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## Project QC-2026-07

### Appendix FAC-011-4-QC-3 – Specific provisions applicable in Québec for Standard FAC-011-4 – System Operating Limits Methodology for the Operating Horizon

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#### 1.1. Québec appendix applicability

The following table lists the functional entities to which Appendix FAC-011-4-QC-3 applies.

Appendix	Entities covered
FAC-011-4-QC-3	No specific provisions.

#### 1.2. Purpose of Québec appendix

This section describes the purpose of Appendix FAC-011-4-QC-3. The title and purpose of the appendix are as follows:

- No specific provisions.

#### 1.3. Regulatory context

The FAC-011-4 Reliability Standard and the second version of the Quebec Appendix were adopted by the Régie de l'énergie (hereafter, the "Régie") in decisions D-2024-060 and D-2025-061 respectively and will come into force in Quebec on October 1, 2026. The Coordinator is submitting Appendix FAC-011-4-QC-3 to this file, which replaces Appendix FAC-011-4-QC-2. This is the only submission planned for this project. The new version of the Appendix aims to modify the specific provisions applicable to Requirement R5.1.1 of the FAC-011-4 standard.

#### 1.4. Specific provisions for Québec

The Coordinator proposes to modify the Quebec specifics, particularly the specific provisions applicable to Requirement R5.1.1 of the previous version of the Quebec Appendix, already adopted by the Régie in its decision D-2025-061:

The following installations are exempt from the application of the three-phase Fault :

- RTP Facilities operating at less than 230 kV that were not substantially modified after January 1, 2019. This specific provision will be in force for a period of fifteen (15) years starting June 16, 2021.
- RTP generation Facilities for industrial use (PVI) operating at 230 kV and more that were not substantially modified after January 1, 2019 as well as RTP facilities that have an impact on them. This special provision will remain in effect for a period of eight (8) years, beginning on June 16, 2021.

### 1.5. Proposed effective dates

The Coordinator proposes an effective date for Appendix FAC-011-4-QC-3 sixty (60) days after its approval by the Régie.

### 1.6. Québec appendix to be removed

Appendix FAC-011-4-QC-2 must be removed as soon as FAC-011-4-QC-3 becomes effective.

### 1.7. Modifications to the Glossary

No modifications to the Glossary.

## 2. ASSESSMENT OF RELEVANCE

In file R-4278-2024, the specific provision relating to Requirement R5.1.1 was renewed, therefore Rio Tinto Alcan (RTA) indicated that she would not intervene in the file. Following the Régie's Request for Information n°1, the specific provision relating to Requirement R5.1.1 was modified, as the Régie proposed wording to adapt to the formulation of the new requirement concerning three-phase Faults and to eliminate a double negative in the current wording.

However, the proposed wording from the Régie means that the exemption from the three-phase Fault criterion now applies only to PVI installations, and therefore, it would become mandatory to apply the three-phase Fault criterion, for example on line L3095, as of October 1, 2026.

Essentially, this was not the intention of the specific provision. The previous version of the standard, FAC-011-3, did not specify which installations the exemption applied to. It only indicated that the exemption should apply to Main Transmission System (RTP) installations of 230 kV and above, with the interpretative note "with respect to PVI installations."

The Coordinator therefore proposes new wording for the specific provision relating to Requirement R5.1.1, which corrects the intent and the interpretative nature of the provision.

## 3. PRELIMINARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This section provides the Reliability Coordinator's preliminary assessment of the impact on all Québec entities.

The impact of the change in the specific provisions applicable to Requirement R5.1.1 of standard FAC-011-4 is low, given the facts mentioned above.

The following table provides preliminary assessments of the impacts on all Québec entities.

Appendix	Impact		
	Implementation	Maintenance	Monitoring
FAC-011-4-QC-3	Low	Low	Low

**Legend**

- Low:** Normal industry practice or appendix that only requires minor adjustments to existing processes or practices.
- Medium:** Change that requires the mobilization of some physical, human or financial resources to implement the proposed appendix, enforce it or monitor compliance.
- High:** Change that requires provision and mobilization of significant physical, human or financial resources to plan and implement the proposed appendix, enforce it or monitor compliance.

**4. FINAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

This section will be completed upon receipt of the impact assessment forms and at the conclusion of the consultation process prior to filing of the standards with the Régie.