



## CONSUMERS

### are at the forefront of impending initiatives

Quebecers rely on electricity, oil, natural gas, biomass, coal and decentralized energies such as geothermal and solar energy to:

- ▶ travel
- ▶ transport/deliver
- ▶ produce/distribute/export
- ▶ connect/recharge/store
- ▶ heat/air-condition/ventilate

Québec's energy policy is a pact that the government is making with all consumers—individuals, households, industries, institutions and businesses—to create wealth and ensure their quality of life. This collaborative approach will engender significant spinoff for Québec from the standpoint of economic development and sound environmental practices.

Participation by consumers is essential to make Québec, more prosperous, greener and more sustainable, now and in the future.

## Change Québec's energy profile

By 2030, the government undertakes to guide consumers in their energy choices by:

- ▶ offering, with the assistance of energy distributors, new energy choices;
- ▶ proposing a more flexible, efficient oversight and delivery model respecting energy efficiency services through a single, readily accessible gateway;
- ▶ supporting the technological advances that are essential to the rollout of green energy supply.

It is projected that by 2030 renewable energies will satisfy **60.9% of Quebecers' energy needs**, as against **47.6%** in 2016.

# The 2030 Energy Policy: A Source of Growth

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The measures proposed in the energy policy will:

- ▶ **reduce greenhouse gas emissions**
- ▶ **create and maintain jobs**
- ▶ **generate new revenues through promising investments**
  - Hydro-Québec's revenues will double through its penetration of the international market.
  - Some \$4 billion will be made available to consumers in respect of the application of energy efficiency measures.
- ▶ **make available low-cost green solutions through:**
  - the maintenance of electricity rates at the inflation rate;
  - the establishment of multi-fuel service stations;
  - a higher percentage of biofuels in gasoline sold at the pump;
  - the distribution of natural gas in all regions of Québec.
- ▶ **enable consumers to make green choices through:**
  - tax credits for green renovation;
  - discounts on the purchase of electric vehicles and terminals;
  - the authorization of consumers to become electricity autogenerators through Hydro-Québec's net metering option;
  - thoughtful, structured urban planning;
  - new building construction standards.
- ▶ **innovate to ensure that Québec firms are models in the realm of clean energies through:**
  - a list of research and innovation priorities;
  - leeway in the energy development of major projects (10% for natural gas and 2.5% for electricity);
  - reliance on the energy available through better rates;
  - a clear legal framework governing hydrocarbon exploitation, based on best practices.

## The way forward is clear: we must change our ways of doing things

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The objective that we wish to attain is to ensure that consumers benefit from the potential offered by the transition to a green, more eco-efficient economy. To this end, the energy policy puts forward a model that relies on the development of the full economic potential of our regions.

**Together we can undertake the energy transition in Québec.**

***ARE YOU READY TO ACT?***