

## **Regarding connection requests in the Marseille area**

In early 2023, RTE received several connection requests located in the north of Marseille. At the same time, the distribution network in Marseille is facing a sharp increase in connection requests to its network, driven by major projects linked to the ecological transition (electrification of transport and of the docks of Marseille port) and urban development.

RTE estimates that the additional power required to absorb the increase in electricity consumption should be between 200 MW and 550 MW, in an area where connection possibilities are complex (saturation of substations in dense urban areas, local electrical constraints, etc.).

To meet this demand, RTE is planning reinforcement work in the north of the Marseille region, including the creation of a new 225 kV substation.

RTE should set up a mutualised connection solution in this zone, in order to tackle the difficulties in designing connection solutions adapted to concomitant and geographically close connection requests. This mutualisation should bring costs reduction and an equitable distribution of costs among the customers benefiting from its mutualised infrastructures, by means of a component of the connection charge "per MW requested" (known as the quota).

The Commission de Régulation de l'Energie (CRE) has been informed of the conditions of this mutualised offer, in anticipation of the implementation of article 32 of the law on accelerating production of REs, which will require it to give a formal ruling on the amount of the share per MW of connection capacity.

RTE now responds to connection requests in this zone on the basis of this mutualised offer.