

Public Notice

Régie de l'énergie

APPLICATION BY THE DISTRIBUTOR CONCERNING THE SUPPORT MEASURES FOR GREENHOUSE DEVELOPMENT (FILE R-4127-2020)

The Régie de l'énergie (the "Régie") will hold a public hearing to examine an application from Hydro Québec in connection with its activities as a distributor (the "Distributor") with respect to the measures to support the development of greenhouse production. The application by the Distributor is presented pursuant to sections 31, 1st par., subpar. 1, 48, 48.4, 48.6, 49 and 52.1 of the *Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie*.

The Distributor states that its application is in response to order 2020-1570 dated 8 July 2020 made by the Québec government, indicating to the Régie its economic, social and environmental concerns with respect to the measures to support the development of greenhouse production.

In support of its application, the Distributor mentions the context of the Covid 19 pandemic that first affected Québec in March 2020. It highlights the fact that border restrictions have led the Québec government to consider economic independence, in particular for food production. The Distributor proposes

- first, to lower the eligibility threshold for the Additional Electricity Option for photosynthetic lighting from 300 kW to 50 kW, while broadening its scope to include greenhouses eligible for Rate LG;
- second, to extend eligibility for the option to the heating of spaces used for plant cultivation.

Last, the Distributor hopes that the rate can come into effect on 1 December 2020.

APPLICATIONS FOR INTERVENOR STATUS

Interested persons wishing to take part in the public hearing must file an application for intervenor status with the Régie, along with their participation budget, if applicable, **by 12 noon on 29 July 2020**. The application must be made in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the *Régie de l'énergie* (the "Rules of Procedure"), the text of which is available on the Régie website, and the instructions issued by the Régie in its decision D-2020-094, and be sent to the Distributor within the same time limit.

The application by the Distributor, the related documents, the Rules of Procedure and Decision D-2020-094 may be viewed on the Régie website at <http://www.regie-energie.qc.ca>.

More information can be obtained by contacting the Régie by telephone, fax or E-mail.

The Secretary

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