

Draft Regulation

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

Maximum production capacity of a wind farm for the purposes of a program to purchase electric power from a wind source

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation respecting the maximum production capacity of a wind farm for the purposes of a program to purchase electric power from a wind source, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation determines the maximum eligible production capacity, that is, 215 MW, of certain existing wind farms for the purposes of a Hydro-Québec program to purchase electric power from a wind source, the terms of which will have been approved by the Régie de l'énergie, to allow Hydro-Québec to continue to purchase electric power from a wind energy producer operating such a farm.

The draft Regulation will have the following impacts on the public and on enterprises:

— optimization of the entire production value of existing wind farms;

— maintenance of the benefits for the communities in which the facilities are found, in particular with respect to jobs;

— reduction of the electric power purchase price for Québec clients;

— increase of producer earnings on the investments made estimated at \$105.1 million per year.

In accordance with the Politique gouvernementale sur l'allègement réglementaire et administratif – Pour une réglementation intelligente, the draft Regulation was the subject of a regulatory impact analysis relating to the above impacts concerning enterprises. The analysis may be consulted on the website of the Ministère.

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 45-day period to Étienne Chabot, Director General, Direction générale de l'électricité, 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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(chapter R-6.01, s. 74.3, 2nd par.,
and s. 112, 1st par., subpar. 2.3)

1. This Regulation applies to a wind farm for which an electric power supply contract with the following conditions was entered into:

(1) it was entered into by a producer and the electric power distributor following a tender solicitation issued by the distributor under section 74.1 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01) to meet the need for a block of wind energy;

(2) it provides for the beginning of deliveries on a date between 22 November 2006 and 12 December 2012;

(3) it provides for an expiry date not later than 12 December 2032.

2. The maximum eligible production capacity of a wind farm of a producer participating in a program to purchase electric power from a wind source of the electric power distributor is not more than 215 MW.

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

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