

2.C.2.2	6 months
2.C.2.3	1 year
2.C.2.4	1 year and a half
2.C.2.5	2 years
2.C.2.6	2 years and a half
2.C.2.7	3 years
2.C.2.8	3 years and a half
2.C.2.9	4 years
2.C.2.10	4 years and a half
2.C.2.11	5 years or more”;

(2) by substituting “Accompanying spouse or *de facto* spouse” for “Spouse or *de facto* spouse” in the heading of Criterion 2.C.6 and in the heading of Factor 7;

(3) by substituting the following for paragraphs *a* to *j* in Criterion 3.1 :

“(a) from 0 to less than 6 months, if the candidate has completed or will complete in Québec, within 12 months of filing a selection certificate application, studies leading to a diploma referred to in Criterion 1.1, paragraph *d*, *g*, *h*, *i* or *j*

- (b) 6 months
- (c) 1 year
- (d) 1 year and a half
- (e) 2 years
- (f) 2 years and a half
- (g) 3 years
- (h) 3 years and a half
- (i) 4 years
- (j) 4 years and a half
- (k) 5 years or more”;

(4) by substituting “Accompanying children” for “Children” in the heading of Factor 8; and

(5) by substituting “family members” for “dependent persons” in the heading of the criterion related to “Factor 9. Financial self-sufficiency”.

### **18.** Schedule B is amended

(1) by substituting “Number of family members” for “Number of dependants”; and

(2) by substituting “each additional family member” for “each additional dependant” at the end.

**19.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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## **Draft Regulation**

An Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie  
(R.S.Q., c. R-6.01)

### **Wind energy and forest biomass energy**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting wind energy and forest biomass energy, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation establishes, for the purpose of fixing the cost of electric power, and for the purposes of the supply plan and the tender solicitation by the electric power distributor, the block of wind energy related to the establishment in Québec of facilities for the manufacturing and assembly of windmills and their components up to an installed capacity of 800 megawatts, the block of wind energy not related to the establishment of facilities for the manufacturing and assembly of windmills and their components up to an installed capacity of 200 megawatts, and the block of energy produced in Québec from forest biomass from an installed capacity of 100 megawatts.

The draft Regulation also prescribes that the electric power distributor must proceed with tender solicitations of those blocks of energy no later than 1 April 2003.

The draft Regulation will have no direct impact on the public. The interested businesses in the fields of wind energy and forest biomass may participate in the tender solicitations by the electric power distributor.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting

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## Regulation respecting wind energy and forest biomass energy

An Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (R.S.Q., c. R-6.01, s. 112, 1st par., subpars. 2.1 and 2.2)

**1.** For the purpose of fixing the cost of electric power referred to in section 52.2 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (R.S.Q., c. R-6.01) or for the purposes of the supply plan provided for in section 72 of the Act, and for the purposes of a tender solicitation by the electric power distributor under section 74.1 of the Act,

(1) the block of wind energy related to the establishment in Québec of facilities for the manufacturing and assembly of windmills and their components shall be produced in Québec from an installed capacity of 100 megawatts per year beginning in 2006, up to 800 megawatts in 2013 ;

(2) the block of wind energy not related to the establishment of facilities for the manufacturing and assembly of windmills and their components shall be produced in Québec from an installed capacity of 100 megawatts per year beginning in 2004, up to 200 megawatts the following year ; and

(3) the block of energy produced in Québec from forest biomass shall be produced from an installed capacity of 100 megawatts. A portion of that block shall be delivered beginning in 2005 and at least every two years, until 2013.

The blocks referred to in subparagraphs 1 and 2 shall be accompanied by a guarantee of hydroelectric power installed in Québec, in the form of a load balancing agreement subscribed to by the electric power distributor with another Québec supplier or Hydro-Québec, when carrying on its electric power activities.

**2.** The electric power distributor must, no later than 1 April 2003, solicit public tenders for the block of wind energy related to the establishment of facilities for the manufacturing and assembly of windmills and their components, solicit public tenders for the block of wind energy not related to the establishment of facilities for the manufacturing and assembly of windmills and their components, and solicit public tenders for the block of energy produced from forest biomass energy.

**3.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.