



Public hearing  
Hybrid Power Plant project  
Environmental and social impact assessment

23 February 2022

# Steps in the Procedure (Provincial and Cree)

- 1. Preliminary Information Statement:**  
submitted to appropriate Administrator
- 2. Assessment and Directive (COMEV):**  
The Evaluating Committee issues a directive for all projects that must undergo the process
- 3. Preparation of the Impact Study** by the proponent and submission to the Administrator
- 4. Analysis by Review Committee (COMEX):** All documents, including any Questions & Responses, are analyzed by various environmental experts (Québec Government and government of the Cree Nation), public hearings (importance of public participation), final analysis, recommendations are submitted to the Administrator
- 5. Decision by the Administrator:**  
authorization or refusal
- 6. Monitoring and control** by the Administrator, COMEX, MELCC and GCN

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# Administrative framework of COMEX

- Committee established under section 22 of the JBNQA
- 5 members :
  - 3 members appointed by Québec
  - 2 members appointed by the Cree Nation Government (CNG)
- Protection of health and environment as well as economic and social well-being
- Independent body for the assessment and review of the social and environmental impacts of projects
- Monthly meetings
- Reviews supported by a team of analysts from the ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques (MELCC) and the CNG
- Holding of public hearings, if necessary
- Mandate: Recommendations to provincial and regional administrators + environmental and social follow-ups
- COMEX website : [www.comexqc.ca/en/](http://www.comexqc.ca/en/)

## Guiding principles (Art. 22.2.4)

- a) The protection of the **hunting, fishing and trapping rights of Native people** in the Territory, and their other rights in Category I lands, with respect to developmental activity affecting the Territory
- b) The environmental and social protection regime with respect to **minimizing the impacts on Native people** by developmental activity affecting the Territory
- c) The **protection of Native people, societies, communities, economies**, with respect to developmental activity affecting the Territory
- d) The protection of wildlife resources, physical and biotic environment, and ecological systems in the Territory with respect to developmental activity affecting the Territory

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- e) The **rights and guarantees of the Native people** within Category II established by and in accordance with **section 24** until such land is developed
- f) The **involvement of the Cree people** in the application of this regime
- g) The **rights and interests of non-Native people**, whatever they may be
- h) The **right to develop** by persons acting lawfully in the Territory
- i) The **minimizing of negative environmental and social impacts of development on Native people and on Native communities by reasonable means** with special reference to those measures proposed or recommended by the impact assessment and review procedure



# Agenda

Opening prayer by an elder

Opening remarks by the Chief

Opening of the public hearing

- Chairman's message
- Presentation of the COMEX, members and mandate

Presentation of the project by the proponent

Break

Question period to clarify the project by the public and COMEX

Presentation of briefs and comments by the public

End of the public hearing and Chairman's message

# Post-Hearing

After the public hearings, the public can still send briefs and comments to COMEX within 30 days of public hearings.

Comments or briefs can be sent to the Executive Secretary of COMEX, Sophie Cooper, at the following email address: [sophie.cooper@environnement.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:sophie.cooper@environnement.gouv.qc.ca)