CANADA

RÉGIE DE L'ÉNERGIE

PROVINCE DE QUÉBEC DISTRICT DE MONTRÉAL

NO: R-4167-2021

HYDRO-QUÉBEC, personne morale de droit public légalement constituée en vertu de la *Loi sur Hydro-Québec* (RLRQ c. H-5) ayant son siège social au 75, René-Lévesque Ouest, dans la cité et district de Montréal, province de Québec, H2Z 1A4,

Demanderesse

DEMANDE DU TRANSPORTEUR DE MODIFICATION DES TARIFS ET CONDITIONS DES SERVICES DE TRANSPORT POUR LES ANNÉES 2021 et 2022

Sworn statement in support of the request for confidential treatment of documents produced by The Brattle Group

- I, **Agustin J. Ros**, Principal at the Brattle Group, One Beacon Street Suite 2600, Boston, MA, USA, being duly sworn, do depose and say:
- 1. Brattle produced in this file its report of PMF studies and comparative statistics entitled *Total Factor Productivity and the X-factor for Hydro-Quebec TransÉnergie* (HQT-5, Document 2).
- 2. As requested by the Régie, Brattle also produced various working or supporting documents for its report.
- 3. Among these documents are some which should be treated as confidential.
- 4. Brattle's working papers include some files that we used in our productivity and benchmarking studies in this proceeding. We hereby request that the Régie declare some of these files to be confidential and accessible to other parties in this proceeding only upon signing a confidentiality agreement.
- 5. Brattle specifically requests confidential treatment for: Brattle TFP Model and exhibit HQT-5, Document 2.3_Document de soutien 8_Brattle Regression Dataset_ACCES_RESTREINT.xlsx, to support Brattle's Regression Model. The reasons that we request confidentiality for these data are as follows.

- 6. Both documents indicated in paragraph 5 contain data from Whitman, Requardt and Associates and from SNL Financial, now part of S&P Global. Specifically, in our TFP model we use the Handy-Whitman Index which provides cost trends for different types of utility construction. We also used data from SNL Financial. Based upon our licensing agreements with Whitman, Requardt and Associates and SNL Financial, we are not permitted to share the data with the public.
- 7. This is information and data that Brattle treats confidentially as per our licensing agreements with Whitman, Requardt and Associates and SNL Financial.
- 8. Brattle hereby requests that the Regie declare these documents to be confidential and accessible to other parties in this proceeding only upon signing a confidentiality agreement: *B-0013*, *HQT-5*, *Document 2.1- Étude de productivité multifactorielle de The Brattle Group Document de soutien 1 (sous pli confidentiel)*.
- 9. Brattle requires that the confidentiality of documents, data and information be maintained without time limit in accordance with our contractual obligations towards Whitman, Requardt and Associates and SNL Financial.
- 10. Upon the conclusion of the proceeding we request that other parties destroy these data
- 11. All the facts recited in the request for confidential treatment of documents produced by Brattle are true to my personal knowledge.

And I signed in Boston, USA, on January 31, 2022

(s) Agustin J. Ros

Agustin J. Ros

Solemnly declared before me by video conference in Laval, Quebec, on January 31, 2022

(s) Lucie Gauthier

Lucie Gauthier, advocate,

Member of the Québec Bar