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Subject: News about the Québec–New Hampshire interconnection

Dear Landowner:

The Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement [public environmental hearings board, or BAPE] held a hearing concerning the New Hampshire interconnection project this fall. At that time, members of the public were invited to express their opinions on the Hydro-Québec project.

The BAPE, which is currently considering the project, will submit its report to the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques [department of sustainable development, the environment and the fight against climate change], which will release it on March 25, 2017.

Hydro-Québec and its American partner, Eversource Energy, responded to the Clean Energy RFP issued by Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Although their bid did not win, the two companies have maintained their partnership.

Hydro-Québec and Eversource Energy are confident that the Québec–New Hampshire project is a great opportunity to deliver a significant volume of clean energy to New England and help those states meet their greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. Similarly, a new Massachusetts RFP for a significant amount of hydropower, to be issued in spring 2017, opens up a new opportunity for Hydro-Québec and Eversource.

For these reasons, we must inform you that some meetings with landowners affected by the project will have to be postponed, as indicated in the enclosed procedure. The meeting to address compensation for rights-of-way has been postponed until winter 2017.

If you have any questions about upcoming activities, please call the Info-Project line, 1 877 653-1139, and leave us a message. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

We'd like to wish you all the best for this holiday season.

Yours truly,

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Hydro-Québec will be meeting several times with all landowners affected by the Québec–New Hampshire 320-kV interconnection to keep them informed of the stages to come and make right-of-way arrangements.

In addition to the official meetings listed below, Hydro-Québec’s specialists are always available to answer questions and meet again with anyone who feels the need.

1st meeting

Information and permission (completed: April–June 2016)

Information for landowners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General stages in project (schedule, work in progress, to come, etc.) • Agreement on the Siting of Power Transmission Lines on Farms and in Woodlands¹ (compensation, sequence of meetings, etc.) • Planned tower locations
Information or permission required by Hydro-Québec	<p>Hydro-Québec has to collect information or obtain permission from landowners by means of these preliminary activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land and technical surveys (forest and environmental inventory) • Questionnaire: inventory of property • Access to right-of-way by temporary or permanent roads (if applicable)
Financial compensation for landowners	<p>Under the terms of section 5.2.1 (p. 42) of the Agreement on the Siting of Power Transmission Lines on Farms and in Woodlands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1: An initial flat fee shall be paid to each landowner for the meetings and surveys

Additional meeting

Farms only (October 2016)

Information required by Hydro-Québec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An agricultural survey needs to be done with owners of farmlands where Hydro-Québec plans to put up a tower (if applicable)
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1. Agreement of September 2014 in French only: www.hydroquebec.com/affaires-municipales-regionales/pdf/amr-entente-upa.pdf

2nd meeting

Proposed compensation for right-of-way (*winter 2017*)

Information for landowners	Information on data used to calculate compensation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appraisal of market value of property • Agronomic appraisal of impact of towers on farmlands • Appraisal of value of woodlands
Information or permission required by Hydro-Québec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permission for geotechnical surveys (properties with towers only) and various other surveys
Financial compensation for landowners	Under the terms of sections 5.2.2–5.2.7 (pp. 43–53) of the Agreement on the Siting of Power Transmission Lines on Farms and in Woodlands, the following applies to your situation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C2–C10: Technical surveys and acquisition of rights-of-way

3rd meeting

Preparing to clear land and build (*see new timetable, when known*)

This meeting will take place after Hydro-Québec has obtained the necessary permits.	
Information or agreement required by Hydro-Québec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary access road (if applicable) • Temporary workspace (if applicable) • Brush-clearing contract (landowner's choice)

4th meeting

Post-building agreement (*see new timetable*)

Financial compensation for landowners	Under the terms of sections 5.3.1–5.3.5 (pp. 55–58) of the Agreement on the Siting of Power Transmission Lines on Farms and in Woodlands, the following applies to your situation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C11–C15: Final relandscaping of right-of-way, site restoration and settlement for damages (if applicable)
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