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AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURE OF TEMPORARY GRID CONNECTION DURING MARTIAL LAW

On 18 October 2022, NEURC approved a resolution improving the Procedure of Temporary Grid Connection of Electrical Facilities to the Distribution System during Martial Law (the "Procedure"). Our overview of the Procedure is available via the <u>link</u>.

Key provisions

- From now on, the temporary grid connection envisaged by the Procedure applies to any electrical facilities (previously, it applied only to electricity consumption facilities).
- Electricity production facilities might be temporarily connected to the grid provided that the grid connection point is located on the border of the customer's land plot or directly on its territory.
- A term for the distribution system operator ("DSO") to provide the customer with the draft temporary grid connection agreement and technical conditions was increased from five (5) to ten (10) calendar days following the registration of the application on temporary grid connection.
- Within five (5) calendar days following the receipt of the draft temporary grid connection agreement and technical conditions from the DSO, the customer should choose the grid connection point and decide on the party responsible for the construction of the linear part of the grid connection (i.e., the customer independently (involving a contractor) or DSO).
- There are certain specifics if the customer decides to construct the linear part of the grid connection independently (involving a contractor). **These include:**



- o additional obligations of the customer to incorporate into the temporary grid connection agreement (e.g., approve design documentation for construction of the linear part of the grid connection with the DSO; transfer to the DSO electrical facilities and networks of the linear part of the grid connection upon their commissioning: etc.): and
- the DSO should send a notice on the provision of the temporary grid connection services to the customer within five (5) business days following the acceptance of the linear part of the grid connection to its ownership.
- Payment for the linear part of the grid connection depends on the party responsible for its construction:
 - o if it's the DSO, the payment is calculated according to the temporary grid connection agreement based on the estimate for the construction and installation works of the linear part of the grid connection; or
 - o if it's the customer, the DSO does not charge for the construction and installation works of the linear part of the grid connection, and there is no compensation for the corresponding expenses of the customer.

SOURCES:

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