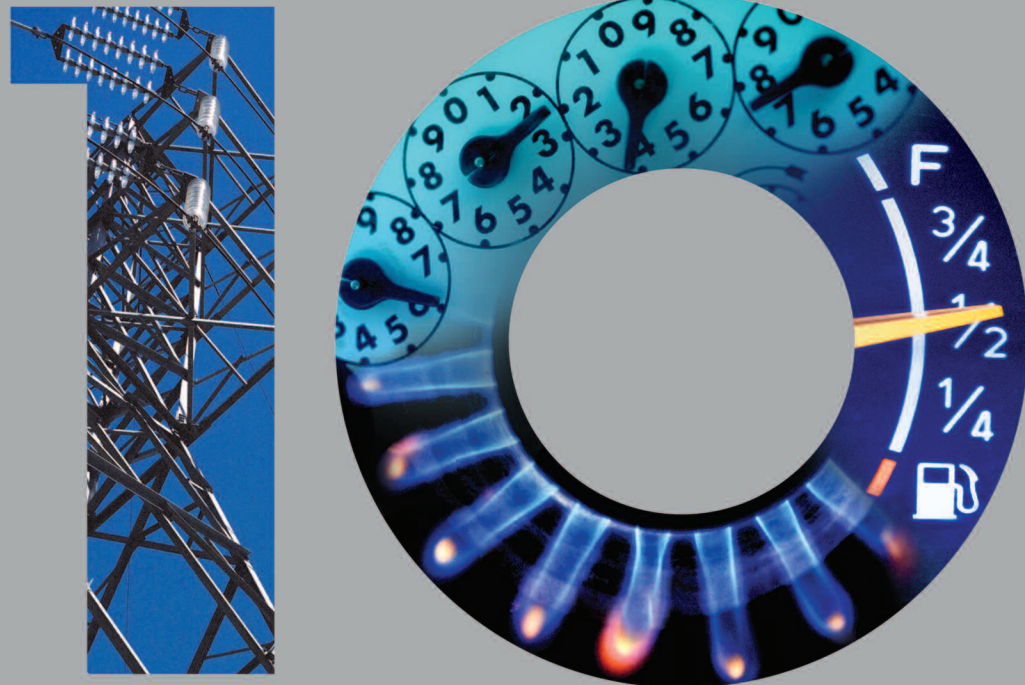


Since 1997, the Régie has been reconciling the public interest, consumer protection and fair treatment of the electric power carrier and of distributors, while promoting sustainable development and equity.

The Régie de l'énergie 10 years in the public interest



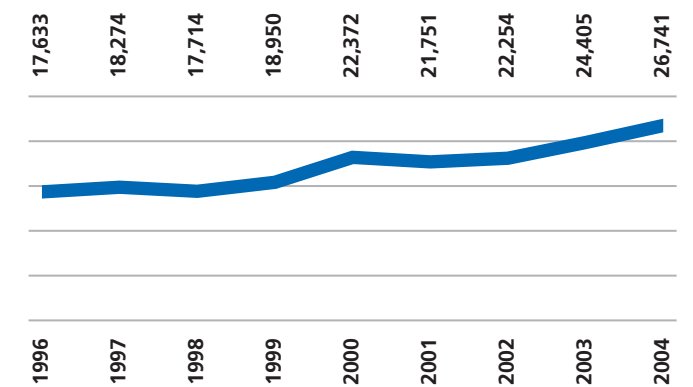
The Régie de l'énergie works independently and impartially to ensure that consumer needs are satisfied at a fair and reasonable price.

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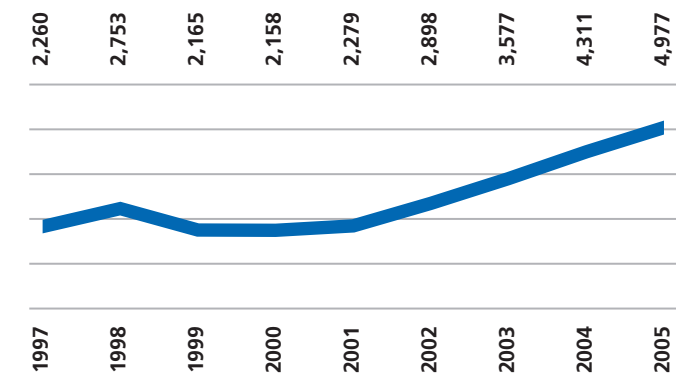
According to the latest available figures, energy spending totalled \$26.7 billion in Québec in 2004, up more than 45% from \$18.3 billion in 1997. This trend demonstrates the importance of energy to Québec's economy.

Capital expenditures are another indication of the significance of energy. In 1997, capital spending in the energy sector amounted to \$2.26 billion, less than 6% of total investment in Québec. By 2005, the figure had increased to an estimated \$4.98 billion, or 8% of total capital expenditures.

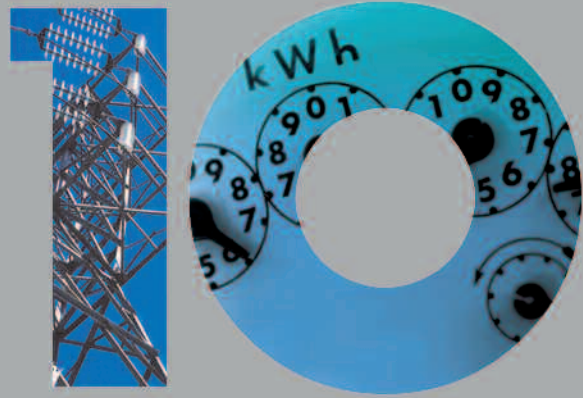
TOTAL ENERGY SPENDING \$MILLION, CURRENT



TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES \$MILLION, CURRENT



SOURCES : MINISTÈRE DES RESSOURCES NATURELLES ET DE LA FAUNE
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The Régie de l'énergie has been regulating electric power transmission and distribution in Québec for 10 years.



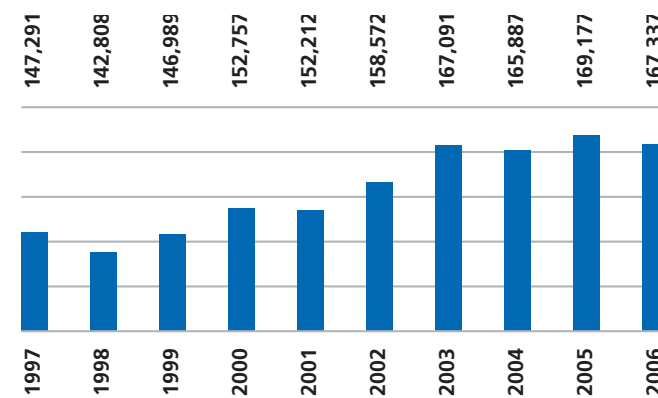
The Régie de l'énergie has been regulating natural gas distribution in Québec for 10 years.

Electricity

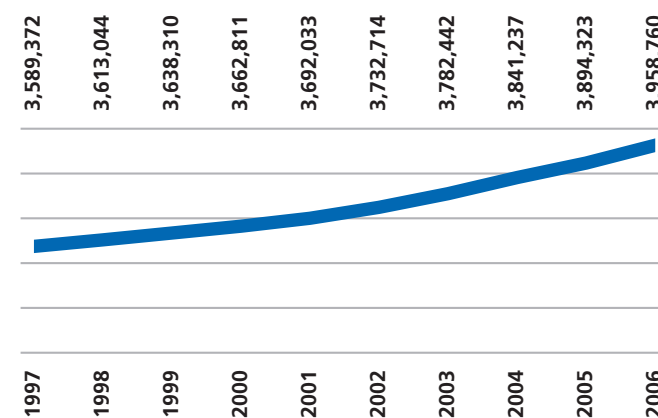
Over those 10 years, there have been far-reaching changes in this area: the establishment of economic regulation of electricity transmission and distribution, the lifting of the freeze on distribution rates, the creation of the heritage electricity pool of 165 TWh, the introduction of competition for all supplies above and beyond that pool.

Between 1997 and 2006, electricity sales increased 13.6% and the number of accounts rose 10.5% to nearly 4 million.

ELECTRICITY SALES IN QUÉBEC GWh



TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRACT-HOLDERS



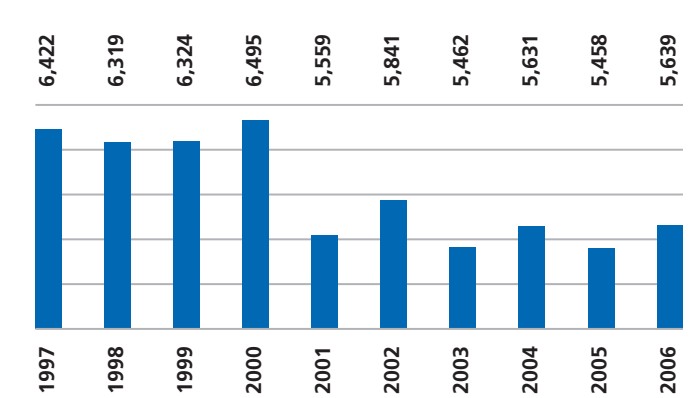
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Natural gas

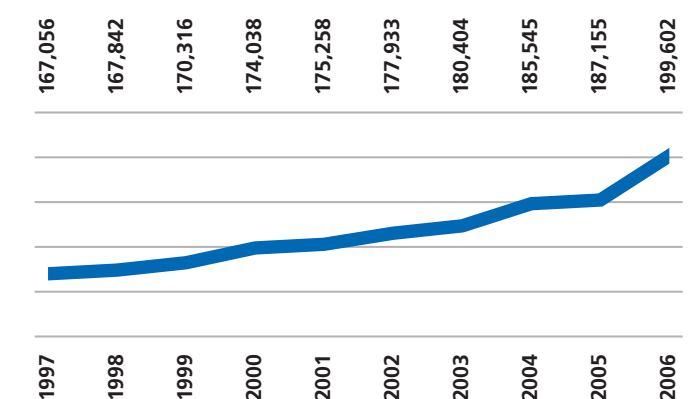
During that period, consumers have seen wide fluctuations in the commodity price of natural gas. The price at Empress (in western Canada) spiralled from \$1.70 per gigajoule in June 1997 to a peak of \$12.90 in January 2001 and now stands at \$6.76.

The total volume of natural gas sales decreased by 12.2% between 1997 and 2006. During the same period, the number of accounts increased by 19.5% to close to 200,000.

VOLUME OF NATURAL GAS SALES MILLION M³



TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTRACT-HOLDERS



SOURCE : GAZ MÉTRO, GAZIFÈRE AND RÉGIE DE L'ÉNERGIE

1997

Régie de l'énergie created on June 2, 1997

1998

Opinion on wind power and opinion on rate-setting for electric power released

1999

Pricing principles for electricity transmission adopted

2000

Incentive-based rate-setting mechanism adopted for Gaz Métro

2001

First application filed for creation of Hydro-Québec Distribution comprehensive energy efficiency plan

2002

Electricity transmission rates set for the first time

2003

First rate application filed by Hydro-Québec Distribution



The Régie de l'énergie has been monitoring petroleum product prices and informing consumers for 10 years.

The role of the Régie de l'énergie is to safeguard the public interest by balancing consumer protection and the viability of the regulated energy companies in monopoly markets, such as the distribution of natural gas and electricity.

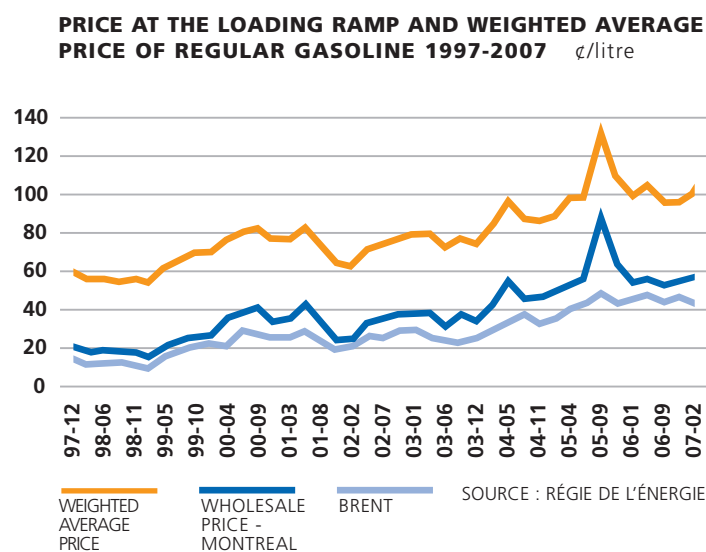
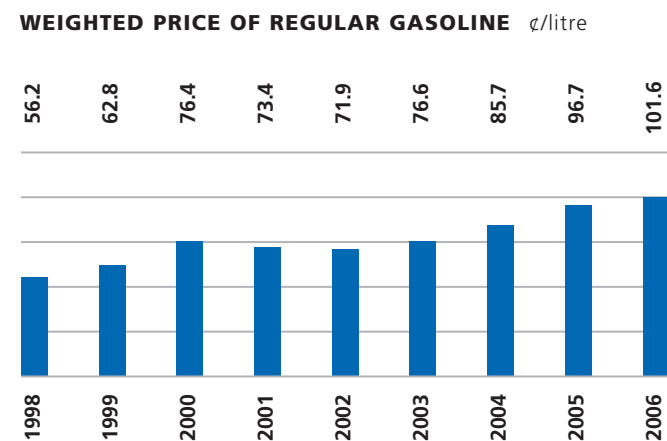
Petroleum products

The Régie's activities since 1997

Petroleum product prices have varied considerably over that period. The average annual price of regular gasoline leaped 80% between 1998 and 2006, while the price of Brent crude nearly quadrupled.

More than 20 billion litres of petroleum products were consumed in Québec in 2005, up 28% from 14.7 billion litres in 1997.

The Bulletin d'information sur les prix des produits pétroliers au Québec, published by the Régie, reports changes in petroleum product prices every week.



25,000 responses to enquiries
2,500 decisions
1,500 consumer complaints heard
700 days of hearings
10 years serving the public interest

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To find out more about the Régie de l'énergie, its role, its mandate, its people and its current cases, or for information on the complaint process for consumers of natural gas and electricity or on petroleum product prices, please call us or visit our website.

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- 2004** Opinion on Québec's energy security released
- 2005** Contracts for first 990 MW block of wind power approved
- 2006** Amendments to Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie: electricity transmission network reliability standards and expanded mandate for energy efficiency
- 2007** 10th anniversary of the Régie de l'énergie