

Public Notice

Régie de l'énergie

ADVICE CONCERNING REGULATORY MEASURES THAT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED TO MITIGATE RATE IMPACTS ON CONSUMERS WHILE MAXIMIZING THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS PRODUCED IN QUÉBEC (CASE R-4353-2026)

Pursuant to section 42 of the *Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie* (**the Act**), the Minister of Economy, Innovation and Energy (**the Minister**) has mandated the Régie de l'énergie (**the Régie**) to recommend regulatory, tariff and contractual terms that could maximize the development and use of renewable natural gas (RNG) produced in Québec, while reducing the impact on consumer rates.

The Régie must submit advice aimed at, among other things, supporting the enhancement of Québec's energy security and self-sufficiency, and promoting an efficient and equitable energy transition consistent with Québec's climate objectives.

The Minister has requested that this advice be submitted by **the end of November 2026**.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Pursuant to section 25 of the Act, the Régie will consult interested parties and convene a **public hearing for the week of October 19, 2026**. The hearing will gather concrete and relevant information and proposals to inform the Régie's advice to the Minister.

The public consultation will address the following issues:

- The optimal and predictable progression of RNG distribution requirements, at least through 2035, based on various scenarios and their estimated impacts on rates, different consumer categories, and the development of Québec's RNG production sector. These targets must also take into account consumers' ability to pay and preserve the competitiveness of businesses;
- The mechanisms that should be put in place to minimize, or even eliminate, socialization costs and rate shocks, and equitably distribute their impact among consumers and across consumer categories;
- Reducing dependence on RNG imports by examining possible options respecting already contracted volumes;
- Identifying incentives to promote competitive, low-cost supply that aligns with consumer needs;
- Mechanisms to optimize the utilization of RNG attributes, including the valuation of compliance credits under the *Clean Fuel Regulations* (SOR/2022-140), and for reducing the obligations stipulated in the *Regulation respecting a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas emission allowances* (chapter Q-2, r. 46.1), to benefit consumers and distributors.

The Régie intends to retain the services of experts to provide insights on these issues identified by the Minister.

The Régie requests that Énergir and Enbridge Gaz Québec (EGQ) file reports outlining their positions on each of these issues by **4:00 p.m. on September 23, 2026**. The Régie intends to make all the reports public on the same date.

The Régie may require Énergir and EGQ to submit reports, studies, data or other documents it deems relevant.

PARTICIPATION

Persons interested in participating in this consultation must register in writing with the Régie by **noon on August 14, 2026**. Please send a letter to the Secretary at greffe@regie-energie.qc.ca. The registration letter must contain the name, address, email address and telephone number of the interested party or their representative. It must also specify which of the issues listed above the party intends to address.

The Régie asks participants to submit their comments and positions in writing, in the form of a brief, including a summary of their conclusions. The brief must identify the author and, if applicable, the group on whose behalf the author is writing. It is important to cite the sources of any information or data used. Briefs should be submitted electronically to the Régie's Secretary at greffe@regie-energie.qc.ca by **4:00 p.m. on September 23, 2026**. As discussed at the preparatory meeting, the Régie expects participants to form groups where possible.

The Régie will then invite participants representing different positions to present their conclusions and answer the Régie's questions at a public hearing scheduled for the week of **October 19, 2026** at its Montréal offices. Not all participants will be asked to present their conclusions orally.

At the conclusion of this process, the Régie may direct the distributors to reimburse all or part of the expenses incurred by parties whose participation it deems useful to its deliberations. These expenses may include compensation for analysts and attorneys.

INFORMATION

A dedicated page on the Régie's website will serve as the primary channel for information on this public consultation. The Régie's instructions, the list of participants, the reports received, the participants' briefs as well as data the Régie considers useful for its work will be posted on this page. It can be accessed at <https://www.regie-energie.qc.ca>.

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