

Request of information regarding the energy wise or energy efficiency programmes of Hydro-Québec at autonomous energy networks locations

1. Could you communicate us your co-ordinates, names and responsibilities in your community or village?

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2. In which autonomous energy network (Diesel Power Plant) are you associated or in which community, village or northern village do you live?

Answer: (Please refer to the table following)

Autonomous energy network (Diesel Power Plant)	X	Community, Village, or Northern Village
Lac-Robertson network		
Haute-Mauricie	X	Obedjiwan
Nunavik		
La Romaine	X	Unamen Shipu
Anticosti Island		
Magdalen Islands		

3. Do you considered yourself, or your organization, as being a fair representative of the interests of your community or village?

YES	NO
X	

Though FNQLSDI is representative of all First Nations communities across Quebec (our mandate comes directly from the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador), each community can decide, by itself, what is good for its members...

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4. Do you have knowledge of contacts (phones, e-mails, meetings, etc.) actually carried out by Hydro-Québec within your community or one of your "leader" to develop partnerships in energy efficiency or energy wise programmes as following:

YES	NO
	X

We had a meeting with Hydro-Quebec's representative on October 16th 2006 where they made it clear that they only do one-on-one partnerships or programs with a specific community. Nothing regarding First Nations communities as a whole...

5. As a Community's organization or as "a leader" within your community, have you been reached by Hydro-Québec representatives in order to develop some local partnerships with regard to energy efficiency and/or energy saving programmes for your community or village?

YES	NO
	X

We have to contact them to make sure that they take our (read "Assembly of First Nations of Quebec") point of view and to be aware of what they are doing and developing for First Nations. Like it had been specified in the previous question, they don't deal with an organization, but rather with local communities.

6. Are you satisfy with the meetings, contacts or negotiations in progress to set up local partnerships in order to integrate these Hydro-Québec programmes for the benefit of your community or village? Please comment.

YES	NO
	X

Answer (please check and comment):

Comments:

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They are supposed to contact us in 2007 to discuss the adaptation of their energy efficiency programs among First Nations communities.

7. In order to represent your situation, do you have some suggestions for the improvement of the actual Hydro-Québec programmes that we should present within the framework of our case in front of the Régie de l'Énergie, next December?

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These suggestions could imply implementation delays, imposed constraints on the communities, special expenses or all other problems linked to your knowledge in the decreased of the efficiency of the implementation of these programmes within your community or village.

YES	NO
X	

Answer (please check and comment):

Comments
<p>Energy efficiency usually implied minimal investments. Housing is a major problem among First Nations communities: overcrowded houses put pressures on houses' infrastructures, which are degrading rapidly. The first preoccupation being to build new houses, energy efficiencies on the old ones are not even considered. But the needs are there: better windows, better isolation, better air circulation, etc. But all this comes at a price which is simply not affordable for community with approximately 70% people not working at all...</p>

8. Do you have suggestions for the development of partnerships with the local organizations which can carry out the Hydro-Québec programmes' mandate? *As an example, for instance, MAKIVIK in Nunavik could be the implementing actor of these programmes in the North. Do you have knowledge of other potential partnerships?*

Answer (please comment):

Comments
<p>US ! (First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Sustainable Development Institute, through our Energy and climate changes project manager).</p>

9. *Regarding energy wise programmes at communities and village having autonomous networks, these one are in force since September 15, 2005. Hydro-Québec had mentioned that these programs are included in agreements or conventions between Hydro-Québec and the communities or villages concerned.*

In the case of the Cree, Attikamek and Inuit communities, have you been informed in some sort concerning these agreements?

YES	NO
	X

Answer (please check and comment):

10. Are there indeed monetary compensations for the price paid for energy (fuel oil) granted at your community or village?

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YES	NO
X	

Answer (please check):

11. Do you have knowledge or have you heard about the order of magnitude of the compensation amount that was granted by Hydro-Québec to your village or community this year? Please comment.

YES	NO
	X

Answer (please check and comment):

Comments
I think there are monetary compensations for the price paid for fuel oil in autonomous communities. Right now Hydro-Quebec is paying for the maintenance of stove and other equipment. But with the up-coming (?) switch to hydroelectricity, Hydro-Quebec must assure to cover every expenses related to this new form of power for the autonomous communities.

12. Are you satisfied with the agreements taken in this respect with Hydro-Québec? Please comment.

YES	NO

Answer (please check):

Comments

13. Concerning the coupling of wind-diesel power, Hydro-Québec mentioned us lately to have a pilot project planned for Magdalen Islands and another project being studied for its future implementation in Inukjuak, Nunavik.

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Have you been informed of these pilot projects or of the preliminary studies? If these projects are located on your territory, community or village, have you been consulted yet for these proposed projects?

YES	NO
X	X

Answer (please check and comment):

Comments
No direct communication to our organization. What I know so far is that the project for Magdalen Islands is not going very well (social aspects cause by no proper consultation/ information) and that representatives of Inukjuak are also considering run-of-river hydro.

14. Regarding the Kuujuaq Diesel Power Station replacement project:

Do you have knowledge of this project?

YES	NO
X	

Answer (please check):

Have you been consulted?

YES	NO
	X

Answer (please check):

Are you satisfied of this consultation with Hydro-Québec? Please comment.

YES	NO
	X

Answer (please check):

Comments
Of course, it's between them and the community, but they should forward the information to our Institute (as well as to Makivik), so that we can follow what's going on, suggest strategies to both parties, etc.