

## Regulations and other Acts

Gouvernement du Québec

### **O.C. 285-2023, 15 March 2023**

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

#### **1,500-megawatt block of wind energy**

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

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 2.1 of the first paragraph of section 112 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01), the Government may make regulations determining, for a particular source of electric power supply, the corresponding energy block and maximum price established for the purpose of fixing the cost of electric power referred to in section 52.2 or for the purposes of the supply plan provided for in section 72, or for the purposes of a tender solicitation by the electric power distributor under section 74.1 of the Act;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 2.2 of the first paragraph of section 112 of the Act, the Government may make regulations determining the timeframe applicable to a public tender solicitation by the electric power distributor under section 74.1 of the Act;

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 10, 12 and 13 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), a draft Regulation respecting a 1,500-megawatt block of wind energy was published in Part 2 of the *Gazette officielle du Québec* of 24 February 2023 with a notice that it could be made by the Government on the expiry of 10 days following that publication;

WHEREAS, under subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 18 of that Act, a regulation may come into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* where the authority that has made it is of the opinion that the urgency of the situation requires it;

WHEREAS, under the second paragraph of section 18 of that Act, the reason justifying such coming into force must be published with the regulation;

WHEREAS the Government is of the opinion that the urgency due to the following circumstances justifies such coming into force of the Regulation respecting a 1,500-megawatt block of wind energy:

— it is necessary, because of the timeframe inherent in the carrying out and connection to Hydro-Québec's main network of the wind energy projects, that the electric power distributor issue the tender solicitation for the block of wind energy covered by the 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, not later than 31 March 2023, by the electric power distributor 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;

WHEREAS it is expedient to make the Regulation respecting a 1,500-megawatt block of wind energy without amendment;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy:

That the Regulation respecting a 1,500-megawatt block of wind energy, attached to this Order in Council, be made.

YVES OUELLET  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

### **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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