forecast of the GBE(BPI) rate generator model.

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
Total Metered excluding	1,035,245,518	901,380,873
RPP	431,718,316	413,151,569
Non RP	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.

Response:

Upon review, GrandBridge Energy noted that the table above referenced in the preamble appears to have used 2023 RRR data rather than 2024. The 2024 data in the Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform has been rechecked and confirmed to align with the 2024 RRR data.

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

Response:

As noted in Note 8, cell B15 , these values provide a breakdown of the principal adjustments included in last year's application and reconciled them to the principal adjustments in last year's continuity schedule. The adjustments referenced in the cited Excel cells were reversed in application EB-2024-0025, within the *Principal Adjustments* tab of the GA Analysis Workform (cells J44:J45 and V44:V45) of GBE (BPI) 2025 GA Analysis Workform (2024-08-15).

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.

Response:

GrandBridge Energy confirms that, for the GBE(E+) rate zone, the GA price for non-RPP Class B is billed on the first estimate, and the same GA rate is applied to all non-RPP Class B 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.

Response:

GrandBridge Energy confirms that the balances for Accounts 1595 (2020) and 1595 (2021) were previously disposed of on a final basis as per the Decision and Rate Order for EB-2024-0025. These balances continue to appear in the current year's continuity schedule because, as at December 31, 2024, residual balances remained in the accounts.

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.

Response:

GrandBridge Energy has reviewed Tab 21 - Bill Impacts and confirms that cells I205 and I261 have been updated accurately. Additionally, GrandBridge Energy verified that all tabs linked to Tab 21 are correct.

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 Account Analysis Workform	Per 2024 RRR
Total Metered excluding	1,739,400,580	1,588,876,023
RPP	776,950,567	749,098,272
Non RP	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.

Response:

Upon review, GrandBridge Energy noted that the table referenced in preamble appears to have used 2023 RRR data rather than 2024. The 2024 data in the Commodity Accounts Analysis Workform has been rechecked and confirmed to align with the 2024 RRR data.

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

Response:

As noted in Note 8, cell B15, these values provide a breakdown of the principal adjustments included in last year's application and reconciled them to the principal adjustments in last year's continuity schedule. The adjustments referenced in the cited Excel cells were reversed in EB-2024-0025, within the *Principal Adjustments* tab of the GA Analysis Workform (cells J78 and V78) of GBE 2025 GA Analysis Workform 1.0 E+ (2024-10-16).

Staff Question-13

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

Ref 2: EB-2024-0025, 2025 GA Analysis Workform, 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.

Response:

The amount of \$352,004 appears as the total current-year principal adjustment in cell J62 of the *2025 GA Analysis Workform* (EB-2024-0025, 2025 GA Analysis Workform, October 16, 2024). This total represents the sum of the individual adjustments provided in cells J55 and J56 of the same workform.

Staff Question-14

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

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

Response:

Due to an accounting oversight, GrandBridge Energy did not record this adjustment in 2023. The adjustment was subsequently recorded in 2024, which is why the reversal appears in the current application for the 2024 year.

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.

Response:

In EB-2024-0025, the GBE 2025 GA Analysis Workform 1.0 E+ (2024-10-16), Tab Principal Adjustments (cell V89) shows the total approved principal adjustments for 2023 as \$1,067,867. The previously approved amount of \$822,724 is included within this total.

The difference between the 2023 total of \$1,067,867 and the \$1,328,780 reflected as the “total principal adjustments included in last balance” in the current application represents the \$260,913 adjustment for the year 2022 that was recorded in 2024.

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.

Response:

As noted in the application, while the total bill impact for the Street Lighting rate class in the GBE(E+) rate zone exceeds the 10% threshold (23.7%), this increase is largely attributable to the absence of a true-up of LRAMVA balances (2023 and 2024) in last years IRM application that provided a large credit to Street Lighting customer bills. For 2026, this credit has been reduced as there is no LRAMVA disposition, with only the recovery of LRAM-eligible amounts approved in EB-2024-0025. Approximately 20% of the total bill increase is attributable to the removal of the *negative LRAMVA rate rider* (a credit previously provided to customers) in this application. GrandBridge Energy expects that next year's bill impacts will be inflationary only, representing a return to normal billing levels.

Accordingly, GrandBridge Energy has not proposed rate mitigation, as the total bill impacts arise from the discontinuation of the LRAMVA rate rider rather than a structural rate increase. All other bill impacts remain within the 10% mitigation threshold.