

Draft Regulations

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

300-megawatt block of photovoltaic solar 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 300-megawatt block of photovoltaic solar energy, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 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 Hydro-Québec, a 300-megawatt block of photovoltaic solar energy, and prescribes the time limit within which the block must be connected to Hydro-Québec's main network and the time limit within which Hydro-Québec must issue a tender solicitation.

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 photovoltaic solar energy, economic benefits for regions and communities, and annual revenue generated for enterprises.

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: 418 691-5698, extension 3532; email: julie.poulin@economie.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 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; email: etienne.chabot@economie.gouv.qc.ca.

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Regulation respecting a 300-megawatt block of photovoltaic solar 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 of photovoltaic solar energy of a target capacity of 300 megawatts must be connected to Hydro-Québec's main network within the following time limits:

- (1) 100 megawatts not later than 31 December 2029;
- (2) 200 megawatts not later than 31 December 2032.

The portion of variable production of the block referred to in the first paragraph is accompanied by a balancing and complementary power service in the form of a variable production 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 part of the block referred to in subparagraph 1 of the first paragraph of section 1 not later than 31 December 2024. In addition, the electric power distributor must issue a tender solicitation for the part of the block referred to in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of section 1 not later than 31 December 2026.

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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