

**EB-2025-0265**

**GrandBridge Energy Inc.**

**Application for funding for Non-Wires Solution Program beginning May 1, 2026**

**VECC Interrogatories February 2, 2026**

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As noted in the Energy+ DSP, GrandBridge Energy foresaw the need for MTS#2 and assessed other alternatives at a high-level.

- a) Please provide a breakdown of spending on the MTS#2 to date since 2019 including both capital and OM&A.
- b) At the time of the DSP, please provide the year GrandBridge Energy expected to require MTS#2.

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Subsequent to the Energy+ DSP's submission, large customers and data centres accelerated the need in the area over a short period of time.

Please provide the number and demand related to large customers and data centres by year since the Energy+ DSP.

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The core feature of the planned capital solution is MTS#2, a new 75 MVA station to alleviate current and future capacity constraints affecting Preston TS, Galt TS and MTS#1. In addition, MTS#2 is expected to require distribution investments to facilitate connection and integration with GBE's local grid.

- a) When was the planned capital solution (MTS#2) approved by GrandBridge Energy?
- b) Please provide the signed Business Case for the project.

- c) Please provide the baseline capital budget for the MTS#2 project.
- d) Please provide the baseline schedule for the MTS#2 project.

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Concurrent to this Application, GrandBridge Energy sought funding through the federal government's Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways (SREP) Program in April 2025, but has not as of the submission of this Application received final confirmation of funding approval. GrandBridge Energy's NWS Program has been accepted by NRCAN and is in the due diligence stage of enrollment.

- a) Please provide the status of GrandBridge Energy's SREP funding request and as part of the response explain the submission and approval process.
- b) Please provide a forecast of when GrandBridge Energy expects to receive confirmation of funding approval.
- c) Please provide and discuss the impact on the NWS application request if SREP funding is not approved.

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Table 9 provides the NWS Program budget.

- a) Please provide a detailed breakdown of the costs related to GridS2 services.
- b) Has the Grid Innovation Specialist position been filled and if so, when? If not, please discuss the status and timing of the hiring of the Grid Innovation Specialist position.
- c) Please provide and explain the allocation of the Grid Innovation Specialist position to the NWS program.
- d) Please provide the participant payment calculation for each year.

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- a) Please provide the capital budget in the form of Appendix 2-AA for each of the years 2026-2028.
- b) Please provide the OM&A budget for each of the years 2026 to 2028.
- c) Please explain why the NWS Program cannot be accommodated within the base capital and operating budget in each year.

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The incentive amount should not exceed 25% of the total payments made to vendors or program participants. Define “vendors”.

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Please provide the risk analysis undertaken for the NWS Program.

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GBE determined it is reasonable to expect the NWS Program to avoid 1 unplanned outage over the 3 year period of 2026 to 2028. In order to quantify this benefit, GBE relied on the following inputs:

- The avoided unplanned outage will be 8 hours in duration;
- 62% of the impacted load will be non-residential, with the remaining 38% residential.

Please provide the basis for the above assumptions.