

## **Agreement to ensure the reliability of the electric power transmission system in Québec**

Montréal, May 11, 2009 - The Régie de l'Énergie has signed an agreement regarding electric power transmission reliability with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. (NPCC). The agreement provides for the two organizations to assist the Régie in establishing mandatory reliability standards in Québec and introducing a monitoring and enforcement program for these standards, which are recognized throughout North America.

The Régie de l'énergie is responsible for ensuring that electric power transmission in Québec is carried out according to the reliability standards it adopts. Reliability standards set minimum requirements to guarantee the safe and reliable operation of an electric power transmission system. As electric power systems are interconnected across North America, it is important that standards be enforced for all organizations that could have an impact on the reliability of electric power transmission in Québec. These standards, which were previously applied on a voluntary basis, are now mandatory in most of North America.

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation and the Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. are recognized for their expertise in developing and monitoring the application of electric power transmission reliability standards.

### **The Régie's mission**

The Régie de l'énergie is an economic regulatory agency with the mission of reconciling the public interest, consumer protection and the fair treatment of the electric power carrier and of distributors. It promotes the satisfaction of energy needs through sustainable development and with due regard for individual and collective equity.

To this end, the Régie fixes and modifies rates and conditions for the transmission and distribution of electric power.

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