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**An Act to simplify the process for
establishing electricity distribution
rates**

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Act amends provisions concerning electricity distribution rates and various obligations imposed on Hydro-Québec and the Régie de l'énergie.

The Act amends the Hydro-Québec Act to provide that, as of 1 April 2020, electricity distribution rates will be the ones set out in Schedule I to that Act. Unless otherwise provided, the prices of those rates will be adjusted for the four years following the year in which they are set. The electricity distribution rates must be published on Hydro-Québec's website and in the Gazette officielle du Québec.

The Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie is also amended to provide that Hydro-Québec must apply to the Régie de l'énergie to request it to set new electricity distribution rates, or modify the existing rates, every five years. Hydro-Québec may also apply to the Régie de l'énergie to request it to set a new rate or modify an existing one during that five-year period, but only to the extent that certain circumstances warrant such an application and the Government has made an order stating its concerns with respect to the application.

Under the Act, Hydro-Québec is no longer required to obtain the authorization of the Régie de l'énergie for the infrastructure investment projects and the other reorganization initiatives of the electricity distribution network, or to submit its commercial programs to the Régie for approval. The Régie de l'énergie is no longer required to establish a performance-based regulation to ensure efficiency gains by the electricity distributor and the electricity carrier. However, Hydro-Québec is required to send the Régie de l'énergie, every year, the information set out in the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie.

Lastly, the Act contains consequential, penal and transitional provisions, including a provision requiring Hydro-Québec, the municipal electric power systems and the Coopérative régionale d'électricité de Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Rouville to grant, before 1 April 2020, a rebate on electricity distribution rates.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5);

- Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01);
- Act respecting municipal and private electric power systems (chapter S-41).

Bill 34

AN ACT TO SIMPLIFY THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION RATES

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

HYDRO-QUÉBEC ACT

1. Section 22.0.1 of the Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5) is amended

(1) by replacing the first paragraph by the following paragraph:

“The rates for the distribution of electric power by the Company are those set out in Schedule I. The rates are composed of all prices, their conditions of application and the computation methods applicable to the billing of the electric power and services provided by the Company.”;

(2) by inserting “the first paragraph and” after “notwithstanding” in the second paragraph.

2. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 22.0.1:

“22.0.1.1. The rate prices set out in Schedule I are adjusted by operation of law on 1 April each year, by a rate corresponding to the annual change in the overall average Québec consumer price index without alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and recreational cannabis for the 12-month period ending on 30 September of the year preceding that for which the rate prices are to be adjusted, except Rate L prices, credits for supply at medium or high voltage and the adjustment for transformation losses, which are to be adjusted according to the formula $A \times [1 + B]$.

In the formula in the first paragraph, the letter A represents, as applicable, Rate L prices, credits for supply at medium or high voltage or the adjustment for transformation losses as at 31 March preceding the adjustment, and the letter B represents the rate corresponding to the annual change in the overall average Québec consumer price index without alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and recreational cannabis for the 12-month period ending on 30 September of the year preceding that for which Rate L prices, credits for supply at medium or high voltage and the adjustment for transformation losses are to be adjusted, multiplied by, as applicable, a rate in the event of inflation or a rate in the event of deflation that makes it possible to maintain the competitiveness of Rate L, which is determined by the Régie de l'énergie on 1 April each year. That rate is determined on the basis of the information sent

to the Régie under section 75.1 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01) and the information and documents communicated when the rates for the distribution of electric power are fixed or modified under section 48 of that Act. When determining the applicable rate, the Régie must, in particular, take into account the principle of cross-subsidization between rates. The Régie shall publish that rate on its website.

Notwithstanding the first paragraph, rate prices are not adjusted

(1) in the year in which the Régie fixes or modifies the rates under section 48.2 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01);

(2) in the year in which the Régie modifies the price of that rate on 1 April of that year under section 48.3 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie; and

(3) in the year following the one in which the Régie fixed or modified the price of that rate after 1 April under sections 48.3 and 48.4 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie.

The Régie shall publish, in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, the schedule modified following the adjustment provided for in this section. Based on the published schedule, the Minister of Justice shall ensure that the rates set out in Schedule I are updated in the Compilation of Québec Laws and Regulations.

“22.0.1.2. The Company shall publish on its website the electric power distribution rates set out in Schedule I.”

3. Section 26 of the Act is amended by replacing “tariff” by “rate set out in Schedule I or”.

4. The Act is amended by adding the following schedule at the end:

“SCHEDULE I

“(Section 22.0.1)

“ELECTRIC POWER DISTRIBUTION RATES

The components of the rates, other than the components set out in this schedule, are those approved by the Régie de l'énergie in its Decision D-2019-037 dated 22 March 2019, Decision D-2019-129 dated 23 October 2019 and Decision D-2019-145 dated 12 November 2019.

Rate	Description	Price
D	System access charge per day	40.64¢
	First 40 kWh per day	6.08¢
	Remaining consumption	9.38¢

DP	First 1,200 kWh per month	5.88¢
	Remaining consumption	8.94¢
	Demand charge, summer period (> 50 kW)	\$4.59
	Demand charge, winter period (> 50 kW)	\$6.21
	Minimum monthly bill – single-phase	\$12.18
	Minimum monthly bill – three-phase	\$18.27
DM	System access charge per day, times the multiplier	40.64¢
	First 40 kWh per day, times the multiplier	6.08¢
	Remaining consumption	9.38¢
	Demand charge (> 50 kW or 4 kW × multiplier)	\$6.21
DT	System access charge per day, times the multiplier	40.64¢
	Energy price: T° ≥ -12°C or -15°C	4.37¢
	Energy price: T° < -12°C or -15°C	25.55¢
	Demand charge (> 50 kW or 4 kW × multiplier)	\$6.21
Additional Electricity Option – Photosynthesis	Floor price (¢/kWh): Average price at Rate M (2nd block) for 25 kV and 100% load factor	5.59¢
Winter Credit Option – Rate D	Credit for energy curtailed (per kWh)	50.00¢
Flex D	System access charge per day	40.64¢
	During the winter period:	
	First 40 kWh per day, outside critical peak events	4.28¢
	Remaining consumption, outside critical peak events	7.36¢
	Consumption during critical peak events	50.00¢
	During the summer period:	
First 40 kWh per day	6.08¢	
Remaining consumption	9.38¢	
G	System access charge per month	\$12.33
	Demand charge (> 50 kW)	\$17.64
	First 15,090 kWh per month	9.90¢
	Remaining consumption	7.62¢
	Minimum monthly bill – single-phase	\$12.33
	Minimum monthly bill – three-phase	\$36.99
G Short-term contract	Increase in system access charge and minimum monthly bill	\$12.33
	Increase in monthly demand charge (winter period)	\$6.03

Winter activities	Reference index as at 31 March 2006: 1.08 2% increase on 1 April of each year starting in 2006	
Winter Credit Option – Rate G	Credit for energy curtailed (per kWh)	50.00¢
Flex G	System access charge per month	\$12.33
	During the winter period:	
	Consumption outside critical peak events	8.26¢
	Consumption during critical peak events	50.00¢
	During the summer period:	
	All consumption	9.90¢
	Minimum monthly bill – single-phase	\$12.33
	Minimum monthly bill – three-phase	\$36.99
M	Demand charge	\$14.58
	First 210,000 kWh per month	5.03¢
	Remaining consumption	3.73¢
	Minimum monthly bill – single-phase	\$12.33
	Minimum monthly bill – three-phase	\$36.99
M Short-term contract	Increase in minimum monthly bill	\$12.33
	Increase in monthly demand charge (winter period)	\$6.03
Rate for cryptographic use applied to blockchains – Medium Power	Energy price beyond 5% threshold during unauthorized period	50.00¢
	Energy price for all consumption beyond or other than authorized consumption	15.00¢
G9	Demand charge	\$4.23
	Energy price	10.08¢
	Minimum monthly bill – single-phase	\$12.33
	Minimum monthly bill – three-phase	\$36.99
	Increase for low power factor	\$10.35
G9 Short-term contract	Increase in minimum monthly bill	\$12.33
	Increase in monthly demand charge (winter period)	\$6.03
GD	Demand charge	\$5.28
	Energy price, summer period	6.25¢
	Energy price, winter period	15.51¢
	Minimum monthly bill – single-phase	\$12.33
	Minimum monthly bill – three-phase	\$36.99
Running-in for New Equipment – Medium Power	4% increase in average price	
Equipment Testing – Medium Power	Multiplier (per kWh)	10.00¢

Interruptible Electricity Option – Medium Power	Option I:	
	Fixed nominal credit, winter period (per kW)	\$13.00
	Variable nominal credit for each of the first 20 interruption hours (per kWh)	20.00¢
	Variable nominal credit for each of the next 20 interruption hours (per kWh)	25.00¢
	Variable nominal credit for each of the 60 subsequent interruption hours (per kWh)	30.00¢
	Option II:	
Interruptible Electricity Option – Medium Power	Fixed nominal credit, winter period (per kW)	\$9.10
	Variable nominal credit for each interruption hour (per kWh)	20.00¢
Interruptible Electricity Option – Medium Power	Option I:	
	Penalty (per kW)	\$1.25
Additional Electricity Option – Medium Power	Option II:	
	Penalty (per kW)	\$0.50
Additional Electricity Option – Medium Power	Floor price (¢/kWh):	
	Average price at Rate M (2nd block) for 25 kV and 100% load factor	5.59¢
Industrial Revitalization Rate – Medium Power	Floor price (¢/kWh):	
	Rate M 2nd block energy price	3.73¢
BR	Consumption associated with the first 50 kW of maximum power demand (per kWh)	11.04¢
	Consumption associated with maximum power demand in excess of 50 kW (per kWh)	20.69¢
	Remaining consumption (per kWh)	16.27¢
	Minimum monthly bill – single-phase	\$12.33
	Minimum monthly bill – three-phase	\$36.99
Flex M	Demand charge	\$14.58
	During the winter period:	
	Consumption outside critical peak events	3.17¢
	Consumption during critical peak events	50.00¢
	During the summer period:	
	First 210,000 kWh per month	5.03¢
	Remaining consumption	3.73¢
Minimum monthly bill – single-phase	\$12.33	
Minimum monthly bill – three-phase	\$36.99	

Flex G9	Demand charge	\$4.23
	During the winter period:	
	Consumption outside critical peak events	8.10¢
	Consumption during critical peak events	50.00¢
	During the summer period:	
	All consumption	10.08¢
	Minimum monthly bill – single-phase	\$12.33
	Minimum monthly bill – three-phase	\$36.99
	Increase for low power factor	\$10.35
L	Demand charge	\$12.90
	Energy price	3.28¢
	Daily optimization charge	\$7.56
	Monthly optimization charge	\$22.68
LG	Demand charge	\$13.26
	Energy price	3.46¢
Rate for cryptographic use applied to blockchains – Large Power	Energy price beyond 5% threshold during unauthorized period	50.00¢
	Energy price for all consumption beyond or other than authorized consumption	15.00¢
H	Demand charge	\$5.31
	Energy consumed outside winter weekdays	5.36¢
	Energy consumed on winter weekdays	18.08¢
LD (Firm option)	Demand charge	\$5.31
	Energy consumed outside winter weekdays	5.36¢
	Energy consumed on winter weekdays	18.08¢
LD (Non-firm option)	Demand charge per day for planned interruptions	\$0.53
	Demand charge per day for unplanned interruptions	\$1.06
	Energy price	5.36¢
	Monthly maximum – Demand charge	\$5.31
LD (Non-firm option)	Price for consumption during unauthorized period (per kWh)	50.00¢
Running-in for New Equipment (12 or more consumption periods)	Maximum increase in average price: 4%	
	Minimum increase in average price: 1%	
Running-in for New Equipment (fewer than 12 consumption periods)	4% increase in average price	
Running-in for New Equipment	Price for consumption during unauthorized period (per kWh)	50.00¢

Equipment Testing – Large Power	Multiplier (per kWh)	10.00¢
LP	Annual fixed charge	\$1,000
LP	Price for unauthorized consumption of energy (per kWh)	50.00¢
Interruptible Electricity Option – Large Power	Option I: Fixed nominal credit, winter period (per kW)	\$13.00
	Variable nominal credit for each of the first 20 interruption hours (per kWh)	20.00¢
	Variable nominal credit for each of the next 20 interruption hours (per kWh)	25.00¢
	Variable nominal credit for each of the 60 subsequent interruption hours (per kWh)	30.00¢
	Option II: Fixed nominal credit, winter period (per kW)	\$6.50
	Variable nominal credit for each interruption hour (per kWh)	20.00¢
Interruptible Electricity Option – Large Power	Option I: Penalty (per kW)	\$1.25
	Amount for determination of maximum penalty (per kW)	\$5.00
	Option II: Penalty (per kW)	\$0.60
	Amount for determination of maximum penalty (per kW)	\$2.50
Additional Electricity Option – Large Power	Floor price (¢/kWh): Average price at Rate L for 120 kV and 100% load factor	4.67¢
Additional Electricity Option – Large Power	Consumption beyond reference power during unauthorized period (per kWh)	50.00¢
Economic Development Rate	Initial rate reduction of 20%	
Industrial Revitalization Rate – Large Power	Floor price (¢/kWh): Rate L energy price	3.28¢
Industrial Revitalization Rate – Large Power	Consumption beyond reference power during unauthorized period (per kWh)	50.00¢

DN	System access charge per day, times the multiplier	40.64¢
	First 40 kWh per day, times the multiplier	6.08¢
	Remaining consumption	41.43¢
	Demand charge (> 50 kW or 4 kW × multiplier)	\$6.21
G, G9, M, MA Off-Grid Systems	Penalty on energy	78.31¢
MA – Structure	Heavy diesel power plant (per kW exceeding 900 kW)	\$31.41
	Heavy diesel power plant (per kWh exceeding 390,000 kWh) (21.70¢ per kWh)	
	All other cases (per kW exceeding 900 kW)	\$61.71
	All other cases (per kWh exceeding 390,000 kWh) (42.69¢ per kWh)	
MA – Energy price revision	A – Heavy diesel power plant: operating and maintenance costs (per kWh)	2.79¢
	B – Heavy diesel power plant: energy cost set for 2006 (11.57¢ per kWh)	
	C – Average price of No. 6 diesel (2% S) for the Montréal area	variable
	D – Average reference price of No. 6 diesel (2% S) (\$58.20 per barrel)	
	E – All other cases: operating and maintenance costs (per kWh)	2.79¢
	F – All other cases: energy cost set for 2006 (26.44¢ per kWh)	
	G – Average price of No. 1 diesel for the Montréal area	variable
	H – Average reference price of No. 1 diesel (61.51¢ per litre)	
Net Metering for Customer-Generators – Option III	Price for electricity injected – heavy diesel power plant (per kWh)	17.00¢
	Price for electricity injected – light diesel power plant (per kWh)	33.00¢
	Price for electricity injected – arctic diesel power plant (per kWh)	48.00¢
Interruptible Electricity Option with Advance Notice – Off-Grid Systems	Fixed credit (per kW)	\$6.00

Interruptible Electricity Option with Advance Notice – Off-Grid Systems	Variable credit components: A – Operating and maintenance costs (per kWh) B – Energy cost for the reference year 2012 (per kWh): – north of the 53rd parallel (54.50¢/kWh) – south of the 53rd parallel (35.50¢/kWh) C – Average price of No. 1 diesel for the Montréal area D – Average reference price of No. 1 diesel (87.66¢ per litre)	2.76¢ variable
Interruptible Electricity Option without Advance Notice – Off-Grid Systems	Credit (per kW) Maximum credit (per kW)	\$1.20 \$33.33
F	Demand charge per month	\$44.76
Public lighting (general service)	Energy price	10.36¢
Public lighting (complete service)	Sodium-vapor: 5,000 lumens (or 70 W) – per luminaire Sodium-vapor: 8,500 lumens (or 100 W) – per luminaire Sodium-vapor: 14,400 lumens (or 150 W) – per luminaire Sodium-vapor: 22,000 lumens (or 250 W) – per luminaire	\$22.50 \$24.51 \$26.46 \$31.05
Public lighting (complete service)	Light-emitting diode: 6,100 lumens (or 65 W) – per luminaire	\$23.19
Sentinel (with poles)	7,000 lumens (or 175 W) – per luminaire 20,000 lumens (or 400 W) – per luminaire	\$41.61 \$54.84
Sentinel (without poles)	7,000 lumens (or 175 W) – per luminaire 20,000 lumens (or 400 W) – per luminaire	\$32.70 \$47.13
Credit for supply at medium or high voltage	Voltage equal to or greater than 5 kV, but less than 15 kV Voltage equal to or greater than 15 kV, but less than 50 kV Voltage equal to or greater than 50 kV, but less than 80 kV Voltage equal to or greater than 80 kV, but less than 170 kV Voltage equal to or greater than 170 kV	\$0.612 \$0.981 \$2.190 \$2.679 \$3.540

Credit for supply for domestic rates	Voltage equal to or greater than 5 kV	0.241¢
Adjustment for transformation losses	Monthly discount on the demand charge	17.76¢
VISILEC Service	Monthly charge	\$89
VIGIELIGNE Service	Annual charge for a first licence	\$2,400
	Additional charge for a second or third licence	\$600
	Charge for each additional licence	\$120
SIGNATURE Service (basic service)	Annual charge per delivery point	\$5,250
SIGNATURE Service (complementary options)	Annual charge for harmonics tracking	\$5,000
	Annual charge for dashboard	\$500
	Annual charge for review of indicators and load behaviour analysis	\$5,000

ACT RESPECTING THE RÉGIE DE L'ÉNERGIE

5. Section 25 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01) is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(a) by inserting “except when fixing or modifying a rate by applying section 48.3 or 48.4 or when fixing or modifying the conditions for the distribution of electric power by the electric power distributor, or section” after “48,” in subparagraph 1;

(b) by striking out subparagraph 4;

(2) in the second paragraph,

(a) by inserting “fixing or modifying a rate by applying section 48.3 or 48.4, when fixing or modifying the conditions for the distribution of electric power by the electric power distributor or when” after “when”;

(b) by inserting “, except when it determines the rate under the second paragraph of section 22.0.1.1 of the Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5)” at the end.

6. Section 48 of the Act is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(a) by striking out “for the distribution of electric power by the electric power distributor or”;

(b) by inserting “or the conditions for the distribution of electric power by the electric power distributor” after “storage of natural gas”;

(c) by striking out the last sentence;

(2) by inserting the following paragraphs after the first paragraph:

“The Régie shall fix or modify the rates for the distribution of electric power by the electric power distributor in the cases provided for in any of sections 48.2 to 48.4. To that end, it may request any relevant document or information from the electric power distributor.

For the purposes of this section, the Régie may, in particular, require the electric power carrier, the electric power distributor or a natural gas distributor to file a modification proposal.”;

(3) by inserting “under the first paragraph or any of sections 48.2 to 48.4” after “Applications” in the first sentence of the second paragraph.

7. Section 48.1 of the Act is repealed.

8. The Act is amended by inserting the following sections after section 48.1:

“**48.2.** The electric power distributor shall apply to the Régie to request it to fix rates or modify the rates set out in Schedule I to the Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5) on 1 April 2025 and subsequently every five years.

“**48.3.** Notwithstanding section 48.2, the electric power distributor may apply to the Régie, before the deadline specified in that section, to request it to modify any rate set out in Schedule I to the Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5) where the following conditions are met:

(1) the electric power distributor has presented a report to the Government showing that due to special circumstances it will no longer be able to meet its obligation under section 24 of the Hydro-Québec Act; and

(2) the Government, after analyzing the report, makes an order indicating to the Régie its economic, social and environmental concerns with respect to the distributor’s application.

“**48.4.** Notwithstanding section 48.2, before the deadline specified in that section, the electric power distributor may apply to the Régie to request it to fix a rate not set out in Schedule I to the Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5) and the necessary modifications to the existing rates to apply the new rate, where the following conditions are met:

(1) the electric power distributor has presented a report to the Government showing the necessity of fixing a new rate; and

(2) the Government, after analyzing the report, makes an order indicating to the Régie its economic, social and environmental concerns with respect to the distributor's application.

“48.5. For the purposes of section 48.3 or 48.4, the Government may require any relevant information from the electric power distributor.

“48.6. Any decision made by the Régie under any of sections 48.2 to 48.4 amends Schedule I to the Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5) accordingly. Such a decision includes the amended schedule.

The Régie shall publish the amended schedule in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, specifying the date on which it takes effect. Based on the published schedule, the Minister of Justice shall ensure that Schedule I is updated in the Compilation of Québec Laws and Regulations.”

9. Section 53 of the Act is amended

(1) by inserting “or set out in Schedule I to the Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5)” after “Government” in the first paragraph;

(2) by inserting “or set out in Schedule I to the Hydro-Québec Act” after “Government” in the second paragraph.

10. Section 54 of the Act is amended by inserting “or set out in Schedule I to the Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5)” after “Government”.

11. Section 73 of the Act is amended

(1) by striking out “, the electric power distributor” in the introductory clause of the first paragraph;

(2) by striking out “electric power distributor or” in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph.

12. Section 74 of the Act is amended

(1) in the first paragraph,

(a) by striking out “the electric power distributor or of”;

(b) by replacing “leurs” in the French text by “ses”;

(2) by striking out the second paragraph.

13. Section 75 of the Act is amended by striking out “or distributor” in the introductory clause.

14. The Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 75:

“75.1. Each year, at the time determined by the Régie, the electric power distributor shall send the Régie the information referred to in Schedule II.

Before sending the information, the electric power distributor shall present it at public information sessions, except the summary provided for in paragraph 20 of Schedule II. During an information session, any interested person may submit observations and present information complementary to that presented by the electric power distributor.

The Régie shall publish on its website the information sent by the electric power distributor under the first paragraph.”

15. Section 116 of the Act is amended by striking out “the electric power carrier or” in subparagraph 4 of the second paragraph.

16. Section 117 of the Act is amended

(1) by striking out “or distributor” in the second paragraph;

(2) by inserting the following paragraph after the second paragraph:

“The electric power distributor, if it fails to send the Régie the information referred to in Schedule II or sends false information, is liable to the penalties prescribed in the first paragraph.”

17. The Act is amended by adding the following schedule at the end:

“SCHEDULE II

“(Section 75.1)

“INFORMATION TO BE SENT BY THE ELECTRIC POWER
DISTRIBUTOR

1. Developments in the competitiveness of electricity rates in large North American cities;
2. Record of customer complaints;
3. Developments regarding service quality indicators and update on promotional activities;
4. Report on the electricity distributor’s compliance with the Code of Conduct;
5. Update on the use of Interruptible Electricity Options and the Additional Electricity Option;

6. Update on costs relating to sales and purchases of fuel electricity and transmission services, and to load retention rates, retirement, unforeseen circumstances in off-grid systems, major outages, changes to accounting policies, and the demand response program for the business market;
7. Update on the neutralization use account – Review of useful lives;
8. Developments regarding the regulatory asset relating to any supply contract suspension agreement;
9. Update on dispositions of immovables;
10. Update on investments and commercial programs;
11. Capitalization rates, cost and description of the electricity distributor's debt;
12. Update on supply contracts;
13. Particulars concerning sources of supply, actual supply and demand and distribution loss rates;
14. Report on the use of the exemption from using the tendering process for short-term supply contracts;
15. List of and update on energy efficiency interventions and costs relating to Transition énergétique Québec;
16. Changes in the workforce, measured in full-time equivalent units;
17. History of sales, sales revenue, number of customer accounts and electricity consumption;
18. Number of kilometres of distribution lines by voltage level;
19. Table presenting the actual cross-subsidization indexes by class of consumers according to the methodology approved by the Régie de l'énergie for fixing or modifying the rates for the distribution of electric power provided for in section 48 of this Act, including the apportionment of the cost of heritage pool electricity; and
20. Summary of the public information sessions provided for in the second paragraph of section 75.1.”

ACT RESPECTING MUNICIPAL AND PRIVATE ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS

18. The Act respecting municipal and private electric power systems (chapter S-41) is amended by replacing “fixed by the Board” by “set out in Schedule I to the Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5)” in the following provisions:

- (1) the second paragraph of section 8;
- (2) the first paragraph of section 17.1.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

19. The provisions of the Hydro-Québec Act (chapter H-5) and the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01) continue to apply, as they read before being amended by this Act, to cases R-4045-2018 and R-4091-2019 currently before the Régie de l'énergie.

Any decision rendered by the Régie in those cases amends Schedule I to the Hydro-Québec Act accordingly. Such a decision includes the amended schedule.

The Régie must publish the amended schedule in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*, specifying the date on which it takes effect. Based on the published schedule, the Minister of Justice must ensure that Schedule I is updated in the Compilation of Québec Laws and Regulations.

20. The electricity distribution rates fixed or modified by the Régie de l'énergie in its Decision D-2019-037 dated 22 March 2019, Decision D-2019-129 dated 23 October 2019 and Decision D-2019-145 dated 12 November 2019 apply until 31 March 2020 and may not be modified subject to a decision of the Régie de l'énergie with respect to case R-4045-2018.

21. For the purposes of the second paragraph of section 22.0.1.1 of the Hydro-Québec Act, enacted by section 2, the Régie de l'énergie must determine a rate for the first time on 1 April 2021.

22. Despite section 20 of this Act, the first paragraph of section 22.0.1 of the Hydro-Québec Act and sections 48, 53 and 54 of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie, Hydro-Québec must grant, in its electric power transmission activities, before 1 April 2020, a rebate on electricity distribution rates, except the rates set under the second paragraph of section 22.0.1 of the Hydro-Québec Act, in proportion to the amounts cumulated in its variance accounts as at 31 December 2019 and to the amounts billed to customers during the period in which the amounts were cumulated in the variance accounts.

The municipal electric power systems governed by the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie and the Coopérative régionale d'électricité de Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Rouville governed by the Act respecting the Coopérative régionale d'électricité de Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Rouville and repealing the Act to promote rural electrification by means of electricity cooperatives (1986, chapter 21) must grant their users a rebate on electricity distribution rates. The total of the rebates granted must correspond to at least the rebate granted to them by Hydro-Québec. The rebates must not result in a class of users of the electric power systems or the cooperative paying more than Hydro-Québec customers for an equivalent class of users having received a rebate under the first paragraph.

When granting the rebates provided for in the first and second paragraphs, Hydro-Québec, the municipal electric power systems and the Coopérative must reimburse the consumption taxes calculated on those rebates.

23. This Act comes into force on 8 December 2019, except sections 1 to 4, paragraphs 2 and 3 of section 6 and sections 8 to 10 and 18, which come into force on 1 April 2020.