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Bill 15

An Act to amend the Watercourses Act

Introduction

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

This bill amends the Watercourses Act to provide that hydro-electric power plants cannot generate more than 50 megawatts of power attributable to hydraulic power vested in the public domain pursuant to a lease granted by the Government.

In addition, the bill clarifies the scope of the provisions concerning the charge established on the basis of electricity production that is payable by all the holders of hydraulic power in Québec.

LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS BILL :

– Watercourses Act (R.S.Q., chapter R-13).

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THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 3 of the Watercourses Act (R.S.Q., chapter R-13) is amended

(1) by replacing "25 megawatts" in the third line of subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph by "50 megawatts attributable to the public domain";

(2) by replacing "25 megawatts" in the second line of subparagraph 2 of the second paragraph by "50 megawatts attributable to the public domain".

2. The heading of Division VIII of the said Act is amended by striking out "CONTRIBUTIONS AND".

3. Section 68 of the said Act is amended

(1) by replacing "an additional" in the third line of the first paragraph by "a";

(2) by adding the following paragraph after the fourth paragraph:

"The charge provided for in this section is in addition to any other contractual charge that the holder may be obligated to pay."

4. Sections 69.3, 69.4 and 69.5 of the said Act are amended by striking out the words "or contribution" wherever they occur.

5. Section 70 of the said Act is amended by striking out "contributions and" in the first line of the first paragraph.

6. This Act comes into force on (*insert here the date of assent to this Act*), except section 1, which comes into force on the date to be fixed by the Government.