

**Appendix CIP-015-1-QC-1**  
**Specific provisions applicable in Québec for standard**  
**CIP-015-1 – Cyber Security – Internal Network Security Monitoring**

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This appendix establishes specific provisions for the application of the standard in Québec. Provisions of the standard and of this appendix must be read jointly for comprehension and interpretation purposes. Where the standard and appendix differ, the appendix shall prevail.

**A. Introduction**

1. **Title:** No specific provisions.
2. **Number:** No specific provisions.
3. **Purpose:** No specific provisions.
4. **Applicability:**

**4.1. Functional Entities**

No specific provisions.

**4.2. Facilities**

This standard only applies to the facilities of the Main Transmission System (RTP) and to the facilities specified for the Distribution Provider. In the application of this standard, all references to the terms "Bulk Electric System" or "BES" shall be replaced by the terms "Main Transmission System" or "RTP" respectively.

The following are exempt from this standard:

- Any generating facility that meets the two following conditions: (1) the nameplate capacity of the facility is 300 MVA or less, and (2) no unit of the facility can be synchronized with a neighbouring system.
- Step-up substations of generating facilities identified in the preceding point.

**5. Effective date:**

- 5.1. Adoption of the standard by the Régie de l'énergie: Month xx, 20xx
- 5.2. Adoption of this appendix by the Régie de l'énergie: Month xx, 20xx
- 5.3. Effective date of the standard and its appendix in Québec: Month xx, 20xx

Type of system	Applicability	Implementation dates in Québec
<b>For the requirements R1 to R3</b>		
High-impact <i>BES</i> Cyber systems	All responsible entities shall comply to requirements R1, R2 and R3 for all their high-impact <i>BES</i> Cyber systems.	The first day of the first calendar quarter occurring 36 calendar months following the adoption of the CIP-015-1 standard by the Régie.

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Control Centers and backup Control Centers <sup>1</sup>	All responsible entities shall comply to requirements R1, R2 and R3 for all their high-impact and medium-impact control centers and backup control centers.	The first day of the first calendar quarter occurring 36 calendar months following the adoption of the CIP-015-1 standard by the Régie.
Medium-impact <i>BES Cyber systems</i> w/ ERC	All entities shall to requirements R1, R2 and R3 for all their medium-impact <i>BES Cyber systems</i> w/ ERC.	The first day of the first calendar quarter occurring 24 calendar months following the implementation of the standard, that is, 60 calendar months following the adoption date of the standard CIP-015-1 by the Régie.

**B. Requirements and Measures**

No specific provisions.

**C. Compliance**

**1. Compliance Monitoring Process**

**1.1. Compliance Enforcement Authority**

In Québec, “Compliance Enforcement Authority” means the Régie de l’énergie in its roles of monitoring and enforcing compliance with respect to the Reliability Standard and to this appendix.

**1.2. Evidence Retention**

No specific provisions.

**1.3. Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Program**

The Régie de l’énergie establishes the monitoring processes used to evaluate data or information for the purpose of determining compliance or non-compliance with the Reliability Standard and with this appendix.

**Violation Severity Levels**

No specific provisions.

**D. Regional Variances**

No specific provisions.

**E. Associated Documents**

No specific provisions.

<sup>1</sup> Identified as per decision R4050-2018 by the Régie for the standard CIP-002-5.1(a) Requirement R1.i, Parts 1.1. and 1.2, retrieved March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026: <https://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/storage/app/media/entites-visees-normes-de-fiabilite/normes-de-fiabilite/CIP-002-5.1a-fr-2019-03-22.pdf> (in French only).

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**Version History**

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1	Month xx, 20xx	New appendix as per decision D-20xx-yyyy.	New