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Order no. 49/2017 regarding the modification of the Performance Standard for the Electricity Distribution Service, approved by the Order of the President of the National Regulatory Authority for Energy no. 11/2016, issued by NRAE, was published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 535 of July 7, 2017.

The Order amends the Performance Standard for the Electricity Distribution Service, approved by the Order of the President of the National Regulatory Authority for Energy no. 11/2016, establishing, inter alia, that:

- The provisions of the standard do not apply to abnormal operation of the distribution network (DN) determined by the transmission system operator (TSO), provided that the distribution operator (DO) has taken all measures to limit the effects of the cause of abnormal operation;
- In the event of a special incident in the DN, the OD concessionaire is obliged to inform NRAE at the latest on the next working day, specifying: the affected DN area, the number of places of consumption and / or production affected, and, if available, the duration of the interruption and the cause of the occurrence of the incident;
- OD ensures the arrival of the intervention team for the urban or rural environment under special meteorological conditions generating damage to DN elements outside built-up areas area within 72 hours of being aware of the interruption of power to a place of consumption and / or production;
- OD is obliged to respond, within 30 calendar days, to all requests / complaints received regarding the distribution service, other than those for which there is a deadline explicitly stipulated for replying in the applicable regulations;

Date of entry into effect: July 07, 2017

Order no. 62/2017 for amending and supplementing the Methodology regarding the establishment of fees for issuing and updating technical approvals, connection certificates and site approvals, approved by the Order of the President of the National Regulatory Authority for Energy no. 61/2014, issued by the NRAE, was published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 613 of 28 July 2017.

Order no. 62/2017 amends and supplements the Methodology for the establishment of the fees for issuing and updating technical approvals, connection certificates and site approvals, establishing inter alia that:

- Fees for ATR issuance and ATR / CR update fees are set by power intervals, according to Annex no. 1 to the Methodology, and do not include VAT;

- If the subject of an AA request is a network with one or more utility lines, the applied fee is equal to the AA issuance fee for 1 km of the utility network multiplied by the total length for which the conditions for coexistence with the electricity network are verified and established;
- If the request to update an ATR or a CR involves both technical and administrative changes, network operators shall make all updates and charge a single fee, corresponding to technical changes and the power interval change required.

Date of entry into effect: 28 July 2017.

Order no. 63/2017 amending the Annex to the Order of the President of the National Regulatory Authority for Energy no. 114/2014 for the approval of fees for issuance and update of technical approvals for connection, connection certificates and site approvals issued by NRAE, was published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 613 of 28 July 2017.

This Order amends and replaces the Annex to the Order of the President of the National Regulatory Authority for Energy no. 114/2014 for the approval of the fees for issuance and update of technical connection notes, connection certificates and site approvals.

The Annex contains the fees for issuing and updating technical connection notes, connection certificates and site approvals.

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