

Suspension of deadlines and legal terms of the Energy Regulatory Commission, for the prevention and combat of COVID-19

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On January 18, 2021, the Energy Regulatory Commission (Comisión Reguladora de Energía) ("CRE") published in the Federal Official Gazette (Diario Oficial de la Federación) ("DOF") the "Decree that establishes the suspension of deadlines and legal terms of the Energy Regulatory Commission, as a measure to prevent and combat the spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus" (the "Decree").¹ The Decree is published because of the sanitary emergency due to force majeure declared by the General Health Council, generated by the SARS-CoV2 virus, as well as the different extraordinary actions that have been carried out by the federal and local sanitary authorities in Mexico.

By virtue of the Decree, the CRE established that as of the publication of it in the DOF, and until the corresponding sanitary authority determines that there is no epidemiological risk related to the opening of activities of the Federal Public Administration, the terms and conditions of the acts and procedures carried out before the CRE are suspended. This suspension will likely generate uncertainty for permit holders with applications before it, as there is no set deadline for the resumption of activities.

The Decree establishes that any acts, requirements, requests or promotions filed with the CRE during that period of time are considered to have been performed until the corresponding sanitary authority determines that there is no epidemiological risk related to the opening of activities, hence, until the CRE lifts the suspension. The CRE shall establish the schedule, attention days and health and security measures, for the operation of the Filing Office (Oficialía de Partes) and for the access of third parties to its facilities, and will inform them through its website.

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¹ For the original publication visit: https://www.dof.gob.mx/nota_detalle.php?codigo=5609975&fecha=18/01/2021.