
Project QC-2025-03

Appendix FAC-002-4-QC-2 – Specific provisions applicable in Québec for Standard FAC-002-4 – Facility Interconnection Studies

1.1. Québec appendix applicability

The following table lists the functional entities to which Appendix FAC-002-4-QC-2 applies.

Appendix	Entities covered
FAC-002-4-QC-2	No specific provisions.

1.2. Purpose of Québec appendix

This section describes the purpose of Appendix FAC-002-4-QC-2. The title and purpose of the appendix are as follows:

- No specific provisions.

1.3. Regulatory context

Reliability standards FAC-001-4 and FAC-002-4, along with their respective Québec appendices, were adopted by the Régie de l'énergie (hereafter, the "Régie") in Decision D-2023-107¹ and came into effect in Québec on October 1, 2024.

On October 21, 2024, the Reliability Coordinator in Québec (hereafter, the "Reliability Coordinator") filed as an administrative follow-up and as a follow-up to Decision D-2023-107,² the definition of the expression "qualified change" developed by the Planning Coordinator (PC).

In Decision D-2025-071,³ the Régie asked the Reliability Coordinator to hold a public consultation process with affected entities covering the impact of modifying the scope of application of Standard FAC-002-4, as well as the impact of the definition of the expression "qualified change" on the application of Standard FAC-002-4.

The Reliability Coordinator is filing Appendix FAC-002-4-QC-2 to the current docket, to replace Appendix FAC-002-4-QC-1. This is the only submission for this project. The new version of the appendix modifies the scope of application of Standard FAC-002-4.

¹ Régie Decision D-2023-107, Docket R-4225-2023, accessed August 14, 2025, at https://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/fr/participants/dossiers/R-4225-2023/doc/R-4225-2023-A-0012-Dec-Dec-2023_09_14.pdf (French only)

² Régie Decision D-2023-107, Docket R-4225-2023, accessed August 14, 2025, at https://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/fr/participants/dossiers/R-4225-2023/doc/R-4225-2023-A-0012-Dec-Dec-2023_09_14.pdf (French only)

³ Régie Decision D-2025-107, Docket R-4291-2025, accessed August 14, 2025, at https://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/fr/participants/dossiers/R-4291-2025/doc/R-4291-2025-A-0005-Dec-Dec-2025_07_10.pdf (French only)

1.4. Specific provisions for Québec

The Reliability Coordinator proposes changing the Québec-specific provisions (including scope of application) in the preceding version of the Québec appendix already adopted by the Régie in Decision D-2023-107:⁴

The Facilities subject to this Standard are the Facilities of the Main Transmission System (RTP).

1.5. Proposed effective dates

The Reliability Coordinator proposes that Appendix FAC-002-4-QC-2 become effective as soon as it is approved by the Régie.

1.6. Québec appendix to be removed

Appendix FAC-002-4-QC-1 must be removed as soon as FAC-002-4-QC-2 becomes effective.

1.7. Modifications to the Glossary

No modifications to the Glossary.

2. ASSESSMENT OF RELEVANCE

In Docket R-3957-2015,⁵ the Reliability Coordinator was proposing the specific provision that is currently in effect, in which the scope of application is in accordance with the criteria of Section 85.3 of the *Act Respecting the Régie de l'énergie*,⁶ and therefore extends beyond the Main Transmission System (RTP). At the time, the scope of application of the RTP was different, namely because the RTP was defined as a Transmission System that controlled eight (8) reliability parameters.

Based on the new definition of the RTP, effective as of July 1, 2024, the RTP is the reference system used for the scope of application of most of the Reliability Standards of the North American Electric Corporation (the “NERC”) applicable in Québec and has a different footprint than the definition that had been in effect since 2015.

Standard FAC-002-4 refers to Facilities, where a Facility is defined as a set of electrical equipment that operates as a single Bulk Electric System Element (BES), and the Standard’s scope of application in the United States is the BES. To align with the United States and for reciprocity, the scope of application of Standard FAC-002-4 in Québec is the RTP.

Given that the specific provision currently in effect was proposed in a different context, it is now nullified since the new definition of the RTP has come into effect.

⁴Régie Decision D-2023-17, Docket R-4225-2023, accessed August 14, 2025, at https://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/fr/participants/dossiers/R-4225-2023/doc/R-4225-2023-A-0012-Dec-Dec-2023_09_14.pdf (French only)

⁵ Docket R-3957-2015, accessed August 20, 2025, at <https://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/fr/participants/dossiers/R-3957-2015> (French only)

⁶ Section 85.3 of the *Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie*, accessed on August 20, 2025, at <https://www.legisquebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/document/cs/r-6.01>

In Section 39 of Decision D-2025-071⁷, the Régie asked the Reliability Coordinator to also hold a consultation process with affected entities covering the impact of the definition of the expression “qualified change” on the application of Standard FAC-002-4

3. PRELIMINARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This section provides the Reliability Coordinator’s preliminary assessment of the impact on all Québec entities.

The impact of modifying the scope of application of Standard FAC-002-4 and the impact of the definition of the expression “qualified change” on the application of Standard FAC-002-04 are Low, since the scope of application of the Standard becomes less wide than what is provided for in the specific provision currently in effect.

The following table provides preliminary assessments of the impacts on all Québec entities.

Appendix	Impact		
	Implementation	Maintenance	Monitoring
FAC-002-4-QC-2	Low	Low	Low

Legend

- Low:** Normal industry practice or appendix that only requires minor adjustments to existing processes or practices.
- Medium:** Change that requires the mobilization of some physical, human or financial resources to implement the proposed appendix, enforce it or monitor compliance.
- High:** Change that requires provision and mobilization of significant physical, human or financial resources to plan and implement the proposed appendix, enforce it or monitor compliance.

4. FINAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This section will be completed upon receipt of the impact assessment forms and at the conclusion of the consultation process prior to filing of the standards with the Régie.

⁷ Régie Decision D-2025-071, Docket R-4291-2025, , accessed August 14, 2025, at https://www.regie-energie.qc.ca/fr/participants/dossiers/R-4291-2025/doc/R-4291-2025-A-0005-Dec-Dec-2025_07_10.pdf (French only)