

## THE SENATE RETURNS A BILL AMENDING THE PROMOTED ENERGY SOURCES ACT TO THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. SENATORS DEMAND HIGHER IRR FOR MOST SOURCES, INCLUDING SOLAR POWER PLANTS.

Two days ago, on 18 August 2021, the Senate **returned** to the Chamber of Deputies a bill amending the Promoted Energy Sources Act, which, among other amendments, introduces a review of the return rate on investments into promoted energy sources ("Bill").

The Senate has proposed a number of changes to the Bill, including the permitted IRR. According to senators, the IRR should be set for all sources within 8.4-10.6%, where the actual IRR for specific sources will be determined by the Cabinet. The IRR, however, will have to be within the above range, and consequently no energy source will be allowed to have the IRR set below 8.4%. It means that the IRR would be substantially increased in respect of hydro, wind, and, most importantly, solar power plants.

Under the Senate's proposal, solar power stations would also be included among sources eligible for receiving support through auctions in the future.

As to hydro-electric power stations that underwent reconstruction during 2002-2005, the Senate recommends extending subsidies until the 30th year after the year in which reconstruction was completed.

We will continue to monitor this matter and inform you of any further developments.

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