

ADDENDUM

Electricity Rates Effective April 1, 2023

Small- and Medium-Power Dual-Energy Rate for Space Heating

In its decision D-2023-068, the Régie de l'énergie approved the Small- and Medium-Power Dual-Energy Rate for Space Heating.

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CHAPTER 13

SMALL- AND MEDIUM-POWER DUAL-ENERGY RATE

SECTION 1

SMALL- AND MEDIUM-POWER DUAL-ENERGY RATE FOR SPACE HEATING

Application 13.1

The Small- and Medium-Power Dual-Energy Rate for Space Heating applies to the annual small- or medium-power contract of a customer who uses a dual-energy system that meets the conditions specified in Article 13.4.

This rate only applies to the electricity consumed by the dual-energy system for space heating purposes. All other consumption is subject to a distinct contract at Rate G, M or G9, as the case may be.

The dual-energy rate is not offered to independent producers.

Definitions 13.2

In this section, the following definitions apply:

"collaboration agreement": An agreement between Hydro-Québec and a natural gas distributor regarding a dual-energy offer.

"dual-energy offer": A joint offer by Hydro-Québec and a natural gas distributor aimed at inciting customers to convert their heating system to dual energy involving electricity and natural gas.

"heating season": The period from October 1 of one year through April 30 of the next year, inclusive.

"non-heating season": The period from May 1 through September 30, inclusive.

Eligibility 13.3

For the contract to be eligible for this rate, the following conditions must be met:

- a) The dual-energy system must meet the conditions specified in Article 13.4;
- b) The electricity supplied to the dual-energy system must be metered separately by an appropriate meter capable of measuring the maximum power demand;

- c) The customer must not benefit, for the same service contract, from the options or rates described in sections 3 and 6 of Chapter 3 or in sections 6, 7 and 13 of Chapter 4;
- d) The customer must not be served by an off-grid system.

Characteristics of the dual-energy system**13.4**

The dual-energy system must meet all of the following conditions:

- a) It must consist of a central space heating system designed in such a way that electricity is used as the main heating source and a fuel as the auxiliary source;
- b) The capacity of the dual-energy system in fuel mode must be sufficient to heat the premises in question. The energy sources of the dual-energy system must not be used simultaneously;
- c) The dual-energy system must be equipped with an automatic switch permitting transfer from one energy source to the other. For this purpose, the automatic switch must be connected to a temperature gauge in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph d) hereinafter;
- d) The temperature gauge is supplied and installed by Hydro-Québec in a location and under conditions which Hydro-Québec determines. The gauge indicates to the automatic switch when a change of operating mode is required in view of the outdoor temperature. The fuel mode is used when the outdoor temperature is below -12°C or -15°C , depending on the climate zones defined by Hydro-Québec;
- e) The customer may also use a switch to change from one energy source to the other, but must only do so in the event of equipment breakdown or a power outage;
- f) The distribution service loop must supply at least one dual-energy system.

Recovery after a power failure**13.5**

The dual-energy system may be equipped with a device that, after a power failure, only makes it possible for the system to operate on the auxiliary energy source for some time, regardless of the outdoor temperature. The device must meet Hydro-Québec's requirements.

Sign-up procedure**13.6**

To sign up for this rate, the customer must submit a written application to Hydro-Québec by completing the *Certificate of Eligibility - Dual Energy* form available at www.hydroquebec.com. Failure to provide all the required information could result in the customer's being denied access to the rate.

The customer who signs up for a contract at this rate for a service address to which the dual-energy offer applies accepts that the two distributors share between them the information required to implement their collaboration agreement, including in particular the service address, the start or end date of the application of this rate to the contract in question and the list of heating equipment used.

This rate applies as of the date the appropriate meter is installed.

The customer must notify Hydro-Québec of any change made to the dual-energy system during the term of the contract that would render it ineligible for this rate. In the event of non-compliance, Article 13.7 applies.

Non-compliance**13.7**

If Hydro-Québec is notified by the customer or notes that a dual-energy system no longer meets one of the conditions of application of this rate, the contract then becomes subject to the appropriate general rate. Unless the customer corrects the situation within 10 business days, the new rate comes into effect at the beginning of the consumption period during which the non-compliance was reported by the customer or noted by Hydro-Québec. Alternatively, at the customer's discretion, it may take effect at the beginning of one of the 12 previous monthly periods. The new rate will apply for a minimum of 12 consecutive monthly periods, after which the customer may sign up for another rate for which the contract is eligible by submitting a rate change request.

Fraud**13.8**

If the customer commits fraud, manipulates or alters the dual-energy system, hinders its functioning in any way, or uses it for purposes other than those provided for under these Rates, Hydro-Québec will terminate the contract at the dual-energy rate. The contract then becomes subject to the appropriate general rate, and the dual-energy rate cannot apply again to the contract for at least 365 days.

Structure of the Small-Power Dual-Energy Rate**13.9**

The structure of the monthly Dual-Energy Rate for an annual small-power contract where the maximum power demand was less than 100 kilowatts during the non-heating season is as follows:

a) During the heating season:

6.188¢ per kilowatthour when the temperature is equal to or higher than -12°C or -15°C , depending on the climate zones defined by Hydro-Québec, and

55.345¢ per kilowatthour when the temperature is below -12°C or -15°C , as applicable.

b) During the non-heating season:

\$19.526 per kilowatt of billing demand in excess of 50 kilowatts,

plus

10.959¢ per kilowatthour for the first 15,090 kilowatthours, and

8.435¢ per kilowatthour for the remaining energy consumption.

If applicable, the credit for supply at medium or high voltage and the adjustment for transformation losses, as described in articles 11.2 and 11.4, apply.

Structure of the Medium-Power Dual-Energy Rate**13.10**

The structure of the monthly Dual-Energy Rate for an annual medium-power contract where the maximum power demand was at least 50 kilowatts during the non-heating season is as follows:

a) During the heating season:

6.188¢ per kilowatthour when the temperature is equal to or higher than -12°C or -15°C , depending on the climate zones defined by Hydro-Québec, and

55.345¢ per kilowatthour when the temperature is below -12°C or -15°C , as applicable.

b) During the non-heating season:

\$16.139 per kilowatt of billing demand,

plus

5.567¢ per kilowatthour for the first 210,000 kilowatthours,
and

4.128¢ per kilowatthour for the remaining energy
consumption.

If applicable, the credit for supply at medium or high voltage
and the adjustment for transformation losses, as described in
articles 11.2 and 11.4, apply.

**Structure of the Medium-Power Dual-Energy Rate
for contracts with low load factors**

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The structure of the monthly Dual-Energy Rate for an annual
contract characterized by limited use of billing demand and where
the maximum power demand has been at least 65 kilowatts during
the non-heating season is as follows:

a) During the heating season:

6.188¢ per kilowatthour when the temperature is equal to
or higher than -12°C or -15°C , depending on the
climate zones defined by Hydro-Québec, and

55.345¢ per kilowatthour when the temperature is below
 -12°C or -15°C , as applicable.

b) During the non-heating season:

\$4.682 per kilowatt of billing demand,
plus

11.157¢ per kilowatthour.

If the maximum power demand in kilovoltamperes exceeds the
highest real power demand during a consumption period included
in whole or in part during a non-heating season, the excess is
subject to a monthly charge of \$11.457 per kilowatt.

If applicable, the credit for supply at medium or high voltage
and the adjustment for transformation losses, as described in
articles 11.2 and 11.4, apply.

Billing demand

13.12

The billing demand for a consumption period that falls within
the non-heating season is equal to the maximum power demand
during the consumption period in question. During the heating
season, no billing demand applies.

Division of consumption period**13.13**

If a consumption period straddles May 1 or October 1, it is divided into two sub-periods for billing purposes. The electricity is billed according to the meter reading taken by Hydro-Québec on September 30 or April 30, as the case may be, at the rates in effect on that date.

Termination**13.14**

The customer may submit a written request for a change of rate during the term of the contract.

The change of rate takes effect, at the customer's discretion, either at the beginning of the consumption period during which Hydro-Québec receives the written request, at the beginning of the previous consumption period or at the beginning of any subsequent consumption period.

If the customer has received financial assistance for converting to dual-energy heating, the customer must fulfill the conditions related to the granting of such assistance.