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Press release

## **120-kV Grand-Brûlé–Saint-Sauveur Supply Line Project Hydro-Québec wishes to set the record straight**

Hydro-Québec is continuing its series of public meetings tonight in Sainte-Adèle, after a first positive meeting in Montcalm on November 27.

The company wishes to refute the erroneous information being circulated by some of the project's opponents. To ensure that residents of the Laurentides region have information that is true and accurate concerning this 120-kV line project, Hydro-Québec must once again set the record straight.

### **Hydro-Québec will be requesting the government approvals for a 120-kV line project**

Hydro-Québec respects the acts and regulations applicable to a 120-kV line project. It is incorrect to state that the line could be operated at 315 kV. To do so, the line would have to be entirely rebuilt and its technical characteristics would be much more imposing than the ones for the current project.

### **More than ten supply scenarios were studied by the Regional Technical Committee**

Contrary to what is alleged, more than ten supply scenarios were rigorously analyzed by the sub-committee of the Regional Technical Committee, which included engineers mandated by the municipality of Saint-Adolphe-d'Howard. This analysis was shared with the Laurentides' elected officials on October 16, 2014, and will be presented to residents during the public meetings.

It should be noted that some of the alternative scenarios proposed by the experts from Saint-Adolphe-d'Howard were viable from technical and economic standpoints, but were not acceptable due to the significant human and natural impacts they entailed.

### **The visual simulations were produced by expert firms**

During these meetings with residents, Hydro-Québec will share the visual simulations that were produced at the request of the community. These visual simulations were created by experts in landscape architecture, surveying and geomatics. Hydro-Québec is looking to develop technical solutions to reduce the visual impact of the line—not to camouflage it—and this is what is shown in the simulations. The visual simulations show the size of visible components clearly and very precisely.

### **Hydro-Québec is meeting with the public**

A first meeting, held in Montcalm on November 27, went very well thanks in large part to the cooperation of the municipality. Hydro-Québec is counting on the same level of collaboration from the municipalities of Sainte-Adèle tonight, and Saint-Adolphe-d'Howard on December 5 and 6, to promote constructive discussion.

Note that Hydro-Québec has held over 60 public consultation meetings with the community since 2013, resulting in improvements to the project initially proposed.

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