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BY EMAIL

February 24, 2026

Ritchie Murray
Acting Registrar
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street, 27th Floor
Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ritchie Murray:

Re: EB-2025-0265 Non-Wires Solutions Program – GrandBridge Energy Inc.

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.

[Procedural Order No. 1](#) was issued on January 21, 2026. The OEB indicated that OEB staff and Intervenor may file submissions on the application by March 3, 2026 and GrandBridge Energy may file a reply submission on March 17, 2026.

This is the first application the OEB has received for a margin on payments, and it engages significant policy considerations. OEB staff is therefore requesting additional time to review applicant IR responses and prepare a submission. OEB staff is requesting an extension of 2 weeks to file its submission to March 17, 2026. If the request is granted, OEB staff is recommending that GrandBridge Energy's reply submission be due March 31, 2026.

In GrandBridge Energy's application, it stated the following:

GrandBridge Energy requests that the OEB make its Final Rate Order effective May 1, 2026. If the OEB does not expect that the Final Rate Order will be issued by such date, the Applicant requests that the OEB approve the recovery of any differences in the NWS Program revenue between the effective date and the

implementation date of the OEB's Decision and Order establishing final rates and charges.¹

In response to an OEB staff interrogatory (IR)² GrandBridge Energy stated the following:

If OEB approval is not granted in time to align with the planned May 1, 2026, implementation, the fundamental design of the NWS Program would not be affected. However, the implementation timeline for initial procurement may be adjusted with the timing of approval.

Based on the application and the IR response, OEB staff is of the view that a 2 week extension would not negatively impact the NWS program, even if the OEB's decision is not issued in time for the planned May 1, 2026 implementation date.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Michael Bell at michael.bell@oeb.ca or at 416-440-7688. The OEB's toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Yours truly,

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c: All Parties in EB-2025-0265

¹ Application, p. 5.

² OEB Staff-2b.