



# Quarterly Report

## Third Quarter 2016

### Message from the Chairman of the Board and the President and Chief Executive Officer

#### Third quarter

For the three months ended September 30, 2016, Hydro-Québec posted **net income** of \$306 million.

On markets outside Québec, Hydro-Québec Production recorded net exports of 9.8 TWh, a historic quarterly high and a 1.4-TWh increase compared to the previous record, set in the third quarter of 2015. Good availability of generating and transmission facilities, combined with high runoff, enabled the division to seize several business opportunities, making it possible to completely offset the impact of lower prices on energy markets.

Financial expenses increased by \$26 million, essentially on account of the foreign currency effect on working capital denominated in U.S. dollars. Because the Canadian dollar did not depreciate as markedly as in third quarter 2015, the exchange gain was lower than last year. This is the main factor behind the difference compared to 2015 net income, which was \$339 million.

#### Summary of results for the first three quarters

For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, Hydro-Québec recorded **net income** of \$2,196 million, compared to \$2,472 million in the same period of 2015.

On the Québec market, supplies provided by Hydro-Québec Production to Hydro-Québec Distribution decreased by \$156 million, mainly as a result of first-quarter temperatures, which were much colder in 2015 than in 2016. On average, temperatures were 5°C lower than normal in the first three months of 2015, whereas they were 1°C higher than normal in the first quarter of 2016.

On markets outside Québec, Hydro-Québec Production's net electricity exports decreased by \$79 million. They reached a historic high of 24.4 TWh after three quarters, which is all the more remarkable given the unavailability of a major power transmission link between Québec and New England in April and May 2016. The volume increase, combined with the positive impact of the company's risk management strategy, partly offset the decrease in prices on energy markets.

## **Consolidated results for the first three quarters**

**Revenue** totaled \$9,857 million, compared to \$10,342 million in 2015. The difference is primarily due to a \$298-million decrease in revenue from electricity sales in Québec, largely as a result of temperatures, which led to a 4.1-TWh reduction in electricity sales compared to last year.

**Total expenditure** amounted to \$5,766 million, compared to \$6,035 million in 2015. The decrease is partly attributable to a \$93-million reduction in short-term market purchases by Hydro-Québec Distribution. It should be recalled that in 2015, the division had to purchase large quantities of energy on the markets to meet ad hoc requirements resulting from the very cold winter temperatures. It is also due to a \$96-million decrease in depreciation and amortization, essentially related to regulatory assets and liabilities.

**Financial expenses** totaled \$1,895 million, compared to \$1,835 million last year. This increase is chiefly due to the foreign currency effect on working capital denominated in U.S. dollars.

## **Segmented results for the first three quarters**

### *Generation*

Hydro-Québec Production posted net income of \$1,438 million, compared to \$1,753 million in 2015. Net electricity sales to Hydro-Québec Distribution decreased by \$156 million, primarily because of a reduction in peak supplies, which were greater in 2015 on account of the harsh winter. Net electricity exports decreased by \$79 million. They reached a historic high of 24.4 TWh after three quarters, which is all the more remarkable given the unavailability of a major power transmission link between Québec and New England in April and May 2016. The volume increase, combined with the positive impact of the company's risk management strategy, partly offset the decrease in prices on energy markets. Financial expenses increased by \$58 million, chiefly on account of the foreign currency effect on working capital denominated in U.S. dollars.

### *Transmission*

Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie's net income was \$471 million, comparable to the \$447 million recorded in the first nine months of 2015.

### *Distribution*

Hydro-Québec Distribution's net income totaled \$215 million, compared to \$219 million in 2015. Revenue from electricity sales decreased by \$298 million, mainly because of a 4.1-TWh volume reduction attributable to the fact that temperatures were much colder than normal in the first three months of 2015, which led to additional sales of 4.3 TWh or \$338 million, whereas they were milder than normal in the first quarter of 2016. Electricity purchases, the related transmission costs and fuel purchases decreased by \$287 million. More specifically, supplies from Hydro-Québec Production were \$156 million lower, while third-party supplies decreased by \$61 million, essentially on account of a \$93-million reduction in short-term market purchases.

## *Construction*

The Construction segment includes activities related to the design, construction and refurbishment of power generation and transmission facilities. These projects are carried out by Hydro-Québec Innovation, équipement et services partagés and by Société d'énergie de la Baie James (SEBJ).

The segment's volume of activity totaled \$1,497 million, compared to \$1,396 million in 2015. Projects under way for Hydro-Québec Production mainly include ongoing construction of the Romaine hydroelectric complex. Work in progress for Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie includes expansion of the transmission system in the Minganie region, implementation of the Chamouchouane–Bout-de-l'Île project, reconstruction of De Lorimier substation and the deployment of related lines, as well as various projects stemming from continued investment in asset reliability and sustainment.

## **Investment**

In the first nine months of 2016, Hydro-Québec invested \$2,308 million in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, compared to \$2,347 million in 2015.

Most of Hydro-Québec Production's investments were allocated to ongoing construction of the Romaine complex. The division also carried out refurbishments at a number of facilities to optimize performance and ensure the long-term operability of the generating fleet.

Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie continued investing in its transmission system. Among other things, it continued work to connect the Romaine complex as part of the expansion of the transmission system in the Minganie region and to implement the 735-kV Chamouchouane–Bout-de-l'Île project. The division also carried out emergency work to replace PK circuit breakers and conducted facility maintenance and improvement activities to ensure the reliability and long-term operability of its transmission assets and to enhance service quality.

Hydro-Québec Distribution kept up investments to handle the growth of its Québec customer base and to ensure the long-term operability of its facilities. In addition, with a view to enhancing service quality, it continued to expand the range of its online self-service options to make it easier for customers to manage their accounts.

## **Financing**

During the third quarter, Hydro-Québec issued variable-rate notes for a total amount of \$1.0 billion, maturing in 2019. This borrowing was made on the Canadian market.

Since the beginning of 2016, financing activities have raised \$2.0 billion. The funds were used to support part of the investment program and to refinance maturing debt.

**Michael D. Penner**

Chairman of the Board

November 18, 2016

**Éric Martel**

President and  
Chief Executive Officer

# CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

In millions of Canadian dollars (unaudited)		Three months ended September 30		Nine months ended September 30	
	Notes	2016	2015	2016	2015
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>2,740</b>	2,804	<b>9,857</b>	10,342
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Operations		544	601	1,726	1,860
Electricity and fuel purchases		402	398	1,386	1,461
Depreciation and amortization	4	633	674	1,886	1,982
Taxes		239	202	768	732
		<b>1,818</b>	1,875	<b>5,766</b>	6,035
<b>Operating income</b>		<b>922</b>	929	<b>4,091</b>	4,307
Financial expenses	5	616	590	1,895	1,835
<b>Net income</b>		<b>306</b>	339	<b>2,196</b>	2,472

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

In millions of Canadian dollars (unaudited)		Three months ended September 30		Nine months ended September 30	
	Note	2016	2015	2016	2015
<b>Net income</b>		<b>306</b>	339	<b>2,196</b>	2,472
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>					
Change in deferred (losses) gains on items designated as cash flow hedges	6	(2)	982	(200)	1,617
Reclassification to results of deferred (gains) losses on items designated as cash flow hedges	6	(104)	(634)	127	(1,197)
Actuarial loss and past service costs for employee future benefits		–	(22)	–	(22)
Reclassification to results of net actuarial losses and past service costs (credits) for employee future benefits		28	39	85	209
Translation differences in financial statements of foreign operations		(1)	–	(1)	–
		<b>(79)</b>	365	<b>11</b>	607
<b>Comprehensive income</b>		<b>227</b>	704	<b>2,207</b>	3,079

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

In millions of Canadian dollars (unaudited)	Notes	As at September 30, 2016	As at December 31, 2015
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		2,853	2,648
Short-term investments		2,161	1,895
Accounts receivable and other receivables		1,633	2,242
Derivative instruments	6	122	274
Regulatory assets		145	122
Materials, fuel and supplies		219	212
		<b>7,133</b>	<b>7,393</b>
Property, plant and equipment		62,259	61,558
Intangible assets		938	1,014
Investments		886	859
Derivative instruments	6	296	128
Regulatory assets		3,874	3,939
Other assets		238	308
		<b>75,624</b>	<b>75,199</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings		2,148	9
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		1,807	2,278
Dividend payable		—	2,360
Accrued interest		489	913
Asset retirement obligations		80	85
Derivative instruments	6	82	299
Regulatory liabilities		12	49
Current portion of long-term debt	6	1,368	2,059
		<b>5,986</b>	<b>8,052</b>
Long-term debt	6	44,194	43,613
Asset retirement obligations		781	780
Derivative instruments	6	6	5
Regulatory liabilities		381	392
Other liabilities		2,308	2,571
Perpetual debt	6	286	311
		<b>53,942</b>	<b>55,724</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Share capital		4,374	4,374
Retained earnings		18,742	16,546
Accumulated other comprehensive income		(1,434)	(1,445)
		<b>21,682</b>	<b>19,475</b>
		<b>75,624</b>	<b>75,199</b>
Contingencies	10		

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On behalf of the Board of Directors,

/s/ Michelle Cormier  
Chair of the Audit Committee

/s/ Michael D. Penner  
Chairman of the Board

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

In millions of Canadian dollars  
(unaudited)

Nine months ended  
September 30

	Note	Share capital	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income	Total equity
Balance as at January 1, 2016		4,374	16,546	(1,445)	19,475
Net income		–	2,196	–	2,196
Other comprehensive income	9	–	–	11	11
<b>Balance as at September 30, 2016</b>		<b>4,374</b>	<b>18,742</b>	<b>(1,434)</b>	<b>21,682</b>
Balance as at January 1, 2015		4,374	15,759	(2,172)	17,961
Net income		–	2,472	–	2,472
Other comprehensive income	9	–	–	607	607
<b>Balance as at September 30, 2015</b>		<b>4,374</b>	<b>18,231</b>	<b>(1,565)</b>	<b>21,040</b>

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

In millions of Canadian dollars (unaudited)		Three months ended September 30		Nine months ended September 30	
	Notes	2016	2015	2016	2015
<b>Operating activities</b>					
Net income		306	339	2,196	2,472
Adjustments to determine net cash flows from operating activities					
Depreciation and amortization	4	633	674	1,886	1,982
Amortization of premiums, discounts and issue expenses related to debt securities		44	40	128	117
Excess of (amounts paid over net cost recognized) net cost recognized over amounts paid for employee future benefits		(69)	45	(181)	123
Other		208	(31)	277	252
Regulatory assets and liabilities		(245)	(10)	(277)	(17)
Change in non-cash working capital items	7	134	(39)	(311)	(735)
		<b>1,011</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>3,718</b>	<b>4,194</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Additions to property, plant and equipment		(829)	(844)	(2,249)	(2,269)
Additions to intangible assets		(17)	(25)	(59)	(78)
Net (acquisition) disposal of short-term investments		(741)	(182)	(253)	460
Other		3	6	(7)	8
		<b>(1,584)</b>	<b>(1,045)</b>	<b>(2,568)</b>	<b>(1,879)</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Issuance of long-term debt		999	–	2,011	13
Repayment of long-term debt		(15)	(126)	(1,916)	(1,026)
Cash receipts arising from credit risk management	6	3,914	2,501	9,633	5,985
Cash payments arising from credit risk management	6	(3,955)	(1,486)	(10,262)	(4,614)
Net change in borrowings		864	(989)	2,125	686
Dividend paid		–	–	(2,360)	(2,535)
Other		23	197	(154)	367
		<b>1,830</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>(923)</b>	<b>(1,124)</b>
<b>Foreign currency effect on cash and cash equivalents</b>					
		<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>(22)</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>					
		<b>1,258</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>1,235</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period</b>					
		<b>1,595</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>1,271</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>					
		<b>2,853</b>	<b>2,506</b>	<b>2,853</b>	<b>2,506</b>
Supplementary cash flow information	7				

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

For the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016 and 2015

Amounts in tables are in millions of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

## Note 1 Basis of Presentation

Hydro-Québec's consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP).

These quarterly consolidated financial statements, including these notes, do not contain all the required information regarding annual consolidated financial statements and should therefore be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes in Hydro-Québec's *Annual Report 2015*.

The accounting policies used to prepare the quarterly consolidated financial statements are consistent with those presented in Hydro-Québec's *Annual Report 2015*, except for the recent changes.

Management is of the opinion that these quarterly consolidated financial statements include all the necessary adjustments to present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Hydro-Québec.

Hydro-Québec's quarterly results are not necessarily indicative of results for the year on account of seasonal temperature fluctuations. Because of higher electricity demand during winter months, revenue from electricity sales in Québec is higher during the first and fourth quarters.

Management has reviewed events occurring until November 18, 2016, the date of approval of these quarterly consolidated financial statements by the Board of Directors, to determine whether circumstances warranted the recording or presentation of events subsequent to the balance sheet date.

## Note 2 Changes to Accounting Policies

### RECENT CHANGES

#### ***Hedge accounting***

On January 1, 2016, Hydro-Québec early adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-05, *Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Effect of Derivative Contract Novations on Existing Hedge Accounting Relationships*, as issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). This ASU states that hedge accounting may continue to apply to a derivative that has been designated as a hedging instrument if this derivative is novated to a new counterparty, as long as all the other applicable conditions continue to be met. It was applied prospectively and has not had any impact on Hydro-Québec's consolidated financial statements.

#### ***Intangible assets***

On January 1, 2016, Hydro-Québec adopted ASU 2015-05, *Intangibles—Goodwill and Other—Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer's Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement*, as issued by the FASB. This ASU clarifies the circumstances in which a cloud computing arrangement includes an internal-use software licence. It was applied prospectively and has not had any impact on Hydro-Québec's consolidated financial statements.

#### ***Consolidation***

On January 1, 2016, Hydro-Québec adopted ASU 2015-02, *Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis*, as issued by the FASB. This ASU amends the guidance on the analysis to be performed by a reporting entity in order to determine if it must consolidate certain types of legal entities. It was applied on a modified retrospective basis and has not had any impact on Hydro-Québec's consolidated financial statements.

#### ***Statement of operations***

On January 1, 2016, Hydro-Québec adopted ASU 2015-01, *Income Statement—Extraordinary and Unusual Items (Subtopic 225-20): Simplifying Income Statement Presentation by Eliminating the Concept of Extraordinary Items*, as issued by the FASB. It was applied prospectively and has not had any impact on Hydro-Québec's consolidated financial statements.



## Note 2 Changes to Accounting Policies (continued)

### STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

#### **Statement of cash flows**

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*. This ASU clarifies how certain items are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. It will apply on a full retrospective basis to interim and annual financial statements for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Hydro-Québec is currently examining the impact of this ASU on its consolidated financial statements.

#### **Investments**

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-07, *Investments—Equity Method and Joint Ventures (Topic 323): Simplifying the Transition to the Equity Method of Accounting*. This ASU simplifies the application of the equity method of accounting in the case where a reporting entity increases its level of investment in another entity or its degree of influence over such an entity. The ASU will apply prospectively to transactions as of January 1, 2017. Hydro-Québec is currently examining the impact of this ASU on its consolidated financial statements.

#### **Leases**

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. This ASU provides guidance on lease definition, recognition and presentation and requires the recognition of assets and liabilities by lessees for all operating and finance leases with a term of more than 12 months. It will apply on a modified retrospective basis to interim and annual financial statements for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. Hydro-Québec is currently examining the impact of this ASU on its consolidated financial statements.

#### **Financial instruments**

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, *Financial Instruments—Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. This ASU provides guidance on the recognition and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities. It will be applied on a simplified retrospective basis to interim and annual financial statements for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, and should not have any significant impact on Hydro-Québec's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments—Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*. This ASU provides new guidance on the impairment of financial assets that are not accounted for at fair value through net income. It will be applied on a modified retrospective basis to the consolidated financial statements for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020. Hydro-Québec is currently examining the impact of this ASU on its consolidated financial statements, but does not intend early adoption.

#### **Revenue**

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*. This ASU provides guidance on the recognition of revenue at the time that goods or services are transferred to a client, for an amount that reflects the payment which the entity expects to receive in exchange for the goods or services.

In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date*, which defers the effective date of this guidance by one year.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-08, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net)*. This ASU clarifies the guidance used to determine if an entity is acting on its own behalf or as an intermediary.

In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-10, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing*. This ASU clarifies guidance on identifying performance obligations and the licensing of intellectual property rights.

In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-12, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients*. This ASU clarifies the guidance on assessing collectibility, on noncash considerations and on completed contracts on the date of initial application.

These ASUs will apply on a full or simplified retrospective basis to consolidated financial statements for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018. Hydro-Québec is currently examining their impact on its consolidated financial statements, but does not intend early adoption.

## Note 3 Regulation

### DISTRIBUTION

In decision D-2016-047 of March 23, 2016, the Régie de l'énergie (the Régie) authorized an increase of 0.70% in all Hydro-Québec electricity rates except Rate L, which remains the same. The new rates are effective as of April 1, 2016. The authorized return on the rate base was set at 6.95%, assuming a capitalization with 35% equity.

In decision D-2016-033 of March 7, 2016, the Régie authorized the Distributor to include in its 2016–2017 rates a debit amount of \$248 million for variances in supply costs for electricity in excess of the heritage pool in 2013 and 2014, a credit amount of \$168 million for revenue variances related to climate conditions in 2015, as well as a credit amount of \$3 million corresponding to the balance of the deferral account for the changeover to U.S. GAAP.

In decision D-2016-105 of July 5, 2016, the Régie revoked decisions D-2015-179 and D-2016-069, in which it had approved an agreement regarding use of a generating station during peak demand periods.

### TRANSMISSION

In decision D-2016-046 of March 23, 2016, the Régie set Hydro-Québec's power transmission rates for 2016. The authorized return on the rate base was set at 6.85%, assuming a capitalization with 30% equity.

In decision D-2016-029 of March 2, 2016, the Régie authorized the Transmission Provider to include in its 2016 rates a credit amount of \$46 million corresponding to the balance of the deferral account for the changeover to U.S. GAAP, as well as a credit amount of up to \$6 million to implement and apply the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's Critical Infrastructure Protection Version 5 (CIP V5) standards.

In partial and interim decision D-2016-077 of May 18, 2016, the Régie authorized the Transmission Provider to create a non-rate-base deferral account for the recognition of all expenses incurred as of April 11, 2016, as part of the project involving the emergency replacement of PK model circuit breakers. These expenses will bear interest. As at September 30, 2016, \$31 million had been recognized in this account.

## Note 4 Depreciation and Amortization

	Three months ended September 30		Nine months ended September 30	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Property, plant and equipment	555	540	1,652	1,606
Intangible assets	45	39	131	116
Regulatory assets and liabilities	29	70	87	213
Retirement of capital assets	4	25	16	47
	<b>633</b>	674	<b>1,886</b>	1,982

## Note 5 Financial Expenses

	Three months ended September 30		Nine months ended September 30	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Interest on debt securities	623	627	1,867	1,917
Net exchange (gain) loss	(3)	(26)	31	(55)
Guarantee fees related to debt securities	55	52	164	154
	<b>675</b>	653	<b>2,062</b>	2,016
Less				
Capitalized financial expenses	52	57	141	160
Net investment income	7	6	26	21
	<b>59</b>	63	<b>167</b>	181
	<b>616</b>	590	<b>1,895</b>	1,835

## Note 6 Financial Instruments

In the course of its operations, Hydro-Québec carries out transactions that expose it to certain financial risks, such as market, liquidity and credit risk. Exposure to such risks and the impact on results are reduced through careful monitoring and implementation of strategies that include the use of derivative instruments.

### MARKET RISK

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. Hydro-Québec is exposed to three main types of market risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and risk associated with energy and aluminum prices. Active integrated management of these three types of risk aims to limit exposure to each risk and reduce their overall impact on results.

### MANAGEMENT OF LONG-TERM RISK

#### *Management of risk associated with debt*

Currency risk and interest rate risk – Hydro-Québec uses forward contracts and currency swaps to manage the currency risk associated with long-term debt and perpetual debt, as well as forward contracts and interest rate swaps to modify long-term exposure to interest rate risk. When designated as hedging items, these derivative instruments are recognized as cash flow hedges or fair value hedges, depending on the risk hedged. The impact on results of foreign currency hedging transactions and those associated with debt interest rates is recognized in Financial expenses.

The following table shows the notional amounts, expressed in Canadian dollars and foreign currencies, of forward contracts and swaps used to manage long-term risk:

	As at September 30, 2016 <sup>a</sup>	As at December 31, 2015 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Forward contracts</b>		
U.S. dollars	<b>1,223</b>	2,230
<b>Swaps</b>		
Canadian dollars	<b>(8,066)</b>	(9,400)
U.S. dollars	<b>5,730</b>	6,042
Other currencies		
Euros	–	61
Yen	<b>1,000</b>	1,000

a) Figures in parentheses represent amounts to be paid.

### MANAGEMENT OF SHORT-TERM RISK

Currency risk – Hydro-Québec uses forward contracts to manage its foreign currency risk exposure over the short term. When designated as hedging items, these derivative instruments are recognized as cash flow hedges. The impact of currency risk hedging transactions on results is recognized in the line item affected by the hedged item, namely Revenue, Electricity and fuel purchases, or Financial expenses. The notional amount of open positions in currency sales and purchase contracts as at September 30, 2016, was US\$975 million and US\$1,556 million, respectively (US\$1,129 million in currency sales contracts and no open position in currency purchase contracts as at December 31, 2015).

Interest rate risk – Hydro-Québec uses forward rate agreements and interest rate swaps to manage short-term interest rate risk. When designated as hedging items, these derivative instruments are recognized as cash flow hedges. The impact on results of transactions to hedge short-term interest rate risk is recognized in the line item affected by the hedged item, namely Financial expenses.

Price risk – Hydro-Québec uses mainly commodity futures and swaps to manage risk resulting from fluctuations in energy and aluminum prices. When designated as hedging items, these derivative instruments are recognized as cash flow hedges. The impact on results of transactions to hedge the risk related to energy and aluminum prices is recognized in the line item affected by the hedged item, namely Revenue or Electricity and fuel purchases. In this context, Hydro-Québec has traded electricity futures and swaps for which open positions as at September 30, 2016, totaled 19.8 TWh (20.0 TWh as at December 31, 2015), natural gas futures for which open positions as at September 30, 2016, totaled 5.0 million MMBtu (no open position as at December 31, 2015), petroleum product swaps for which open positions as at September 30, 2016, totaled 4.3 million litres (8.5 million litres as at December 31, 2015), as well as aluminum swaps for which open positions as at September 30, 2016, totaled 152,600 tonnes (no open position as at December 31, 2015).

## Note 6 Financial Instruments (continued)

### FAIR VALUE

#### FAIR VALUE OF DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The following tables present the fair value of derivative instruments by type and depending on whether they are designated as fair value hedges or cash flow hedges, or not designated as hedges:

	As at September 30, 2016			
	Derivatives designated as fair value hedges	Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	Derivatives not designated as hedges <sup>a</sup>	Gross amounts of derivatives recognized <sup>b</sup>
<b>Assets</b>				
Contracts – Currency risk	–	1,248	406	<b>1,654</b>
Contracts – Currency risk and interest rate risk	3	–	–	<b>3</b>
Contracts – Interest rate risk	736	–	–	<b>736</b>
Contracts – Price risk	–	103	70	<b>173</b>
	<b>739</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>2,566</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Contracts – Currency risk	–	(166)	(1,661)	<b>(1,827)</b>
Contracts – Currency risk and interest rate risk	–	–	–	–
Contracts – Interest rate risk	–	–	(3)	<b>(3)</b>
Contracts – Price risk	–	(20)	(18)	<b>(38)</b>
	–	<b>(186)</b>	<b>(1,682)</b>	<b>(1,868)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>(1,206)</b>	<b>698</b>
	As at December 31, 2015			
	Derivatives designated as fair value hedges	Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges	Derivatives not designated as hedges <sup>a</sup>	Gross amounts of derivatives recognized <sup>b</sup>
<b>Assets</b>				
Contracts – Currency risk	–	1,682	157	1,839
Contracts – Currency risk and interest rate risk	1	–	–	1
Contracts – Interest rate risk	573	–	–	573
Contracts – Price risk	–	219	84	303
	<b>574</b>	<b>1,901</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>2,716</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Contracts – Currency risk	–	(139)	(2,398)	(2,537)
Contracts – Currency risk and interest rate risk	–	–	–	–
Contracts – Interest rate risk	–	(7)	(6)	(13)
Contracts – Price risk	–	(24)	(44)	(68)
	–	<b>(170)</b>	<b>(2,448)</b>	<b>(2,618)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>(2,207)</b>	<b>98</b>

a) These derivative instruments are mainly traded as part of Hydro-Québec's risk management. As at September 30, 2016, \$(1,334) million was in consideration of amounts received or disbursed [\$(2,331) million as at December 31, 2015] with respect to agreements to limit the market value of the main portfolios of derivative instruments. These agreements arise from frameworks applied by Hydro-Québec to reduce its credit risk exposure and limit risk concentration.

b) Fair value measurements of derivative instruments are Level 2 measurements. These measurements are obtained by discounting future cash flows, which are estimated on the basis of the spot rates, forward rates or forward prices (foreign exchange rates, interest rates, and energy or aluminum prices) in effect on the balance sheet date and take into account the credit risk assessment. The valuation techniques make use of observable market data.

## Note 6 Financial Instruments (continued)

The impact of offsetting derivative instruments is shown in the table below:

	As at September 30, 2016				As at December 31, 2015			
	Gross amounts of derivatives recognized	Gross amounts offset <sup>a</sup>	Cash (received) paid as collateral <sup>b</sup>	Net amounts presented on the balance sheet	Gross amounts of derivatives recognized	Gross amounts offset <sup>a</sup>	Cash (received) paid as collateral <sup>b</sup>	Net amounts presented on the balance sheet
<b>Assets</b>								
Current	584	(454)	(8)	<b>122</b>	452	(178)	–	274
Long-term	1,982	(1,326)	(360)	<b>296</b>	2,264	(2,136)	–	128
	<b>2,566</b>	<b>(1,780)</b>	<b>(368)</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>2,716</b>	<b>(2,314)</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>402</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Current	(1,694)	1,612	–	<b>(82)</b>	(2,550)	2,251	–	(299)
Long-term	(174)	168	–	<b>(6)</b>	(68)	63	–	(5)
	<b>(1,868)</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(88)</b>	<b>(2,618)</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(304)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>(368)</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>98</b>

- a) The gross amounts of derivatives offset are related to contracts traded according to International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) guidelines and constituting enforceable master netting arrangements. Such master netting arrangements apply to all derivative instrument contracts traded over the counter.
- b) Cash amounts offset represent amounts received or paid under collateral exchange agreements signed in compliance with ISDA guidelines.

Moreover, although certain derivatives cannot be offset for lack of enforceable master netting arrangements, margin calls may result in amounts received from or paid to clearing agents, based on the fair value of the instruments concerned. As at September 30, 2016, \$97 million payable to clearing agents in consideration of net cash receipts was included in Accounts payable and accrued liabilities, under Current liabilities on the balance sheet (\$316 million as at December 31, 2015).

## Note 6 Financial Instruments (continued)

The impact of derivative instruments on results and other comprehensive income is presented in the tables below. It should be noted that most derivative instruments traded are designated as cash flow hedges or fair value hedges and therefore reduce the volatility of results, except for the ineffective portion of the hedges, which is insignificant. Derivative instruments which are not designated as hedges, but which nonetheless provide an economic hedge for at-risk opposite positions, also reduce the volatility of results. The sensitivity of results is thus limited to net exposure to unhedged risks.

	Three months ended September 30, 2016				
	Losses (gains) on derivatives designated as fair value hedges	Losses (gains) on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges			Losses (gains) on derivatives not designated as hedges
	Recognized in results	Effective portion recognized in Other comprehensive income	Ineffective portion recognized in results	Effective portion reclassified from Other comprehensive income to results	Recognized in results
Contracts – Currency risk	–	38	–	(81) <sup>a</sup>	(30)
Contracts – Currency risk and interest rate risk	–	–	–	–	–
Contracts – Interest rate risk	(11)	–	–	– <sup>b</sup>	–
Contracts – Price risk	–	(36)	1 <sup>c</sup>	(23) <sup>c</sup>	(4)
	<b>(11)<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(104)</b>	<b>(34)<sup>e</sup></b>
Impact of hedged items on results	<b>9</b>			<b>104</b>	<b>32</b>

	Three months ended September 30, 2015				
	Losses (gains) on derivatives designated as fair value hedges	Losses (gains) on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges			Losses (gains) on derivatives not designated as hedges
	Recognized in results	Effective portion recognized in Other comprehensive income	Ineffective portion recognized in results	Effective portion reclassified from Other comprehensive income to results	Recognized in results
Contracts – Currency risk	–	(860)	–	(549) <sup>a</sup>	(287)
Contracts – Currency risk and interest rate risk	(1)	–	–	–	–
Contracts – Interest rate risk	(91)	(3)	–	– <sup>b</sup>	–
Contracts – Price risk	–	(119)	(2) <sup>c</sup>	(85) <sup>c</sup>	(4)
	<b>(92)<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>(982)</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>(634)</b>	<b>(291)<sup>e</sup></b>
Impact of hedged items on results	<b>88</b>			<b>634</b>	<b>294</b>

a) The impact on results of currency risk hedging transactions is recognized in the line item affected by the hedged item. Therefore, \$(18) million was recognized in Revenue in 2016 (\$19 million in 2015), and \$(63) million in Financial expenses [\$(568) million in 2015].

b) The impact on results of interest rate risk hedging transactions is recognized in the line item affected by the hedged item. No amount was recognized in Financial expenses in 2016 and 2015.

c) The impact on results of transactions to hedge energy and aluminum price risk is recognized in the line item affected by the hedged item. Therefore, \$(22) million was recognized in Revenue in 2016 [\$(87) million in 2015].

d) The impact on results of fair value risk hedging transactions, including the ineffective portion, which amounts to \$(2) million in 2016 [\$(4) million in 2015], is recognized in the line item affected by the hedged item, namely Financial expenses.

e) These instruments are essentially related to integrated risk management transactions. The impact of these instruments on results is recognized in the line item affected by the managed risk. Therefore, \$5 million was recognized in Revenue in 2016 (\$9 million in 2015), \$(7) million in Electricity and fuel purchases [\$(2) million in 2015], and \$(32) million in Financial expenses [\$(298) million in 2015].

## Note 6 Financial Instruments (continued)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2016				
	Losses (gains) on derivatives designated as fair value hedges	Losses (gains) on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges			Losses (gains) on derivatives not designated as hedges
	Recognized in results	Effective portion recognized in Other comprehensive income	Ineffective portion recognized in results	Effective portion reclassified from Other comprehensive income to results	Recognized in results
Contracts – Currency risk	–	419	–	472 <sup>a</sup>	190
Contracts – Currency risk and interest rate risk	(1)	–	–	–	–
Contracts – Interest rate risk	(179)	(2)	–	2 <sup>b</sup>	–
Contracts – Price risk	–	(217)	1 <sup>c</sup>	(347) <sup>c</sup>	(50)
	<b>(180)<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>140<sup>e</sup></b>
<b>Impact of hedged items on results</b>	<b>168</b>			<b>(127)</b>	<b>(191)</b>

	Nine months ended September 30, 2015				
	Losses (gains) on derivatives designated as fair value hedges	Losses (gains) on derivatives designated as cash flow hedges			Losses (gains) on derivatives not designated as hedges
	Recognized in results	Effective portion recognized in Other comprehensive income	Ineffective portion recognized in results	Effective portion reclassified from Other comprehensive income to results	Recognized in results
Contracts – Currency risk	–	(1,416)	2 <sup>a</sup>	(1,026) <sup>a</sup>	(485)
Contracts – Currency risk and interest rate risk	(14)	–	–	–	–
Contracts – Interest rate risk	(94)	2	–	2 <sup>b</sup>	7
Contracts – Price risk	–	(203)	(5) <sup>c</sup>	(173) <sup>c</sup>	(20)
	<b>(108)<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>(1,617)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(1,197)</b>	<b>(498)<sup>e</sup></b>
<b>Impact of hedged items on results</b>	<b>108</b>			<b>1,197</b>	<b>504</b>

- a) The impact on results of currency risk hedging transactions is recognized in the line item affected by the hedged item. Therefore, \$35 million was recognized in Revenue in 2016 (\$81 million in 2015), and \$437 million in Financial expenses [\$(1,105) million in 2015].
- b) The impact on results of interest rate risk hedging transactions is recognized in the line item affected by the hedged item. Therefore, \$2 million was recognized in Financial expenses in 2016 and 2015.
- c) The impact on results of transactions to hedge energy and aluminum price risk is recognized in the line item affected by the hedged item. Therefore, \$(346) million was recognized in Revenue in 2016 [\$(178) million in 2015].
- d) The impact on results of fair value risk hedging transactions, including the ineffective portion, which amounts to \$(12) million in 2016 (nil in 2015), is recognized in the line item affected by the hedged item, namely Financial expenses.
- e) These instruments are essentially related to integrated risk management transactions. The impact of these instruments on results is recognized in the line item affected by the managed risk. Therefore, \$(56) million was recognized in Revenue in 2016 (\$13 million in 2015), \$(12) million in Electricity and fuel purchases [\$(9) million in 2015], and \$208 million in Financial expenses [\$(502) million in 2015].

## Note 6 Financial Instruments (continued)

During the first nine months of 2016, Hydro-Québec did not reclassify any amounts from Accumulated other comprehensive income to results after having discontinued cash flow hedges (net gain of \$3 million during the first nine months of 2015).

As at September 30, 2016, the net amount of gains presented in Accumulated other comprehensive income that would be reclassified to results in the next 12 months was estimated at \$101 million (\$46 million as at September 30, 2015).

As at September 30, 2016 and 2015, the maximum period during which Hydro-Québec hedged its exposure to the variability of cash flows related to anticipated transactions was three years.

### FAIR VALUE OF OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair value measurements for other financial instruments are Level 2 measurements. Fair value is obtained by discounting future cash flows, based on rates observed on the balance sheet date for similar instruments traded on capital markets.

The fair value of cash equivalents, receivables – accounts receivable, other receivables and financial liabilities approximates their carrying amount because of the short-term nature of these financial instruments, except in the case of the items presented in the table below:

	As at September 30, 2016		As at December 31, 2015	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Long-term debt <sup>a</sup>	45,562	65,349	45,672	62,106
Perpetual debt	286	190	311	237

a) Including the current portion.

### Accounts receivable and other receivables

Accounts receivable and other receivables include unbilled electricity deliveries, which totaled \$686 million as at September 30, 2016 (\$1,093 million as at December 31, 2015).

## Note 7 Supplementary Cash Flow Information

	Three months ended September 30		Nine months ended September 30	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
<b>Change in non-cash working capital items</b>				
Accounts receivable and other receivables	576	440	594	111
Materials, fuel and supplies	(2)	(11)	(6)	(8)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(46)	(98)	(450)	(422)
Accrued interest	(394)	(370)	(449)	(416)
	134	(39)	(311)	(735)
<b>Investing activities not affecting cash</b>				
Increase in property, plant and equipment	113	33	155	64
<b>Interest paid</b>	<b>877</b>	892	<b>1,964</b>	2,013



## Note 8 Employee Future Benefits

	Three months ended September 30			
	Pension Plan		Other plans	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Current service cost	105	110	11	11
Interest on obligations	192	220	12	14
Expected return on plan assets	(334)	(326)	(1)	(1)
Amortization of net actuarial loss	62	73	6	6
Amortization of past service costs (credits)	4	7	(1)	1
<b>Net cost recognized</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>

	Nine months ended September 30			
	Pension Plan		Other plans	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Current service cost	317	332	34	33
Interest on obligations	574	660	36	40
Expected return on plan assets	(1,001)	(978)	(3)	(2)
Amortization of net actuarial loss	185	219	19	18
Amortization of past service costs (credits)	12	21	(3)	(1)
<b>Net cost recognized</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>88</b>

Since January 1, 2016, Hydro-Québec has been using a more precise method to estimate the cost of services rendered and interest on its employee future benefit plan obligations. These costs were previously estimated by applying an average weighted discount rate based on the interest rate curve used to measure employee future benefit obligations at the beginning of the year. Under the new method, separate discount rates based on the interest rate curve are used to reflect the various payment maturity dates of the projected benefits.

In addition, the assumption regarding the expected long-term rate of return on Pension Plan assets was revised downward for the year ending December 31, 2016.

These changes in accounting estimates were applied prospectively. For the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016, they resulted in decreases of \$23 million and \$69 million, respectively, in the net cost of employee future benefits.

## Note 9      Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

	Nine months ended September 30, 2016			
	Cash flow hedges	Employee future benefits	Translation differences	Accumulated other comprehensive income
Balance, beginning of period	233	(1,678)	–	<b>(1,445)</b>
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	(200)	–	(1)	<b>(201)</b>
Amounts reclassified to results	127	85	–	<b>212</b>
Other comprehensive income	(73)	85 <sup>a</sup>	(1)	<b>11</b>
Balance, end of period	160	(1,593)	(1)	<b>(1,434)</b>

	Nine months ended September 30, 2015			
	Cash flow hedges	Employee future benefits	Translation differences	Accumulated other comprehensive income
Balance, beginning of period	(187)	(1,985)	–	(2,172)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	1,617	(22)	–	1,595
Amounts reclassified to results	(1,197)	209	–	(988)
Other comprehensive income	420	187 <sup>a</sup>	–	607
Balance, end of period	233	(1,798)	–	(1,565)

a) Other comprehensive income includes the change in the employee future benefit regulatory asset, which totaled \$(128) million as at September 30, 2016 [\$46) million as at September 30, 2015].

## **Note 10      Contingencies**

### **GUARANTEES**

In accordance with the terms and conditions of certain debt securities issued outside Canada, Hydro-Québec has undertaken to increase the amount of interest paid to non-residents in the event of changes to Canadian tax legislation governing the taxation of non-residents' income. Hydro-Québec cannot estimate the maximum amount it might have to pay under such circumstances. Should an amount become payable, Hydro-Québec has the option of redeeming most of the securities in question. As at September 30, 2016, the amortized cost of the long-term debts concerned was \$4,359 million.

### **LITIGATION**

In the normal course of its development and operating activities, Hydro-Québec is sometimes party to claims and legal proceedings. Management is of the opinion that an adequate provision has been made for these legal actions. Consequently, it does not foresee any significant adverse effect of such contingent liabilities on Hydro-Québec's consolidated operating results or financial position.

Among other ongoing actions, some Aboriginal communities have instituted proceedings against the governments of Canada and Québec, as well as against Hydro-Québec, based on demands concerning their ancestral rights. In particular, the Innus of Uashat mak Mani-Utenam are demanding \$1.5 billion in damages resulting from various operations carried out on land they claim as their own. Hydro-Québec is challenging the legitimacy of these claims.

In June 2009, the Innus of Uashat mak Mani-Utenam filed for an injunction with the Superior Court of Québec to suspend work at the Romaine complex jobsite, and in May 2010, an application was added for an interlocutory injunction to suspend work on the related tie lines. In March 2015, a proposed out-of-court settlement for the injunction proceedings was accepted by a vast majority of the applicants. In November 2015, the Attorney General of Québec presented a motion to have the courts declare as inadmissible the injunctions being brought by dissident claimants. The Superior Court granted this motion in its ruling of February 23, 2016. The dissident claimants appealed the decision, but their appeal was improperly initiated. Given that they did not correct the error within the stipulated six months, the ruling of February 2016 is considered final.

As well, in November 2006, the Innus of Pessamit reactivated a case instituted in 1998 aimed at obtaining, among other things, the recognition of ancestral rights related to Québec lands on which certain hydroelectric generating facilities belonging to the Manic-Outardes complex are located. The Innus of Pessamit are claiming \$500 million. Hydro-Québec is challenging the legitimacy of this claim. In July 2015, the Superior Court granted a motion in which the Innus of Pessamit requested that proceedings be suspended until the end of January 2017 so that they could pursue discussions with the Québec government.

## Note 11 Segmented Information

The following tables present information on segment results and assets:

							Three months ended September 30, 2016
	Generation	Transmission	Distribution	Construction	Corporate and Other Activities	Intersegment eliminations and adjustments	Total
Revenue							
External customers	444	9	2,271	–	16	–	<b>2,740</b>
Intersegment customers	960	792	18	570	416	(2,756)	–
Net income (loss)	325	165	(215)	–	31	–	<b>306</b>

							Three months ended September 30, 2015
	Generation	Transmission	Distribution	Construction	Corporate and Other Activities	Intersegment eliminations and adjustments	Total
Revenue							
External customers	445	23	2,304	–	32	–	2,804
Intersegment customers	914	800	19	536	403	(2,672)	–
Net income (loss)	360	155	(215)	–	39	–	339

							Nine months ended September 30, 2016
	Generation	Transmission	Distribution	Construction	Corporate and Other Activities	Intersegment eliminations and adjustments	Total
Revenue							
External customers	1,363	52	8,401	–	41	–	<b>9,857</b>
Intersegment customers	3,456	2,355	58	1,497	1,247	(8,613)	–
Net income	1,438	471	215	–	72	–	<b>2,196</b>
Total assets as at September 30, 2016	32,934	21,110	13,203	57	8,500	(180)	<b>75,624</b>

							Nine months ended September 30, 2015
	Generation	Transmission	Distribution	Construction	Corporate and Other Activities	Intersegment eliminations and adjustments	Total
Revenue							
External customers	1,445	74	8,785	–	38	–	10,342
Intersegment customers	3,628	2,394	61	1,396	1,207	(8,686)	–
Net income	1,753	447	219	–	53	–	2,472
Total assets as at September 30, 2015	32,846	20,615	13,197	66	7,641	(184)	74,181

## Note 12 Comparative Information

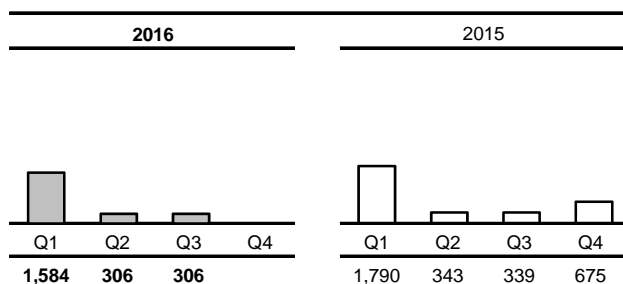
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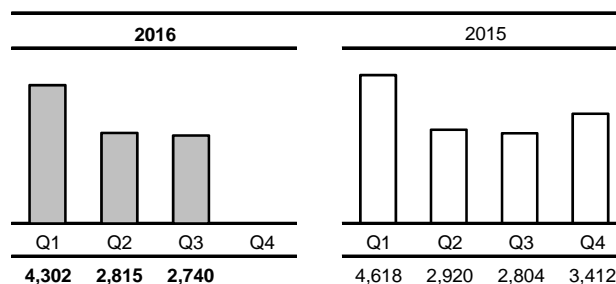
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Summary of Operations	Three months ended September 30				Nine months ended September 30			
	2016	2015	Change (%)		2016	2015	Change (%)	
Revenue	<b>2,740</b>	2,804	2.3	↓	<b>9,857</b>	10,342	4.7	↓
Expenditure	<b>1,818</b>	1,875	3.0	↓	<b>5,766</b>	6,035	4.5	↓
Financial expenses	<b>616</b>	590	4.4	↑	<b>1,895</b>	1,835	3.3	↑
Net income	<b>306</b>	339	9.7	↓	<b>2,196</b>	2,472	11.2	↓

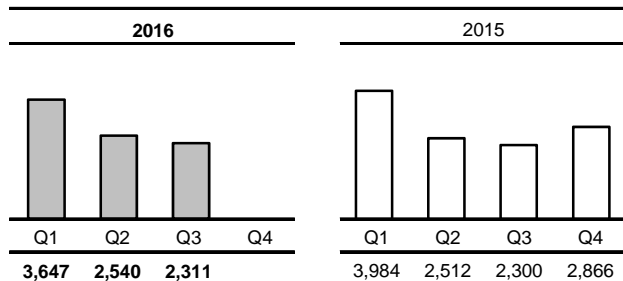
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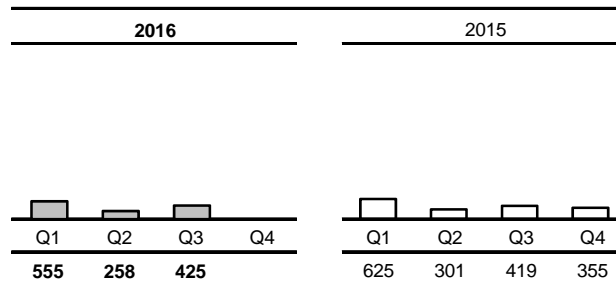
## Revenue



## Revenue from Electricity Sales in Québec



## Revenue from Electricity Sales Outside Québec



Note: Throughout the Consolidated Financial Highlights, certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current periods.

