

Update: Suspension of legal terms for the Federal Ministry of Energy and the Energy Regulatory Commission

On May 29, the following rulings related to administrative authorities of the energy sector, were published in the Official Federal Gazette:

- i) Federal Ministry of Energy (“**SENER**”). *“Ruling that modifies the ruling establishing the suspension of deadlines and legal terms in the Federal Ministry of Energy, as a preventive measure against the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic” (“SENER Ruling”).*
- ii) Energy Regulatory Commission (“**CRE**”). *“Ruling number A/018/2020 that modifies the rulings A/010/2020, A/014/2020 and A/015/2020 which declares the suspension of legal terms and proceedings carried out before the Energy Regulatory Commission as a measure to prevent and combat the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus,” (“CRE Ruling”).*

The Rulings establish that the suspension of legal terms and deadlines in acts and proceedings carried out before the SENER and the CRE will be extended from June 1 until the health authorities establish that there is no epidemiological risk.

The proceedings, notices, requests and submissions filed before SENER and the CRE during the above-mentioned period, will be considered as if they were filed once the health authorities establish that there is no epidemiological risk.

Specifically, the CRE Ruling sets forth that during the referred period, days and hours may be enabled in order to attend those matters considered necessary by the CRE’s Governing Body or its Administrative Units.

Furthermore, the CRE Ruling declares that the administrative proceedings for acquisitions, leases and services that are extremely urgent or necessary for the continuity of operations for the fulfilment of the essential functions of the CRE, are exempt from the suspension period declared in the Ruling.

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