

# Public Notice

Régie de l'énergie

## APPLICATION REGARDING A STUDY TO EVALUATE THE INTERCHANGEABILITY OF HYDROGEN AND NATURAL GAS IN GAZIFÈRE INC.'S NETWORK (CASE R-4202-2022)

### PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

Gazifère Inc. (**Gazifère**) plans to carry out a project to assess the interchangeability of hydrogen and natural gas for the purpose of preparing its own and its customers' gas pipelines and equipment for the safe injection of hydrogen (the **Project**). This project is divided into two phases, the first of which consists in making recommendations for conducting the physical tests planned for Phase 2.

This application deals with Project costs. The cost of Phase 1 totals \$2,179,208 and Gazifère has requested authorization from the Régie de l'énergie (the **Régie**) to create a deferred charge account outside the rate base (the **DCA**) to which all Project costs will be posted for purposes of recovery in Gazifère's rates. Gazifère has also requested that the DCA bear interest at the most recent rate of return on the rate base approved by the Régie.

This application was submitted under section 32 (3.1) of the *Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie* (the **Act**).

### PROCEDURE FOR EXAMINING THE APPLICATION

The Régie will consider this application by means of consultation and does not deem it necessary to solicit formal interventions.

Interested persons may submit comments to the Régie, with copies to Gazifère, by **no later than noon on August 22, 2022**. Gazifère may respond to comments by **noon on September 6, 2022**.

Comments must state their author's identity, provide their contact information, and be accompanied by a description of the nature of the authors' interest and of any relevant information that explains or supports the comments.

The application, the associated documents and the Act are available on the Régie's website at <http://www.regie-energie.qc.ca>.

For any further information, the Régie can be contacted by telephone, fax or e-mail.

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