Texte proposé pour le nouveau tarif visant les centres de données (version anglaise)

SECTION 7

Rate CD

Application 5.52

Rate CD applies to an annual service contract under which electricity is delivered, in whole or in part, for data centre operations and where the authorized demand totals 5,000 kilowatts or more.

Definitions 5.53

In this section, the following definitions apply.

agreement: the agreement referred to in article 1.1 of the *Conditions of service*.

authorized demand: power demand the customer undertakes to draw under the agreement in their service contract, expressed in kilowatts. It must not be less than 5,000 kilowatts, nor exceed the available power.

available power: available power under a Rate CD service contract that is subject to an agreement between the customer and Hydro-Québec.

data centre: facility housing information and telecommunications infrastructure for secure data storage, processing or distribution.

ramp-up: progressive increase in power demand, expressed in kilowatts, up to the authorized demand, for a customer whose service contract covers data centre operations, for each month included in the period specified for this purpose in their agreement, excluding the startup period.

Structure of Rate CD 5.54

The structure of monthly Rate CD is as follows:

$32.704 per kilowatt of billing demand

plus

8.710¢ per kilowatthour

plus

17.42¢ per kilowatthour for any consumption in the hours during which the power demand exceeds 110% of the projected power demand for the ramp-up.

Where relevant, the credit for supply at medium or high voltage and the adjustment for transformation losses, as described in articles 12.2 and 12.4, shall apply.

Billing demand **5.55**

The billing demand at Rate CD is equal to the maximum power demand during the consumption period in question, but is never less than the minimum billing demand as defined in article 5.56.

Minimum billing demand **5.56**

The minimum billing demand for any consumption period is equal to 75% of the maximum power demand during a consumption period that falls wholly within the winter period included in the 12 consecutive monthly periods ending at the end of the consumption period in question.

When a customer terminates an annual contract and signs another for the delivery of electricity at the same location and for similar purposes within the next 12 consecutive monthly periods, these two contracts are considered to be a single contract for calculation of the minimum billing demand.

For a change to Rate CD from Rate M or Rate LG, the minimum billing demand is determined as specified in this article.

Charge for not reaching the power demand specified for in the ramp-up **5.57**

If, during the last 12 consecutive consumption periods, the customer's highest real power demand is less than 60% of the projected power demand in the agreement, the difference between the highest real power demand during the last 12 consecutive consumption periods and 60% of the projected power demand is subject to a charge of $92.28 per kilowatt.

If the customer's last 12 consecutive consumption periods do not reflect their normal consumption profile, Hydro-Québec reserves the right to use any other method it deems more appropriate to calculate the maximum power demand.

Power demand excluded for billing **5.58**

When the customer disconnects power factor correction equipment at Hydro-Québec's request, the apparent power demand during those periods is not taken into account in determining the billing demand.

Credits for reduction in or interruption of electricity supply **5.59**

The customer may obtain a credit on the amount payable for power when, for a continuous period of at least 1 hour:

a) electricity was not supplied to the customer because Hydro-Québec interrupted the supply of electricity; or

b) the customer was prevented from using electricity, wholly or in part, at the request of Hydro-Québec; or

c) the customer was prevented from using electricity, wholly or in part, as a result of war, rebellion, rioting, a serious epidemic, fire or any other event of force majeure, excluding strikes or lockouts on the customer's premises.

The customer may also obtain a credit on the amount payable for power if Hydro-Québec has interrupted the supply of electricity twice or more in the same day for a combined total of at least 1 hour.

To obtain the credit, the customer must submit a written request to Hydro-Québec within 60 days following the end of the incident.

In the case of an interruption of electricity supply, the credit equals the difference between the amount that would have been payable for the complete consumption period and the amount payable for that period with the number of hours of interruption subtracted. In the case of a reduction in electricity supply, it equals the difference between the amount that would have been payable for the complete consumption period and the amount payable for that period, adjusted according to the number of hours the supply of electricity was reduced and the average energy consumed during those hours, expressed in kilowatts.

The credit does not apply if the electricity service is interrupted due to non-compliance with the agreement.

For purposes of this article, a day is defined as a 24-hour period beginning at 00:00.

Price increase clause 5.60

If a customer wishes to pay a higher price for electricity, the customer may include an offer to that effect in their connection request. The connection request will be reviewed before the price increase is submitted to the Régie de l'énergie for approval. If approved, the higher price shall apply only to the customer's service contract.

Terms for existing data centre contracts 5.61

A customer whose service contract is eligible for Rate CD on November 1, 2026, qualifies for a reduction in their electricity bill until March 31, 2030.

For each consumption period, the electricity delivered for data centre operations is billed at Rate CD minus, as applicable, the credit for supply and the adjustment for transformation losses, as described in articles 12.2 and 12.4. The result is multiplied by:

62% starting on November 1, 2026;
71% starting on April 1, 2027;
81% starting on April 1, 2028;
90% starting on April 1, 2029.

The amount billed per consumption period for a service contract eligible for Rate CD with a maximum power demand of less than 5,000 kW cannot be lower than what would be billed under Rate M. If it is, the electricity shall be billed at Rate M.