

Consultation notice

Project QC-2016-01 — Methodology for Identifying Main Transmission System Elements

May 2016

In accordance with the Régie de l'énergie du Québec's decision [D-2011-139](#), the Reliability Coordinator for Québec (the "Reliability Coordinator") is soliciting comments from registered entities and stakeholders on reliability standards and other documents to be filed with the Régie de l'énergie du Québec for adoption or approval, depending on the nature of each document.

Notice recipients

- Entities listed in the Register of Entities Subject to Reliability Standards
- North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Inc. (NERC)
- Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC)
- NPCC Reliability Coordinators
- Régie de l'énergie du Québec

Consultation period: May 25, 2016 to June 15, 2016

- Comments must be received no later than June 15, 2016 at 23:59.

Documents submitted for consultation

- Register of Entities subject to Reliability Standards
- Modified definition of Main Transmission System in Glossary

The Reliability Coordinator solicits your feedback on the Register of Entities subject to Reliability Standards (Register) and the proposed new definition for the Glossary of Terms and Acronyms used in the Reliability Standards (Glossary). For this purpose, please use the online form available on the consultation page of the Reliability Coordinator's website (<http://www.hydroquebec.com/transenergie/reliability/consultation.html>), making sure to clearly identify the document (and the section of the document) to which your comments pertain.

You may also send your questions and feedback directly to the following address: fiabilite@hydro.qc.ca.

Supporting documents

- Methodology for Identifying Main Transmission System Elements
- Summary of Changes to the Register

Background

On May 4, 2015, the Régie asked that a method for identifying Main Transmission System (MTS) facilities be submitted to it together with a future file (paragraph 830 of decision D-2015-059).

On December 2, 2015, the Reliability Coordinator indicated in a filing to suspend the registration of

certain generation facilities that it intended to file the Methodology and a Register revised to reflect the Methodology by July 1, 2016. The suspension filing sought to exempt facilities that would no longer be subject to reliability standards if the Régie accepts the Methodology and the revised Register from the need for compliance with reliability standards on January 1, 2016.

On December 21, 2015, the Régie accepted the suspension request and asked the Reliability Coordinator to append the *List of facilities in respect of which the Régie suspends the application of Reliability Standards* to the most recent approved Register (decision D-2015-213). On December 22, the Reliability Coordinator submitted the Register to which the above-mentioned list was attached in Appendix G and subsequently resubmitted it on January 15, 2016 to correct an error.

On April 8, 2016, the Reliability Coordinator filed an update of the Register which included new entities and facilities, but no updates with respect to the Methodology. This version does not include the modifications to be made under the new methodology; it will therefore be possible to use it to compare the situations before and after the implementation of the Methodology.

The purpose of the current public consultation is to present the Methodology, the Register revised to reflect the Methodology and a modification to the definition of “Main Transmission System”. The Reliability Coordinator also proposes various modifications to the Register aimed at simplifying its consultation and update. In particular, these modifications include

- the replacement of the individual entity profiles with a summary table of the relevant information;
- the removal of information not necessary or no longer necessary for establishing the scope of the application of the reliability standards and appendices in Québec and
- the removal of information that the Reliability Coordinator considers is the result of the application of reliability standards, rather than fixed characteristics, such as, for example, critical facilities and facilities required for system restoration.

Furthermore, these modifications remove the need for confidential and public versions of the Register.