

Comité d'examen des répercussions sur l'environnement et le milieu social

Environmental and Social Impact Review Committee

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*** POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING ***

HYBRID POWER PLANT PROJECT COMEX ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

Québec City, January 20, 2022 – Due to current restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Environmental and Social Impact Review Committee (COMEX) has decided to postpone the public hearing on the Kuujjuaraapik-Whapmagoostui Renewable Energy Corporation (KWREC) Hybrid Power Plant project that had been scheduled for January 26, 2022.

*** New Date *** PUBLIC HEARING *** New Date ***

Date: Wednesday, *** February 23, 2022 *** in Whapmagoostui

Time: 1:00 PM

Place: A room in the Gathering Place will be available in Whapmagoostui for those who

want to attend in person Online Zoom session

Simultaneous translation (Cree-Inuktitut-English-French) will be available

The purpose of the hearing is to allow citizens to acquire information about the project, ask questions and voice opinions. Public participation is an essential part of the review process that enables COMEX to hear the views and concerns of the population before formulating its recommendations, which will be forwarded to the Administrator of section 22 of the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. As the proposed project is being undertaken on category 1 land, the possible authorization will be issued by the Regional Administrator.

Interested groups and/or individuals are invited to submit written briefs to the COMEX secretariat prior to the hearing session. If they wish, they may also make a short oral presentation during the hearing. However, participation in the public hearing is not contingent on the submission of a written comment. COMEX rules governing these hearings are available on the COMEX website at http://comexqc.ca/en/ under "Public Participation – Directive on the public participation."

To optimize planning of the public hearing process, the COMEX secretariat wishes to receive advance notice of the intention to present comments on the project by any group or individual. Interested parties should email the executive secretary of COMEX at the following address: sophie.cooper@environnement.gouv.gc.ca.

For more information on the forthcoming public hearing (exact location, Zoom link, online mode process, etc.), please visit the COMEX website at https://comexqc.ca/en/.

THE PROPONENT'S PROJECT PLAN

KWERC plans to build a Hybrid Power Plant with an installed capacity of 3.0 MW of wind power. The Hybrid Power Plant Project is located at the southwestern end of Nunavik, on the edge of the Hudson Bay and near the mouth of the Great Whale River, on the outskirt of the communities of Whapmagoostui and Kuujjuaraapik. The project requires the installation of two wind turbines with a nominal capacity of 1.5 MW each. These wind turbines will be connected by a 25 kV interconnection line to a substation (to be built). A 4 kV interconnection line will link this substation to the existing power plant operated by Hydro-Québec Distribution. An access road will also be built. The objective of the project is to reduce the use of fossil fuels and GHG emissions in the region.

DOCUMENTATION

Information about the project is available at http://comexqc.ca/en/ under "Projects – Hybrid Power Plant Project."

COMEX

The Environmental and Social Impact Review Committee (COMEX) is an independent body that reports to the Minister of the Environment and the Fight against Climate Change (MELCC). Its mission is to contribute to the protection of human health, the environment, as well as the economic and social well-being of the peoples inhabiting the territory governed by the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA) that lies south of the 55th parallel.

INFORMATION

For any questions regarding the public hearings, please contact the executive secretary of COMEX.

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