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## Draft Regulations

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### Draft Regulation

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

#### Second block of wind 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 the second block of wind energy, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation determines, 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 second block of wind energy from a target capacity of 2,000 megawatts.

The draft Regulation also provides that the electric power distributor must solicit public tenders for that block of energy not later than 31 October 2005.

The draft Regulation will have no direct impact on the public. The interested businesses in the wind energy sector will be able to participate in the tender solicitation by the electric power distributor.

Through the Regulation and an Order in Council pertaining to the economic, social and environmental concerns, which will later be communicated to the Régie de l'énergie, the Government seeks to facilitate the implementation of projects that supply electricity at competitive rates, and to maximize the economic benefits as follows:

— through expenditure, including the installation of the wind turbines, and structural investment in the Québec manufacturing sector corresponding to at least 60% of the overall costs, including the installation of the wind turbines, for the 2,000 megawatt capacity,

— through expenditure, excluding the installation of the wind turbines, and structural investment in the manufacturing sector in Municipalité régionale de comté de Matane and in the Gaspésie–Îles-de-la-Madeleine administrative region corresponding to at least 30% of the overall costs, excluding the installation of the wind turbines,

— by making it possible for the Government to require, after the contracts signed have ended, that the facilities be transferred to it without compensation,

— through the contribution of the 2,000 megawatt capacity to the development of a hi-tech industry manufacturing wind turbines and wind turbine components in Québec, on the understanding that Municipalité régionale de comté de Matane and the Gaspésie–Îles-de-la-Madeleine administrative region are to receive preferential treatment, and

— through the project's favourable impact on the economic development of the local and Native communities.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting René Paquette, Directeur du développement électrique, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune, 5700, 4<sup>e</sup> Avenue Ouest, bureau A-416, Charlesbourg (Québec) G1H 6R1; telephone: (418) 627-6386, ext. 8351; fax: (418) 646-1878; e-mail: rene.paquette@mrfn.gouv.qc.ca

Any interested person having comments to make on the draft Regulation is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 45-day period, to Mario Bouchard, Associate Deputy Minister, Énergie et Mines, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune, 5700, 4<sup>e</sup> Avenue Ouest, bureau B 401, Charlesbourg (Québec) G1H 6R1.

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## Regulation respecting the second block of wind 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), and for the purposes of the supply plan provided for in section 72 of the Act and the tender solicitation by the electric power distributor under section 74.1 of the Act, a second block of wind energy linked to structural investment in the manufacturing sector must be produced in Québec from a target capacity of 2,000 megawatts, within the following timeframe :

- 300 megawatts, no later than 1 December 2009 ;
- 400 megawatts, no later than 1 December 2010 ;
- 400 megawatts, no later than 1 December 2011 ;
- 450 megawatts, no later than 1 December 2012 ;
- 450 megawatts, no later than 1 December 2013.

The block referred to in the first paragraph is subject to a balancing service and supplementary capacity in the form of a wind energy integration agreement between the electric power distributor and another Québec supplier or Hydro-Québec, in its electricity production operations.

**2.** The electric power distributor must, not later than 31 October 2005, solicit public tenders for each portion of the block referred to in section 1.

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