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**RE: GrandBridge Energy Inc. (GrandBridge Energy)
Non-Wires Solutions (NWS) Program Application (the Application)
OEB File No.: EB-2025-0265
Response to OEB Request for Additional Information**

We write in response to your letter of February 25, 2026, requesting the following additional information:

1. Please provide an update as to the status of the customer registration process for GrandBridge Energy's NWS Program that closes on March 6, 2026. In the response, please explicitly include (i) the number of participants who have registered to date and (ii) what type of customers they are. E.g. Data Centres, commercial, etc.).

We first wish to correct the relevant dates for the NWS Program included with the letter of February 24, 2026, submitted on behalf of GrandBridge Energy (the "February 24 Letter"). We regret that, through an inadvertent error, the February 24 Letter referenced dates drawn from GrandBridge Energy's pre-filed evidence when GrandBridge Energy has recently adjusted these dates. GrandBridge Energy made the adjustment to increase the registration period, including time for customer outreach, and to accommodate a procedural timeline in which a decision on the Application would be issued by May 1, 2026, and the obligation period would remain June 1 to September 30, 2026 (the "Adjusted Dates"). Please see the Adjusted Dates below.



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1. Relevant Dates

Relevant dates related to the GrandBridge Energy (GBE) GridShare Program *capacity auction* for the 2026 *obligation period* are outlined in Table 1.

Activity	Settlement Period ¹
Registration opens	January 12, <u>2026</u> 13:00:00.000 EST (1pm EST)
Registration closes	March 27, <u>2026</u> 16:00:00.000 EST (5pm EDT)
Capacity offer submission window opens	March 30, <u>2026</u> 8:00:00.000 EST (9am EDT)
Capacity offer submission window closes	April 10, <u>2026</u> 16:00:00.000 EST (5pm EDT)
Review and selection period*	April 13 <u>2026</u> - May 1, 2026
Participant notification date*	May 4, 2026
Contracting period*	May 4, 2026 - May 29, 2026

Table 1: GBE NWA Program Timelines

The Adjusted Dates do not account for the additional time for submissions requested by intervenors and Ontario Energy Board staff (the “Proposed Extended Schedule”). It remains accurate that, under the Proposed Extended Schedule, even with the Adjusted Dates, GrandBridge Energy would not receive a decision on the Application with sufficient time to issue and execute participant agreements prior to the commencement of the 2026 obligation period. This would, in turn, reduce or delay the anticipated customer benefits and may have implications for external funding as set out in the February 24 Letter.

As of the date of this response, the customer registration process for the NWS Program has progressed as scheduled.

An information webinar was held on January 12, 2026, with over 30 interested parties registering to attend. GBE has also conducted targeted outreach, including one-on-one discussions with several commercial and industrial customers and aggregators to provide program details and respond to questions.

As of February 26, 2026:

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Several additional customers and aggregators have expressed preliminary interest and are expected to complete registration prior to the registration deadline. However, some aggregators have advised that they are hesitant to engage their customers for the NWS program before it receives OEB approval.



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Registration does not constitute a binding commitment to participate in the capacity auction. Bid pricing, offered capacity volumes, and commercial terms remain confidential in accordance with the competitive procurement design of the NWS Program and have not yet been submitted.

2. GrandBridge Energy requested the recovery of differences in the NWS program revenue between the effective date and implementation date. Would a partial decision on the recovery of difference by May 1, 2026, help alleviate the concerns of delay in OEB decision to June 2026?

Unfortunately, a partial decision on the recovery of difference by May 1, 2026 would not address the timing challenges described above. In particular, it would not resolve the constraints associated with not having sufficient time to execute participant agreements prior to the commencement of the obligation period, as outlined in response to question 1 and in the February 24 Letter.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this clarification and additional information.

Sincerely,

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