

Draft Regulations

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

1,500-megawatt block of wind energy

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10, 12 and 13 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting a 1,500-megawatt block of wind energy, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 10 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation determines, for the purposes of the establishment of the cost of electric power, the supply plan and the tender solicitation by the electric power distributor, a 1,500-megawatt block of wind energy and provides that the electric power distributor must issue a tender solicitation not later than 31 March 2023.

The draft Regulation may be made on the expiry of a shorter publication period than the period provided for in section 11 of the Regulations Act, in accordance with section 12 of that Act, since the Government is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation warrants it owing to the following circumstances:

—it is necessary, because of the timeframe inherent in the carrying out and connection to Hydro-Québec's main network of wind energy projects, that the electric power distributor issue a tender solicitation for the block of wind energy covered by the draft Regulation not later than 31 March 2023 so that the projects covered by the electric power supply contracts that will be entered into following the tender solicitation may be connected to Hydro-Québec's main network between 1 December 2027 and 1 December 2029;

—the launching of the tender solicitation by the electric power distributor, not later than 31 March 2023, and the connection of the projects to Hydro-Québec's main network in the areas identified by Hydro-Québec are necessary to meet part of the needs of Québec markets identified in the Electricity Supply Plan 2023-2032 of the electric power distributor as of 1 December 2027.

Study of the matter has shown no additional cost or regulatory burden for enterprises, and has shown a number of advantages and benefits, such as the development of wind energy and economic benefits.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Julie Poulin, Director, Direction du développement de l'électricité renouvelable, Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et de l'Énergie, 5700, 4^e Avenue Ouest, bureau A-404, Québec (Québec) G1H 6R1; telephone: 418 561-9384; email: julie.poulin@mern.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 10-day period to Étienne Chabot, Director General for electricity, Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et de l'Énergie, 5700, 4^e Avenue Ouest, bureau A-402, Québec (Québec) G1H 6R1.

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Regulation respecting a 1,500-megawatt block of wind energy

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

1. For the purposes of the establishment of the cost of electric power referred to in section 52.2 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01), the supply plan provided for in section 72 of the Act and the tender solicitation by the electric power distributor provided for in section 74.1 of the Act, a block a wind energy of a target capacity of 1,500 megawatts must be connected to Hydro-Québec's main network between 1 December 2027 and 1 December 2029.

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 entered into by the electric power distributor with Hydro-Québec in its power production activities or with another Québec electric power supplier.

2. The electric power distributor must issue a tender solicitation for the block referred to in section 1 not later than 31 March 2023.

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

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