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Task Force on Rate Setting Formed

Québec, October 30, 2007 – The Minister of Finance, Minister for Government Services, Minister responsible for Government Administration and Chair of the Conseil du trésor du Québec, Monique Jérôme-Forget, today announced the formation of the Task Force on Rate Setting. The Task Force will examine the issues and advise the government on the formulation of a new policy on rate setting.

The Task Force will be chaired by Claude Montmarquette, professor at the Université de Montréal and Vice-President for Public Policy at CIRANO. Mr. Montmarquette will be assisted by Lise Lachapelle, a consultant in business strategy and public policy, and by Joseph Facal, professor at the École des Hautes Études Commerciales and former Chair of the Conseil du trésor.

As part of its mandate, the Task Force will, in particular:

- draw up an inventory of rates imposed by the Québec government;
- compare the situation in Québec with that of other jurisdictions, in particular the provinces of Canada;
- propose principles the government can use in formulating a rate-setting policy covering all of the public sector.

For Québec, developing a rate-setting policy will help guide the actions of the public sector in this field, improve funding to maintain quality services, enhance transparency and facilitate accountability. The Task Force will submit its report in January 2008.

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