



February 2, 2026

Ritchie Murray  
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Dear Mr. Murray,

**RE: EB-2025-0265 GrandBridge Energy NWS Program Application  
CCMBC Interrogatories**

The interrogatories of the Coalition of the Concerned Manufacturers and Businesses of Canada (CCMBC) to the Applicant are attached.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of CCMBC.

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cc. Catherine Swift (CCMBC)  
Parties to the Proceeding

**EB-2025-0265**

**GrandBridge Energy NWS Program Application**

**Interrogatories of CCMBC**

**February 2, 2026**

**CCMBC-1**

**Reference:** Page 8

**Questions:**

- a) Please define “urgent” as used on page 8, such as how many months or years.
- b) Did GBE only become aware of “urgent” capacity constraints through the IESO’s IRRP?

**CCMBC-2**

**Reference:** Page 8

**Questions:** What new information became available between July 2024 KWCG Scoping Report and the IESO letter of September 30, 2025?

**CCMBC-3**

**Reference:** Page 8

**Questions:**

- a) Please provide a list of new load customers by type who have filed connection requests with GBE.
- b) Would any of the new load customers such as data centres and residential developments be required to pay a contribution to GBE? If the answer is yes, please provide the amount of the deposit.

**CCMBC-4**

**Reference:** Page 9

**Questions:**

- a) Will GBE or Hydro One own MTS#2 or will it be jointly owned?
- b) How much has been spent on the MTS#2 as of December 31, 2025?

**CCMBC-5**

**Reference:** Page 10, Table 2 Distribution Service Test Results

**Questions:**

- a) Please confirm that the PV of Avoided Planned Outages is the largest benefit of the NWS Program.

- b) Has GBE made any efforts to reduce planned outages? If the answer is yes, please describe the efforts and the results achieved. If the answer is no, please explain why not.

**CCMBC-6**

**Reference:** Page 13, Table 4: Summer Reference: Load Actuals and Forecast MW (2025-2027) for Preston TS, Galt TS and MTS#19

**Questions:**

- a) Are the loads presented in the table weather normalized?
- b) What is the reason for the reduction in MTS#1 load from 97.0 MW in 2022 to 83.9 MW in 2023?
- c) What is the reason for a reduction in MTS#1 load from 100.4 MW in 2025 to 97.9 MW in 2026?
- d) What is the reason for the increase in Preston TS load from 89.1 MW in 2025 to 155.4 MW in 2026?

**CCMBC-7**

**Reference:** Page 14

**Questions:**

- a) Considering that 2019 was 7 years ago, what has GBE been doing since then to deal with load growth? Please list all projects.
- b) Please provide the year that “only recently” refers to.
- c) When was the NWS Program identified as a solution?

**CCMBC-8**

**Reference:** Page 14

**Question:** Please file the “reference forecast” and the “high load growth scenario” provided to the IESO in February 2025.

**CCMBC-9**

**Reference:** Page 14

**Questions:**

- a) Does the phrase “traditional wires solutions” refer to the MTS#2 project or does it refer to any other project?
- b) Please file the expected construction schedule for the MTS#2 project.

**CCMBC-10**

**Reference:** Page 15

**Questions:**

- a) Why was nothing done to replace Preston TS and MTS#1?
- b) Was the replacement of Preston TS and MTS#1 the responsibility of Hydro One or GBE or both? Please explain.

**CCMBC-11**

**Reference:** Page 19

**Question:** Will GBE propose approval of an ICM funding application for the MTS#2 at some future date? If the answer is yes, what is the expected date of that application? If the answer is no, please explain why not.

**CCMBC-12**

**Reference:** Page 20

**Question:** Please list the types of DG that total 34MW indicating the MW of each: natural gas, oil, propane, solar and wind. For each type indicate if it is exporting, dispatchable, or a participant in ICI.

**CCMBC-13**

**Reference:** Page 20, Table 8: Known Connected Distributed Generation Assets

**Questions:**

- a) Does GBE expect to rely on non-dispatchable DG? If the answer is yes, please explain how.
- b) At times when DG supply is greater than demand, does GBE plan to curtail dispatchable and non-dispatchable DG? Please explain.

**CCMBC-14**

**Reference:** Page 21

**Question:** Did GBE conduct a market survey to avoid having to rely on market assumptions? If the answer is yes, please file the market survey. If the answer is no, please explain why not.

**CCMBC-15**

**References:** Pages 23 and 42

**Questions:**

- a) Please explain what is included in Allocated Staffing Costs. Are any staff that are currently employed by GBE allocating their time to the NWS Program?

- b) Please explain what Participant Payments are and explain how the amounts were derived showing all calculations.

**CCMBC-16**

**Reference:** Page 23

**Question:** If participation is below GBE's requirements, will GBE increase the incentive rate?

**CCMBC-17**

**Reference:** 5. Funding, Rate Design and Bill Impacts, Pages 27, 31 and 32

**Questions:**

- a) Please file GBE's achieved and deemed ROE for the most recent year.
- b) Please explain why GBE cannot fund the NWS Program with its existing rates.
- c) Please calculate the Materiality Threshold for GBE using the ICM Materiality Threshold Formula showing all inputs and assumptions.
- d) What are the total capital budget forecasts of GBE for 2026, 2027 and 2028?

**CCMBC-18**

**Reference:** Page 31

**Question:** Please list the risks of the NWS Program and indicate if GBE's ratepayers or GBE's shareholders will bear the risk.

**CCMBC-19**

**Reference:** Page 32

**Question:** Has GBE considered filing an application for early rebasing? Please explain your answer.

**CCMBC-20**

**References:** Pages 35 and 36

**Questions:**

- a) Please file the Value of Lost Load calculation showing all inputs and assumptions.
- b) Why is there no probability weighing for Avoided Planned Outages? Are planned outages 100% certain.

**CCMBC-21**

**Reference:** Page 39

**Questions:**

- a) What are the benefits of the NWS Program that accrue to the DER owners?
- b) What are the benefits of the NWS Program that accrue to customers that do not have DERs?