

Draft Regulations

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An Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie
(chapter R-6.01)

450-megawatt block of wind energy

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting a 450- megawatt block of wind energy, appearing 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, the supply plan and the tender solicitation by the electric power distributor, the energy block produced with wind energy and the timeframes for delivering the electric power produced in connection with that block. The delivery deadlines as established will help stabilize the growth in wind energy supply and the manufacturing activity.

The promoters involved in the development of wind energy projects will be able to participate in the tender solicitation issued by the electric power distributor.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Daniel Deschênes, Director, Développement des énergies renouvelables, Ministère des Ressources naturelles, 5700, 4^e Avenue Ouest, bureau A 404, Québec (Québec) G1H 6R1; telephone: 418 627-6386, extension 8001; fax: 418 646-1878; email: daniel.deschenes@mrn.gouv.qc.ca

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Mario Gosselin, Associate Deputy Minister for Energy, Ministère des Ressources naturelles, 5700, 4^e Avenue Ouest, bureau A 407, Québec (Québec) G1H 6R1.

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Regulation respecting a 450-megawatt block of wind energy

An Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie
(chapter R-6.01, s. 112, 1st par., subpars. 2.1 and 2.2, and 4th par.)

1. For the purposes of fixing the cost of electric power referred to in section 52.2 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01), 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 provided for in section 74.1 of the Act, a block of wind energy must be produced in Québec on the basis of a target capacity of 450 megawatts, composed of 300 megawatts from projects in the Bas-Saint-Laurent and Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine and 150 megawatts from projects in the whole of Québec linked to the Hydro-Québec main network, within the following timeframes:

— 225 megawatts not later than 1 December 2017;

— 225 megawatts not later than 1 December 2018.

The block referred to in the first paragraph is accompanied by a balancing and complementary power service in the form of a wind energy integration agreement taken by the electric power distributor with Hydro-Québec in its power production activities or with another Québec electric power supplier.

The price of the electric power supply, including the balancing and complementary power service, may not exceed 9.5 ¢/kWh in 2014 dollars adjusted to the consumer price index for that power block.

2. The electric power distributor must issue a tender solicitation for the block referred to in section 1 not later than 90 days following the date of publication of this Regulation in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

3. Participation in the public tender solicitation of the electric power distributor is reserved for any electric power supplier who proves that:

— the local environment holds a participation representing more than 50% of the project control;

—the electric power distributor’s project is recognized by a resolution adopted to that end by every regional county municipality and by every local municipality where the project takes place.

For the purposes of this section, “local environment” means one or more of the following constituents:

- a regional county municipality;
- a local municipality;
- a Native community;
- an intermunicipal board.

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