THAT the operative part of Order in Council 992-97 dated 6 August 1997 be amended by substituting the words "on 20 August 1997" for the words "on the date of their publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*", at the end.

MICHEL CARPENTIER, Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

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Gouvernement du Québec

O.C. 1352-97, 15 October 1997

An Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (1996, c. 61)

Adjustment of rates — Supply of electric power by Hydro-Québec

THE adjustment of rates for the supply of electric power by Hydro-Québec

WHEREAS Hydro-Québec has pledged not to require any increase in rates for the supply of electric power for 1999, 2000 and 2001;

WHEREAS under section 165 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (1996, c. 61) the Government may, until the coming into force of Chapter IV of that Act, fix or modify a rate for the supply of electric power by Hydro-Québec by adjusting the rates then in effect by not more than the average variation in the annual Consumer Price Index for Canada for the 12 months of the preceding year in relation to such Index for the 12 months of the year preceding that year;

WHEREAS it is expedient to fix the adjustment of rates for the supply of electric power by Hydro-Québec as of 1st May 1998 according to the average variation in the annual Consumer Price Index for Canada for 1997, in relation to the 12 months of 1996, not exceeding 1,8 %;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, upon the recommandation of the Minister of State for Natural Resources:

To fix the adjustment of rates for the supply of electric power by Hydro-Québec as of 1^{st} of May 1998 according to the average variation in the annual Consumer Price Index for Canada for 1997, in relation to the 12 months of 1996, not exceeding 1,8 %.

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