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Energy Industry Group Newsletter



Emergency actions to guarantee the operation of the National Electric System impacting new energy generation projects from renewable sources

On April 29, 2020, the National Center for Energy Control ("CENACE") published on its official website, an Agreement (<u>available here</u>) that contains several measures aimed to "strengthen and maintain Quality, Reliability, Continuity and Security of the Electric Supply during the contingency caused by the SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) virus".

One of the new measures is that as of May 3, 2020, the pre-operational tests of intermittent wind and photovoltaic power plants in the process of commercial operation are suspended. Likewise, for those that have not started up yet, pre-operational tests will not be authorized.

Thus, the Agreement at hand has relevant implications for the electricity generation industry in our country and would affect the start of operations of wind and photovoltaic plants that are pre-operational, as well as those wind and photovoltaic energy generation projects who sought to obtain an authorization for such purposes. At Sánchez Devanny, our Energy Industry Group has experience in these issues, from regulatory, constitutional and administrative litigation perspectives. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding the implications of this Agreement, or to discuss the legal strategy that could be implemented in case your project's entry into operation or implementation is being threatened by the aforementioned Agreement.

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