

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by GrandBridge  
Energy Inc. to the Ontario Energy Board pursuant to section  
78(3) of the OEB Act for an Order or Orders approving or fixing  
just and reasonable rates and other charges for the distribution of  
electricity as of May 1, 2026.

**INTERROGATORIES  
ON BEHALF OF THE  
SCHOOL ENERGY COALITION**

**SEC-1**

Please provide any internal business cases for the proposed Non-Wires Solution (“NWS”) Program.

**SEC-2**

[p.9] The Applicant states: “Without immediate action, GBE faces capacity constraints that could delay customer connections, hinder economic growth, erode community trust, and heighten reliability risks from grid congestion and outages.”

- a. For each, please provide further details, including specific examples of how these impacts have already occurred or are likely to occur.
- b. If the NWS could not be implemented, what other realistic options does the Applicant have to address the immediate capacity constraint?
- c. Please confirm that the proposed NWS Program is not deferring any capital projects or other expenditures.

**SEC-3**

[p.9] Please provide a copy of the Applicant’s Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways (“SREP”) application.

**SEC-4**

[p.26] Please provide a revised DST results table, excluding the impact of the SREP contribution.

**SEC-5**

[p.28-29] With respect to the rate rider proposal:

- a. Please confirm that under the Applicant’s proposed approach, it will over-collect in year 1 and 2 compared to what it spends during those years.
- b. For each class, please provide rate riders for each of the three years of the proposal individually, based on the forecast costs of the program in each year. Please provide all supporting calculations.

**SEC-6**

[p.31] The Applicant proposes that it be allowed through a proposed DVA “recovery of costs that are as much as 30% in excess of the OEB approved NWS Program Costs in the NWS-PCVA (30% Provision).” Is the Applicant proposing that these amounts in excess of the approved NWS Program costs be subject to a prudence review, or that there would be automatic recovery?

**SEC-7**

[p.35] With respect to the avoided unplanned outage benefit:

- a. Please provide the basis and all supporting evidence that it is reasonable to expect the Applicant will avoid 1 unplanned outage over the 3-year period through the NWS Program.
- b. [Attachment 2, Tab ‘Benefits 1’] If the Applicant is expecting 1 unplanned outage over the 3 year period, calculated by 1/3 probability each year, please explain why the benefits calculation before probability weighting, is based on 2 NWS activations per year.
- c. For each of the Galt TS, Preston TS, and MTS #1, please list each unplanned outage since 2010, the cause, length of outage, number of impacted customers, event CAIDI, and how if the NWS Program was in place, the outage would have been avoided.

**SEC-8**

[p.36] With respect to the avoided planned outage benefit:

- a. Please provide the basis and all supporting evidence that it is reasonable to expect the Applicant will avoid 2 unplanned of 4 hours each the year period to the NWS Program.
- b. For each of the Galt TS, Preston TS, and MTS #1, please list each planned outage since 2010, the cause, length of outage, number of impacted customers, event CAIDI, and how if the NWS Program was in place, the outage would have been avoided.

**SEC-9**

[p.35-36] Please provide all input and outputs received from the I.C.E. 2.0 calculator used to determine the VOLL calculation.

**SEC-10**

[p.36] With respect to avoided transmission charges:

- a. Please explain how the Applicant, if at all, has incorporated the impact to all of its customers of reduced RTSR charges paid by NWS Program participants who have reduced their peak demand when activated, resulting in those amounts ultimately being recovered from all customers.
- b. If not considered, please provide a calculation of the impact.

Respectfully, submitted on behalf of the School Energy Coalition, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2026.

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