

ENERGY REGULATORY OFFICE ISSUED PRICE DECISION ONLY FOR ENERGY RESOURCES HAVING EU NOTIFICATION

On 29 September 2016 the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) has published the [price decision](#) setting the promotion for promoted energy resources for 2017 (Price Decision).

Once again, history is repeating itself, and the Price Decision contains only support for those power plants producing energy from renewable energy sources which have been put into operation during the period of 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017, with respect to which the European Commission has issued the respective decision about the conformity of this kind of “public aid” with the EU law.

Therefore, the respective Price Decision, *inter alia*, does not contain the 2017 support of electricity for those RES power plants put into the operation until the end of 2012. Such suspension will affect also solar power plants put into operation in the period from 2006 to 2012.

According to a [press release](#) of the opinion-making economic newspaper *Hospodářské noviny* dated 29 September 2016, ERO is prepared to issue an additional price decision with promotion for RES put into operation until the end of 2012 without undue delay, provided it receives the decision of the European Commission confirming correctness of such administrative proceeding and the conformity of such promotion with the EU law. Hanging in the balance is **CZK 42 billion** (i.e. approx. **EUR 1,55 billion**) for next year. Although the Chamber of Renewable Energy Sources states in the press release that such decision is about to be issued in October 2016, the Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade is silent regarding the anticipated date of the decision.

We will keep you updated on the further developments in the case. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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