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Ritchie Murray
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Dear Ritchie Murray:

**Re: Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Staff Submission
GrandBridge Energy Inc.
Application for Non-Wires Solutions Program
OEB File Number: EB-2025-0265**

Please find attached OEB staff's submission in the above referenced proceeding, pursuant to the OEB's Practice Direction on Confidential Filings, Section 5.1.6.

Yours truly,

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Encl.

cc: All parties in EB-2025-0265



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OEB Staff Submission on Confidentiality

GrandBridge Energy Inc.

Application for Non-Wires Solutions Program

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Introduction

GrandBridge Energy Inc. (GrandBridge Energy) filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on December 1, 2025 under section 78(3) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B) seeking approval for funding its Non-Wires Solutions (NWS) program beginning May 1, 2026.

On February 17, 2025, GrandBridge Energy filed its interrogatory responses. In response to OEB Staff 7.a, GrandBridge Energy included a [letter from GridS2](#)¹ (Letter) requesting confidential treatment for specific portions of the Network Analysis Report, April 2025 (the Report). The Letter included a table outlining the references and rationale supporting the request for redactions to certain sections of the Report.

A redacted version of the interrogatory response was filed on the public record of this proceeding and un-redacted versions of the documents were filed confidentially with the OEB pursuant to the OEB's *Practice Direction on Confidential Filings* (Practice Direction).²

OEB Staff Submission

OEB staff submits that it has no concerns with GrandBridge Energy's proposed redactions.

The Letter states that the identified pages and sections of the Report should be redacted and held confidential because they fall primarily under Appendix B, Category 7 of the Practice Direction³, as it constitutes the "underlying dataset and/or model of a consultant retained by a party". The Letter also indicates such in the following statement:

The tables, figures and analysis shown represents the core proprietary sensitivity modeling for Preston, Galt, and MTS1 TS. Full redaction is necessary to prevent competitors from reverse-engineering GridS2's methodology

Based on the reasons stated and the proposed redactions, OEB staff is satisfied that GrandBridge Energy's redaction request is consistent with the Practice Direction.

~All of which is respectfully submitted~

¹ GridS2 is a third-party vendor. GBE engaged GridS2 to provide a turnkey technical solution for the design and technology platform of its NWS Program. Application, p.41.

² Ontario Energy Board, [Practice Direction on Confidential Filings](#), December 17, 2021.

³ Ibid.