

**Project QC-2012-01
Questions & Answers**

Information Sessions

Meeting of January 11, 2013, 9:30 a.m.
Salle Dutilly-Lepage
855, rue Ste-Catherine Est, 2nd floor, Montréal, Canada

Conference call of January 16, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

Reliability Coordinator personnel:

Presenters: Pierre Paquet and Martin Boisvert

Panelists: Si Truc Phan, Éric Bersy, Mathieu Péloquin and Chantal Mazza

Entities and organisations present (January 11, 2013): TransAlta Corp. (TransAlta), Cedars Rapids Transmission (CRT), Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (NLH), Fasken Martineau, Régie de l'énergie du Québec (Régie), Association des redistributeurs d'électricité du Québec (AREQ), Rio Tinto Alcan (RTA), Hydro-Québec Distribution (HQD), Hydro-Québec Production (HQP), Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie (HQT), EDF EN Canada Inc. (EDF EN), Canexus Ltd., Ville de Joliette (Hydro-Joliette) and Ville de Sherbrooke (Hydro-Sherbrooke).

Entities and organizations present (January 16, 2013): TransCanada Québec Inc. (TransCanada), Invenergy, Brookfield Energy Marketing L.P. (BEM), Énergie La Lièvre, S.E.C. (ÉLL), Northland Power Inc., Produits Forestiers Résolu and Hydro-Saguenay.

This document is a summary of questions asked by the entities in attendance and answers given by the reliability coordinator during the information sessions on January 11, and 16, 2013 related to Project QC-2012-01.

Q1 (HQP)	What does Decision D-2012-91 consists of?
A1	<p>Partial Decision D-2012-91 covers the adoption of reliability standards following Decision D-2011-068, including the adoption of twelve NERC standards from the FAC and CIP categories.</p> <p>For more information (in French only): http://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/audiences/decisions/D-2012-091.pdf.</p>

Q2 (AREQ)	What criteria determine whether an entity should be added, to the list of registered entities?
A2	<p>According to Section 85.3 of the <i>Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie</i>, criteria for entities that may be subject to the application of these standards are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An owner or operator of a facility with a capacity of 44 kV or more connected to an electric power transmission system; 2. An owner or operator of an electric power transmission system; 3. An owner or operator of a production facility with a capacity of 50 megavolt amperes (MVA) or more connected to an

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	<p>electric power transmission system;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. A distributor with a peak capacity of over 25 megawatts (MW), whose facilities are connected to an electric power transmission system; and 5. A person who uses an electric power transmission system under an electric power transmission service agreement with the electric power carrier or with any other carrier in Québec.
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Q3 (HQP)	Is it possible to add information that explains which standard has been superseded by another standard in the document "Evaluation of the impacts of the proposed standard"?
A3	This information is found in the preliminary evaluation of each standard, in Section E.

Q4 (EDF EN)	What is the deadline for completing the evaluations?
A4	The consultation period ends February 8, 2013.

Q5 (EDF EN)	Once we've provided our answers during the consultation process, what can we expect in return?
A5	<p>A representative of the Régie confirmed that the reliability coordinator shall file with the Régie all comments received so that the Régie can take them into consideration before adopting the reliability standard.</p> <p>The reliability coordinator also confirmed that the comments and answers shall be filed with the Régie along with the request for adoption of the standards.</p>

Q6 (EDF EN)	Will the Régie compensate entities?
A6	The reliability coordinator cannot speak on behalf of the Régie. A representative of the Régie stated that entities shall not be compensated. Martin Boisvert added that estimates of costs associated with implementing standards are requested so the Régie can evaluate the gains in reliability relative to the costs of adopting or not adopting a standard or special measures.

Q7 (Hydro Joliette)	Will resources be available to help entities evaluate the impacts of the standards?
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A7	There are already agreements between HQD and some municipal power systems. Furthermore, HQT personnel can help connect you with resources that can answer your questions. Otherwise, you can send questions to fiabilite@hydro.qc.ca and we will answer you as soon as possible.
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Q8 (Régie)	Is another comment period scheduled after the technical meeting?
A8	Depending on comments received, if there are major changes to the standards, it is possible to have another round of comments following the technical meeting.

Q9 (HQD)	When will the technical meeting take place?
A9	The technical meeting will take place approximately one month after comments are published, in late March or early April 2013.

Q10 (Hydro Joliette)	Since the NPCC will monitor compliance, will the standards be interpreted in English?
A10	No. A representative of the Régie stated that French and English will hold the same value. He also pointed out that it is the Régie that has the authority for monitoring compliance and the role of the NPCC is limited to reporting to the Régie. Considerable work has been done in the translation to ensure that the English and French versions are equivalent.

Q11 (TransAlta)	Will the Régie accept documentation in English?
A11	A representative of the Régie confirmed that English documents will be also accepted.

Q12 (TransAlta)	Will entities report to the Régie or to Hydro-Québec?
A12	For operations, entities will report to Contrôle des mouvements d'énergie, HQT, since it has been mandated as the reliability coordinator for Québec by the Régie. For compliance matters, however, the NPCC will address entities directly.

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Q13 (TransAlta)	Is an approximate date known when standards already adopted will come into effect?
A13	No, but since the Régie has meetings scheduled until June 2013 for filing R-3699-2009, we know that no standard will come into effect before that date. Furthermore, following a Régie decision, certain standards may come into effect in 2013 but no sanctions will be applicable before the sanctions guide takes effect.
Q14 (EDF EN)	Is there a preliminary version of the sanctions guide available for consultation?
A14	Yes, it is available on the Régie web site.
Q15 (EDF EN)	Will sanctions be similar to those in the United States?
A15	Presently, maximum financial penalties are approximately half of those imposed in the United States (\$500,000 per day in Québec vs. \$1 million per day in the U.S.). However, sanctions will be determined based on the risk to reliability. Thus, several factors are taken into account, such as the severity of non-compliance and the degree of the entity's cooperation.
Q16 (Northland Power Inc.)	To clearly understand, generation owners are impacted by standards IRO-010-1a, FAC-008-3, PRC-002-NPCC-01, PRC-018-1 (Appendix QC) and PRC-023-2?
A16	Yes, that is correct.
Q17 (TransCanada)	Does standard FAC-008-3 replace standards FAC-008-1 and FAC-009-1?
A17	Yes it does. All information on the supersedence of standards can be found in Section E of each "Preliminary assessment of the relevance and impact of the standard" document found on the Consultation page of the Reliability Coordinator under Standards and Documents.
Q18 (TransCanada)	Will documentation be sent specifying what type of monitoring equipment will be necessary?
A18	The standard specifies this. However, we invite you to ask such

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	technical questions at the technical meeting to be held in late March or early April.
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Q19 (Northland Power Inc.)	Is the documentation being presented the complete set of documentation?
A19	Yes, the documentation being presented is the complete set of standards that are subject to the consultation process. Furthermore, the link on the reliability coordinator's site allows you to download the standards.

Q20 (Northland Power Inc.)	Where can we find information in order to make sure than our equipment is compliant?
A20	We invite you to ask all detailed questions regarding your facilities by writing to fiabilite@hydro.qc.ca .

Q21 (Régie)	Is the reliability coordinator's entire web site available in English?
A20	Yes, there are English and French versions of the web site.