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Re: Request for Access to information C-6804

Dear Madam,

We are writing in response to your request for access to information received on July 3rd 2019, in which you have requested the following:

“ Copy of audits, evaluations, reports, studies, or other records (excluding emails), created from April 1, 2017 until March 31, 2019, on the subject of cryptocurrency mining. I am especially interested in documentation of the suspension of requests for power from cryptocurrency miners last year and Régie de l'énergie Québec's ruling to maintain its existing rates for digital currency mining. ”

In reply to your request, please find enclosed documents meeting your request. Such as a economic development analysis on the blockchain installations done by KPMG s.r.l./S.E.N.C.R.L., the template-letter used to answer potential clients in blockchain data mining before the Régie de l'énergie issued it's April 29th, 2019 decision.

You'll notice that some sections have been deleted because they contain information of a commercial nature that is considered confidential. This is outlined in section 21 and 22 of the *Act respecting access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information*.

Furthermore, a section of our Web site is dedicated to the blockchain industry including the background to the Régie de l'énergie's April 29th, 2019 decision, request for proposal documentation and selection process. It can be accessed at the following hyperlink:

- <https://www.hydroquebec.com/blockchain/>

Hydro-Québec also issued press releases on the subject which can be found on our Web site, at the following hyperlinks:

- <http://news.hydroquebec.com/en/press-releases/1505/quebec-blockchain-industry-hydro-quebec-launches-a-request-for-proposals-regarding-the-allocation-of-a-300-mw-block-of-capacity/>
- <http://news.hydroquebec.com/en/press-releases/1487/the-regie-de-lenergie-hands-down-its-decision-in-the-blockchain-file/>
- <http://news.hydroquebec.com/en/press-releases/1373/the-blockchain-industry-in-quebec-hydro-quebec-proposes-a-selection-process-to-the-regie-de-lenergie/>
- <http://news.hydroquebec.com/en/press-releases/1366/blockchain-industry-in-quebec-a-special-framework-for-particular-consumers/>

Furthermore, numerous documents on the subject including the Régie de l'énergie's provisional and final decision are accessible on the Régie de l'énergie's Website at the following address (in French only): <http://publicsde.regie-energie.qc.ca/layouts/publicsite/ProjectPhaseDetail.aspx?ProjectID=457&phase=1&Provenance=B>

An application for review of this decision may be submitted to the Commission d'accès à l'information. A note outlining the process is enclosed.

Yours truly,

Person in charge of access to documents
and protection of personal information



Pierre Gagnon

Encl.