

Question 45: (translated from French)

Can promoters interested in submitting a project located in Gaspesia and to be connected to the transmission network count on the fact that some projects from the last two calls for tenders appear to be cancelled or abandoned and thus making capacity available on the Gaspesia transmission network? How can we know if a project was officially cancelled or abandoned and that the transmission capacity assigned to it is now available?

Answer 45:

Hydro-Quebec Distribution mentions in Section 1.10.3 of the call for tenders document that there are areas with high integration costs. This is the case, for instance, for the transmission and distribution system east of Rivière-du-Loup substation, where there is no available transmission capacity. As mentioned in Section 2.5 of the call for tenders document, to avoid major transmission system integration or reinforcement costs, it is possible to use the curtailment of wind energy generation, and it is the least-cost solution east of the Rivière-du-Loup substation.

As part of the present call for tenders, after bids submission, Hydro-Quebec Distribution will ask Hydro-Quebec TransÉnergie to conduct the necessary studies to evaluate the integration costs associated with individual projects submitted. These studies will take into account the most recent network data, including the fact that some projects may have been abandoned. Analysis of the bids transmission costs will be determined by the results of these studies. When applicable, Hydro-Québec Distribution will also take into account the costs associated with the curtailment.