

TEXTE DES

**TARIFS ET CONDITIONS DE SERVICE PROVISOIRES
POUR L'USAGE CRYPTOGRAPHIQUE APPLIQUÉ
AUX CHAÎNES DE BLOCS**

(VERSION ANGLAISE)

(SUIVANT LA DÉCISION D-2018-084 RENDUE LE 13 JUILLET 2018)

PROVISIONAL RATES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR CRYPTOGRAPHIC USE APPLIED TO BLOCKCHAINS

The following provisional rates and conditions of service for cryptographic use applied to blockchains supplement the Electricity Rates and Conditions of Service approved by the Régie de l'énergie. The definitions set out in Section 21.1 of the Conditions of Service and Article 1.1 of the Electricity Rates apply herein.

1. In these provisional rates and conditions of service for cryptographic use applied to blockchains, the following definitions apply:

“blockchain”: A distributed and secure database, in its current and future versions, in which successive transactions (blocks) between users are recorded in chronological order. Each block is linked to the block before it and so forth going back to the first block ever created.

“cryptographic use applied to blockchains”: The use of electricity for the purpose of operating computer equipment dedicated to cryptographic calculations which, in particular, serve to validate successive transactions made by users of a blockchain.

2. A contract is considered to be for cryptographic use applied to blockchains if the installed load corresponding to this use is at least 50 kilowatts.
3. Rate M or Rate LG, as the case may be, shall apply to cryptographic use applied to blockchains, except that energy consumption shall be billed at 15 cents per kilowatthour.
4. However, Rate M or Rate LG, as the case may be, shall continue to apply until the Régie de l'énergie sets new rates and conditions for the distribution of electricity by Hydro-Québec strictly for cryptographic use applied to blockchains in the following situations:
 - a) all existing contracts, but only for the installed load already in place for cryptographic use applied to blockchains;
 - b) when the available capacity for cryptographic use applied to blockchains at the connection point has been confirmed by Hydro-Québec in writing and agreed to in writing by the customer.
5. Should the customer substitute a use of electricity for cryptographic use applied to blockchains or add installed load, the rate set out in Article 3 shall apply to the customer's contract.
6. The processing of all requests for a service contract or connection requests related to a service contract for cryptographic use applied to blockchains is suspended until the Régie de l'énergie sets new rates and conditions for the distribution of electricity by Hydro-Québec for this particular use.

7. The rate applied by Hydro-Québec to a municipal system for power and energy associated with cryptographic use applied to blockchains is the same as that provided for in Article 3. However, Rate LG shall continue to apply to this power and energy until the Régie de l'énergie sets new rates and conditions for the distribution of electricity by Hydro-Québec for cryptographic use applied to blockchains in the following situations:
 - a) all existing contracts between a municipal system and its customers, but only for the installed load already in place for cryptographic use applied to blockchains;
 - b) when the available capacity for cryptographic use applied to blockchains at the connection point of the municipal system has been confirmed in writing by the municipal system and agreed to in writing by the customer prior to June 7, 2018.