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June 15, 2026

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

In accordance with the Decision and Order dated May 28, 2026, please find attached OEB staff's submission on the draft Rate Order in the above noted proceeding.

Yours truly,

Michael Bell
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Michael Bell
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Encl.

cc: All parties in EB-2025-0265

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

OEB Staff Submission

GrandBridge Energy Inc.

Application for Non-Wires Solutions Program

EB-2025-0265

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Background

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 a non-wires solution (NWS) program beginning May 1, 2026. GrandBridge Energy refers to this NWS and the associated capacity auction program as the GridShare Program.

On May 28, 2026, the OEB issued its Decision and Order (Decision) in this proceeding. In its Decision, the OEB approved funding for GrandBridge Energy's GridShare Program effective May 1, 2026. In its Decision, the OEB also approved:

- the establishment of the Non-Wires Solution Program Cost Variance Account (NWS-PCVA)
- the recovery of the GridShare Program costs through average rate riders

The OEB denied GrandBridge Energy's Margin on Payments (MoP) incentive request, and although it approved certain legal costs, it did not allow them to be capitalized.

The OEB directed GrandBridge Energy to submit a Draft Rate Order (DRO) that reflects the OEB's findings in its Decision and a Draft Accounting Order for NWS-PCVA. The OEB also directed GrandBridge Energy to submit a proposal to calculate the forgone revenue rate riders as part of the DRO process.

On June 8, 2026, GrandBridge Energy filed a DRO that included a Draft Accounting Order.

Draft Rate Order

The approved effective date for rates related to the GrandBridge Energy's GridShare Program is May 1, 2026. GrandBridge Energy stated that it has fully complied with the OEB's Decision and has implemented all changes directed by the OEB in its Decision.[1]

[1] EB-2025-0265, Draft Rate Order, June 8, 2026, p. 4

The table below summarizes the GridShare Program funding[2]:

Table 1: GrandBridge Energy NWS Program Approved Funding				
Cost ($000's)	**2026**	**2027**	**2028**	**Total**
Software Licensing & Maintenance	$50	$50	$50	$150
Professional Services	$341	$0	$0	$341
Allocated Staffing Costs	$77	$77	$77	$231
Participant Payments	$326	$592	$1,064	$1,982
IT				
Total Operating Costs	**$794**	**$719**	**$1,191**	**$2,704**
IT Software Implementation	$475	$0	$0	$475
Total Capital Costs	**$475**	**$0**	**$0**	**$475**
Total NWS Program Cost	**$1,269**	**$719**	**$1,191**	**$3,179**
SREP Contribution	**$100**	**$57**	**$94**	**$250**
Total NWS Program Cost (net of SREP contribution)	**$1,169**	**$662**	**$1,097**	**$2,929**

The table below summarizes the revenue requirement[3]:

Table A: NWS Program Revenue Requirement Breakdown	
Foregone Revenue from May 1 - July 31, 2026 (3 months)	$ 255,949.18
Revenues from Aug 1, 2026 - Dec 2028 (29 months)	$ 2,474,175.41
Total Revenue Requirement	$ 2,730,124.59

Effective Date

As the effective date is May 1, 2026, the OEB approved forgone revenue rate riders to capture the difference between the effective date and the implementation date. GrandBridge Energy requested approved rate riders starting August 1, 2026.

GrandBridge Energy stated that it calculated the forgone revenues as the difference between revenues that would have been collected under the approved rate riders effective May 1, 2026, and revenues collected from the implementation date of August 1, 2026. The resulting balance would be recovered over a twelve-month period through a separate forgone revenue rider.[4]

[2] Ibid, p. 9
[3] Ibid, p. 10
[4] Ibid, p. 5

Rate Riders

GrandBridge Energy calculated two rate riders: a) Foregone NWS Revenue Rate Rider and b) NWS Program Rate Rider.

a) The Foregone NWS Revenue Rate Rider recovers the revenue requirement for the period of May 1, 2026, to July 31, 2026, over a one-year period to reflect May 1, 2026, as the start of the recovery period for the NWS Program costs. This rider rate will be in effect from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2027.

b) The NWS Program Rate Rider recovers the revenue requirement for the period of August 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028. This rate rider will be in effect from August 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028.

Deferral and Variance Accounts

The OEB approved GrandBridge Energy's request to establish a new deferral and variance account, the NWS-PCVA, to support the implementation of the approved GridShare Program.

In its Decision, the OEB found that a symmetrical variance account is appropriate. GrandBridge Energy stated that all entries recorded in the NWS-PCVA will be net of any third-party funding or recoveries, ensuring that customers do not bear costs that have been offset by external contributions.

Consistent to the Decision, the NWS-PCVA Draft Accounting Order did not include the Margin-on-Payment incentive and the capitalization of legal costs.

OEB Staff Submission

OEB staff submits that GrandBridge Energy draft Rate Order is consistent with the findings set out in the Decision.[5]

OEB staff submits that the proposal to calculate the forgone revenue rate rider is appropriate and does not have any concerns. OEB staff does not have any issues with the Foregone Revenue or the NWS Program Rate Riders starting August 1, 2026.

In response to OEB's direction in the Decision, the NWS-PCVA Accounting Order did not include the MoP incentive and the capitalization of legal costs. OEB staff submits

[5] EB-2025-0265, Decision and Order, May 28, 2026

that the Draft Accounting Order is consistent with the findings set out in the Decision and Order.[6]

OEB staff notes that GrandBridge Energy requested that the OEB issue its Rate Order by July 6, 2026. GrandBridge Energy indicated that this would provide adequate time to update the Customer Information Systems for the implementation of the new rates.

~All of which is respectfully submitted~

[6] Ibid