

Decision on GrandBridge Energy's Non-Wire Solutions Funding Application

On May 28, 2026, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued its [Decision and Order](#) approving funding for GrandBridge Energy Inc.'s (GrandBridge Energy) Non-Wires Solution Program (NWS Program), effective May 1, 2026. The NWS Program consists of a series of non-wires solutions - including demand response, distributed energy resources and smart energy solutions - to provide immediate capacity relief until a new transformer station can be built.

The OEB approved the NWS Program, finding it to be a reasonable interim solution to maintain reliable service for GrandBridge Energy's customers.

The OEB also made the following determinations:

- To support program implementation, GrandBridge Energy will be allowed to record costs up to 30 per cent above the approved budget in a regulatory account. All costs will be subject to OEB review at a later date.
- The margin-on-payment incentive payment proposed by GrandBridge Energy was denied as it does not meet the OEB's eligibility requirements for obtaining such an incentive. The OEB noted that those eligibility requirements serve as a consumer protection measure to mitigate the risk of increasing the cost burden for ratepayers.
- Adjustments were made regarding the recovery of staffing and legal costs.

The impact on customer bills will be determined through the forthcoming rate order process.

INTERVENORS

Intervenors are individuals or groups who have permission to participate in a hearing before the OEB because they have a substantial interest in the proceeding. A list of the four approved intervenors in this proceeding, including representatives of different classes of consumers, is provided on page two of the Decision and Order.

ABOUT THE OEB

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