

31 July 2012

Connection to electricity production facility distribution networks: a change in procedures is necessary

Consulted by the CRE, electricity producers expressed their difficulties in connecting up to public distribution networks. They asked for a change in the procedures for handling connection requests.

The CRE has released a summary of energy sector stakeholder contributions to the public consultation on procedures for handling producers public distribution network connection requests.

In particular, producers are asking that:

- network operator obligations of results are reinforced, particularly with regard to compliance with connection request handling times. They ask that network operator delays, which can affect the economic conditions of project implementation, give rise to compensation;
- connection applicant information is improved.

The CRE would like connection procedures to better meet the expectations of stakeholders while ensuring efficient, transparent, and non-discriminatory handling of production facility connection requests.

The CRE will therefore change the guidelines for the development and monitoring of connection request handling procedures set out in its decisions of 11 June 2009 and 18 November 2010.

Founded on 24 March 2000, the French Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE) is an independent administrative body. CRE works to guarantee smooth and efficient operation of the electricity and natural gas markets for the benefit of the end-user. It also works to guarantee the absence of discriminatory practices, cross-subsidies or restrictions on competition.

Press contacts:

Anne MONTEIL : 01.44.50.41.77 - anne.monteil@cre.fr

Cécile CASADEI : 01.44.50.89.16 – cecile.casadei@cre.fr