ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

NOTICE OF A RATE HEARING

GrandBridge Energy Inc. has applied for funding for its Non-Wires Solution Program

GrandBridge Energy Inc. (GrandBridge Energy or GBE) has applied to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for approval to implement a Non-Wires Solution Program (NWS Program) from 2027 to 2031 in its City of Brantford and County of Brant service areas.

Non-Wires Solutions are alternatives to building new electricity infrastructure, such as reducing energy use, shifting demand, or using local generation and storage to meet electricity needs more cost-effectively.

In its application, GrandBridge Energy proposes to pay customers and third parties to temporarily reduce electricity demand or use behind-the-meter resources, such as batteries and generators, to reduce electricity demand during peak summer periods, addressing local distribution system capacity and reliability needs. The proposed NWS Program is intended to provide an interim, flexible resource until longer term transmission and distribution solutions are placed into service, currently expected around 2032. GrandBridge Energy submits that the NWS Program has a benefit-to-cost ratio of 3.87.

If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer in the GBE (E+) Rate Zone (County of Brant) and GBE (BPI) Rate Zone (City of Brantford) would see the following increase effective May 1, 2027:

Rate Zone	GBE (E+)	GBE (BPI)
Residential (750 kWh)	**$0.23 per month**	**$1.28 per month**
General Service less than 50 kW (2,000 kWh)	**$0.40 per month**	**$1.60 per month**

Other customers, including businesses, will also be affected. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by the proposed changes.

GrandBridge Energy also seeks approval of a Margin-on-Payment incentive for the implementation and delivery of the NWS Program. A Margin on Payment is an incentive that allows a utility to earn a percentage of what it pays third-party energy providers for delivering non-wires solutions, thereby encouraging the utility to use those alternatives instead of building new infrastructure. GrandBridge Energy also seeks approval to establish a new variance account called the NWS Program Costs Variance Account. This variance account would record the actual costs and revenues of the NWS Program so that any differences from what is expected can be reviewed by the OEB and addressed in a future application.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicant has applied for, and the OEB plans to proceed with, a written hearing. If you think a different hearing type is needed, you can write to us to explain why.

During this hearing, we will hear questions and arguments from participants about this case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenors. After the hearing, we will decide whether to approve the application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit **www.oeb.ca/notice** and use file number **EB-2026-0248** to:

- Review the application
- File a letter with your comments
- Apply to become an intervenor

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **November 16, 2026** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

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This hearing will be held under section 78(3) of the ***Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998,*** S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B)

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