

**Question 7 (translated from French):**

As a follow up to Answer 2, in the case where a potential bidder asks for an exploratory study with a model of a wind turbine which has received a prior notice of qualification regarding the modeling of the electrical behaviour of each proposed wind energy technology (« Avis préalable de qualification relatif à la modélisation du comportement électrique de chaque technologie éolienne proposée »), please clarify why it is necessary to submit to HQ an notice which HQ supplied itself? Also, it is not very probable that the wind turbine manufacturer commits today that the electrical characteristics are identical until 2014. The possible modification of the electrical behaviour is an issue which, logically, the bidder has to manage with the manufacturer. The objective is, after all, an exploratory study. Please confirm that if an exploratory study request is submitted for a wind turbine model for which HQ has already emitted a notice, it will not be necessary to supply to HQ a copy of its own notice.

**Answer 7:**

Hydro-Quebec TransÉnergie confirms that, if a request for an exploratory study is submitted for a model of wind turbine for which Hydro-Quebec Distribution already issued a notice in 2007 or before, it is necessary to provide to Hydro-Quebec TransÉnergie a letter from the wind turbine manufacturer attesting that the proposed wind turbine model is identical to the model for which the notice was issued. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure, on the one hand, that the electrical behaviour of the wind turbine models retained in the call for tenders or for which notices have been issued still conform to Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie's requirements and on the other hand, that the projects submitted for an exploratory study also involve discussions with the manufacturer concerned.

The objective of an exploratory study is to avoid having significant costs incurred in the preparation of a bid where the electricity transmission costs would be prohibitive and would make the bid uncompetitive. The study will be based on information available at the time the study is carried out. The electrical behaviour of the wind turbines can affect the transmission costs in a significant way. In this sense, it is in the interest of potential bidders to provide any relevant information on the modeling of the wind turbines.

In addition, Hydro-Quebec TransÉnergie is aware that the modeling of the wind turbines can vary in time. Characteristics of the behaviour of the wind turbine do not have to remain identical from now to the commencement date of deliveries, but it could not be reduced in term of performance.