

Public Notice

Régie de l'énergie

APPLICATION RESPECTING SUPPORT MEASURES FOR THE DECARBONIZATION OF BUILDING HEATING (CASE R-4169-2021)

The Régie de l'énergie (**the Régie**) will hold a public hearing to consider the application by Énergir, L.P. (**Énergir**) and Hydro-Québec when carrying on electric power distribution activities (**Hydro-Québec**) (collectively **the Applicants**) respecting support measures for the decarbonization of building heating. The Applicants are filing their application under paragraphs 31.1(1), 31.1(5) and 32 (3) of the *Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie*.

The Applicants submit that their application is being filed in consideration of Order in Council 874-2021, issued by the Government of Québec on June 23, 2021, which provides guidance to the Régie respecting the government's economic, social and environmental concerns as regards to the means to be implemented to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (**GHG**) from the heating of buildings by 2030. The Applicants propose that their application be considered in two phases.

In Phase 1, the Applicants are asking the Régie to:

- recognize the general principle that the contribution for GHG reduction and the method for determining it must be factored into the revenue requirement used to set Hydro-Québec's and Énergir's rates;
- approve amendments to Hydro-Québec's *Conditions of Service*;
- take note of the accounting and regulatory treatment that Énergir will adopt following the introduction of the joint electricity / natural gas dual energy offer (Dual Energy Offer);
- approve amendments to article 15.2.4 of Énergir's *Conditions of Service and Tariff*.

The Applicants plan to introduce the Dual Energy Offer for the residential market in the spring of 2022.

In Phase 2 of the case, they intend to submit an application to set a new dual energy rate for commercial and institutional customers.

The Régie will proceed to examine this application from Énergir and Hydro-Québec by holding a public hearing in two phases.

APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE

Any person wishing to participate in the public hearing must file with the Régie, **by noon on October 8, 2021**, a request to intervene, accompanied, for Phase 1 only, by the *Liste des sujets* form listing the subjects they intend to address and, if applicable, a participation budget, in accordance with the *Regulation respecting the procedure of the Régie de l'énergie (the Regulation)* and the *2020 Intervenor Costs Payment Guide (the Guide)*, which are available on the Régie's website, and with the instructions in Régie decision D-2021-125.

The Applicants' application, related documents, the Regulation, the Guide and procedural decision D-2021-125 are available on the Régie's website at <http://www.regie-energie.qc.ca>.

For further information, please contact the Régie by phone, fax or e-mail.

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