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Montréal, July 28, 2009

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Re: Implementation of the Quebec Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (QCMEP) and the Québec Rules of Procedure (QROP) for Compliance Services

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Under section 85.2 of the *Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie* (the Act), the Régie de l'énergie (Régie) has the mandate to ensure that electric power transmission in Québec is carried out according to the reliability standards it adopts.

On April 8, 2009, pursuant to section 85.4 of the Act, the government authorized the Régie to enter into an agreement with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. (NPCC). An agreement was concluded between the Régie, NERC and NPCC (the Agreement), on May 8, 2009¹.

Under the terms of paragraph 3.2 of the Agreement, the Régie retains the services of NERC and NPCC as experts in the development of electric power transmission reliability standards in Québec (Reliability Standards), and also as experts in monitoring the application of electric power transmission reliability standards, in order for these organizations to develop, taking into account the Québec's legal and regulatory environment and their own compliance monitoring procedures, a specific program and procedures to monitor the application of electric power transmission reliability standards in Québec, of which the Régie will be responsible.

As stated in paragraph 3.3 of the Agreement, these procedures and this specific program to monitor the application of the Reliability Standards are to be submitted to a

¹ <http://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/audiences/normes.html>

consultation with the entities subject to these standards. You are therefore receiving this letter as an entity that may be subject to the application of the electric power transmission reliability standards in Québec, according to the list produced by the reliability coordinator in file R-3699-2009², and because the Régie is hereby initiating this consultation process.

It is also stated in paragraph 3.4 of the Agreement that subsequent to this consultation, and upon authorization of the government, a second agreement will detail the mandates granted to NERC and NPCC by the Régie, to implement the procedures and the specific program for monitoring the application of the Reliability Standards and to provide it with advice and recommendations in this regard.

For the purpose of this consultation, the Régie invites you to submit your requests for clarification before **September 4, 2009**, as well as any comments you may have on the following documents before **September 18, 2009**:

- Québec Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program (QCMPEP) for Implementation by Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. (NPCC); and
- Québec Rules of Procedure (QROP) for Compliance Services by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC).

These documents, and the instructions regarding this consultation and communications with the Régie regarding any questions or comments, are posted on the Régie's website at the following link:

<http://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/audiences/normes.html>

Yours sincerely,

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² Pièce B-1-HQCMÉ-2, document 3