

Question 9 (translated from French):

Please confirm that it is possible to connect a community or Aboriginal wind farm to an existing wind farm's substation.

Answer 9:

We confirm that it is possible to connect a community or Aboriginal wind farm to an existing wind farm's substation, provided that the generation of this new Aboriginal or community wind farm is separately metered and that the technical standards and requirements for connection to the power system are respected.

Furthermore, a agreement between the existing substation owner and the bidder covering points to be agreed upon between the parties for such a connection configuration of the Aboriginal or community wind farm shall be submitted as part of the bid.

This agreement which will define the main parameters, such as the modifications required in the design and in the operation of the transforming substation of the existing wind farm, the respective responsibilities and the priorities in case of operation constraints must be signed by the parties. The bidder shall include with his bid a cost estimate of the required modifications to the existing transforming substation, signed by the owner of the existing wind farm.

In such a circumstance, the transformation losses of the existing transforming substation, associated with the new generation, must be assumed by the Aboriginal or community wind farm.

The modalities of the reimbursement for the existing wind farm transforming substation will be clarified in the connection agreement for the Aboriginal or community wind farm, in accordance with the modalities of *Hydro-Québec Open Access Transmission Tariff* current at the signature of this agreement. An amendment to the existing wind farm's connection agreement, as well as an amendment to the existing wind farm's Electricity Supply Contract must be signed before the start of the connection works to record the changes ensuing from the connection of the Aboriginal or community wind farm.