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Review of the entry into force of the ARENH system provided for under the NOME Law

The ARENH (Regulated Access to Historic Nuclear Energy) system entered into force on the 1 July 2011. The second electricity purchasing window will run from 1 January to 31 December 2012. The expected delivery volume for this period is 60.7 TWh.

This system has had a significant effect on the major energy consumer segment which is particularly attentive to energy prices. The market share of alternative suppliers in this segment increased from 25.5% to 29.6% in volume between late May and late September 2011 which is an increase of 16% (+7.2 TWh). However the ARENH's impact on the residential customer and small business market is not significant at this stage although the pace of this market's opening has increased slightly.

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