Public Notice

Régie de l'énergie

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE SUPPLY PLAN AND REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO GAZIFÈRE INC.'S RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 AND JANUARY 1, 2024 (FILE NUMBER R-4194-2022)

The Régie de l'énergie (the Régie) will hold a public hearing to examine this application by Gazifère Inc. (Gazifère).

The Régie intends to examine this application in three phases.

The first phase will focus, as a matter of priority, on the following issues: renewal of the methodological approach approved for the purposes of a biennial file including the methodology for calculating the indicator, the temporary renewal of the rate of return and the capital structure, the renewal of the mechanism for sharing excess returns and shortfalls, the reorganization of the distributor's work schedule as well as the streamlining of the process of adhering to the RNG Tariff.

The second phase will focus on the 2023-2024 tariff applications, in particular the 2023-2026 supply plan, the renewal of commercial programs and assistance programs for the substitution of polluting energies, the update of the strategy for the purchase of greenhouse gas emission rights (SPEDE) and the approval of new programs under its Global Energy Efficiency Plan (PGEÉ), the modification of the tariffs as of January 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024, the revenues required for the 2023 and 2024 tariff years, network extension and modification projects whose cost are below the threshold of \$1,200,000, the RNG Tariff for the year 2023 and the socialization rate related to the purchase of RNG for the year 2021, the calorific value adjustment for the tariff year 2023 and the allocation of costs between regulated and non-regulated activities.

Finally, the third phase will focus on updating the tariff application for the year 2024, including in particular the approval of the supply plan (2024-2026), the unit rate linked to the carbon market for the tariff year 2024 (SPEDE), the follow-up of decisions, the RNG Tariff for the year 2024 and the socialization rate related to the purchase of RNG for the year 2022, as well as the calorific value adjustment for the tariff year 2024.

For the time being, the Régie intends to address the topics of Phase 1 by consultation, while the review of Phases 2 and 3 will be the subject of a public hearing.

Any interested person wishing to participate in this matter must file an application for intervention in accordance with the *Regulation respecting the procedure of the Régie de l'énergie* (the **Regulation**) and the instructions of the Régie contained in its decision D-2022-075 by **June 16, 2022, at 12:00 noon**. In particular, it must specify the nature of its interest and the manner in which it intends to intervene and attach for these purposes the <u>Form list of subjects</u> available on the Régie's website.

As provided for in the 2020 Guide to the Payment of Fees (the **Guide**), an interested person who plans to file a request for payment of fees must attach to his application for intervention, on the prescribed forms, a budget for participation. At this stage, it must attach to its application for intervention the budget corresponding to Phase 1.

Gazifère's application, the Regulation, the Guide, the Form list of subjects and Decision D-2022-075 can be consulted on the <u>Régie's website</u>.

For any information, it is possible to contact the Régie, by telephone, fax or e-mail.

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