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## Hertel-New York Interconnection Line BAPE Is Mandated to Hold a Targeted Consultation

**Quebec City, November 17, 2022** – The Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE) has been mandated by the Ministre de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, M. Benoit Charette, to hold a targeted consultation on the Hertel-New York Interconnection Line project on the territory of the regional county municipalities of Roussillon, Le Haut-Richelieu, and Les Jardins-de-Napierville by Hydro-Québec. This mandate will begin on December 12, 2022 and will have a maximum 3-month duration.

The Commission of Inquiry will be composed of [Marie-Eve Fortin](#) and [Joseph Zayed](#) who will act as chairman.

### What Is a Targeted Consultation?

A targeted consultation is preferred when the issues raised are related to a limited number of concerns that do not call into question the relevance of the project. It takes place in one or more public sessions, consecutive or not, during which participants can ask questions, make submissions, and express their opinions.

This consultation is entrusted to the BAPE under the *Environment Quality Act*. It must specifically target the protection of agricultural land and activities, the protection of waterways and waterway infrastructures, the impacts of stray voltage, as well as the impacts of the work on topsoil, crops, and the movement of agricultural machinery.

The Commission of Inquiry will submit its report to the Minister no later than March 13, 2023. The Minister will then have 15 days to make the report public.



## Where Can I Consult Documentation on the Project?

All of the documentation is available in electronic form in the [Environmental Assessment Registry](#), under the authority of the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, as well as on the [BAPE website](#).

The documents can also be consulted using the computers available for free access, or on the free Wifi networks available at these locations:

- **Bibliothèque Léo-Lecavalier**
  - 500, rue Saint-Laurent, La Prairie
- **Bibliothèque de Napierville**
  - 290, rue Saint-Alexandre, Napierville

## About the BAPE

Since 1978, the BAPE has been informing and consulting the population on projects and on any environmental issue that could have an impact on their environment or quality of life. As an impartial government agency, it investigates and advises the government in order to inform its decision-making.

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