

Public Notice

Régie de l'énergie

JOINT REQUEST FROM ÉNERGIR, S.E.C., GAZIFÈRE ET INTRAGAZ S.E.C. FOR SETTING RATES OF RETURN AND CAPITAL STRUCTURES (FILE R-4156-2021)

The Régie de l'énergie (the Régie) received, on April 16, 2021, a request filed by Énergir, s.e.c. (Énergir), Gazifère and Intragaz s.e.c. (Intragaz) (the Applicants) for setting rates of return and capital structures (the Application).

This Application is submitted by virtue of Sections 32, 48, 49(30) and 51 of the *Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie*.

In this Application, the Applicants wish, first of all, to be authorized to proceed jointly for the setting of their respective rates of return and capital structures. They submit that in order to proceed on the merits of the Application, they must first undertake analyses, including with the assistance of experts. To this end, they ask the Régie to authorize them to engage the expenses necessary to the preparation of the examination of the merits of the Application and to authorize each of them to proceed with the creation of a deferred expense account bearing interest on the average cost of capital, in which these expenses will be accounted for. The Applicants propose that the two aspects of the Application, joint authorization and authorization to incur expenses, including the creation of deferred expense accounts, be dealt with in Phase 1.

EXAMINATION PROCEDURE FOR THE APPLICATION

The Régie will proceed by consultation for Phase 1 of the Application, while Phase 2 will be dealt with by public hearing.

The Régie invites all interested persons to file a request for intervention **by Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 12:00 noon**. However, as the Applicants have not yet submitted the evidence in support of the Application, the request for intervention of interested persons can be limited to indicating the nature of this person's interest, its representativity, the reasons for its intervention and, as the case may be, its intention to present expert evidence. The budget for the hiring of an expert can be submitted after the submission of the Applicants' evidence. In this regard, the Régie invites the interested persons to take note of the document entitled *Attentes de la Régie de l'énergie relatives au rôle des témoins experts*¹, available on its Web site. It also encourages regrouping of interested persons for the purposes of expert evidence.

Should an interested person wish to comment Phase 1 of the Application, the Régie requests that these comments be included in its intervention request. All comments by the Applicants regarding the requests for intervention, including the comments on Phase 1, should be filed **by Monday, May 31, 2021 at 12:00 noon**. Any reply by interested persons regarding these comments by the Applicants should be filed **by Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 12:00 noon**.

The Application and documents pertaining thereto can be consulted on the Régie's Web site at <http://www.regie-energie.qc.ca>.

For any additional information, it is possible to contact the Régie by phone, fax or email.

¹ Attentes de la Régie de l'énergie relatives au rôle des témoins experts (http://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/regie/DirectivesInstructions/Regie_LtrParticipants_RoleExperts_19juillet2011.pdf)

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