

Energy Regulatory Office

Abstract

Energy regulatory office (ERO) was established in 2001 by Act No. 458/2000 Coll., on business conditions and public administration in the energy sectors and on amendment to other laws as an independent specialized authority of the state administration for the regulation of energy sector and pricing authority in the field of energy. Among its main goals include prices regulation, licenses management, supervision performance over duties observance that licence – holders follow from law regulations and from ACER's resolution, European committee's and ERO's, controls executions and in case of disharmony between desirable and real behavior of stowing remedy sancitons investigation performance of competition requirements concerning electricity or gas in markets, information providing and dissension decision – making like subject supporting alternative dissension on disputes in power – engineering branch.

The aim of this thesis is to present the ERO as a whole with the approaching of its activities with a focus on defining its competence in relation to the environment, because humanity's depedence on energy brings with it negative effects that can lead to the disappearance of civilization. I tis therefore necessary to link the energy and environmental sectors and to direct the energy sector to sustainable development. One of the means of regulating the relationship is the ERO.

This thesis consists of three parts. In the first part of the thesis I am going to deal with the general characteristics of the ERO, especially its establishment, basic information about its legal status, its management, staffing, organizational structure, international cooperation and its focus on the issue of its status as an independent regulatory body.

In the second part I am concerning the competence of the ERO, which covers all three major infrastructure energy sectors, namely electricity, gas and heating.

In the last third part I am devoting the individual competencies of the ERO based on its competence. I am focusing on thes areas, which I consider to be he most important concerning price regulation, license management and also concern the exercise of supervision and related sancions and remedial measures, investigations, ouf-of-court dispute resolution and information provision.

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