

Electricity distribution buenos aires

Edesur distributes and sells electricity in the southern area of Buenos Aires. This includes two-thirds of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires (CABA) and twelve districts of the Buenos Aires Province, covering a 3,309 km² area, for a period of 95 years starting from August 31, 1992.

This period includes an initial 15-year term and eight additional periods of 10 years each. On February 5, 2007, the National Electricity Regulatory Entity (ENRE) resolved to extend the initial period for five extra years, as of the end of the Integral Tariff Review (RTI) process.

On January 27, 2016, the MINEM No. 7/2016 Resolution was issued which instructed ENRE, among other things, to: adjust the VAD in the company's tariff charts, on behalf of the RTI (Integral Fees Renegotiation) and the framework of the Transitory Tariff Regime established in the Agreement Act and to carry out every action required to implement the RTI, which should have come into force before December 31, 2016. The process and schedule for the RTI was established through Resolution ENRE 55 as of April 5, 2016.

As part of the RTI process, on October 28, 2016 a call for a Public Consultation was launched to inform of the project and hear the opinions related to the tariff proposals that the distribution companies Edesur and Edenor presented to ENRE according to Resolution ENRE No. 55/2016.

On December 30, 2016, ENRE issued Resolution No. 626, approving the document denominated Final Public Consultation Resolution in order to inform and answer the opinions made in relation to the Tariffs Proposal presented previously by the companies with regards to the definition of tariffs to be applied, and move for the consideration of the Undersecretary of Tariffs Policy Coordination of the Ministry of Energy and Mining of the Nation, those proposed issues subjects planned that are not within the sphere of responsibility of said entity.

On February 1, 2017 the Integral Tariff Review came into force, thus ending the renegotiation process of the concession contract, reestablishing the full validity of the Concession Contract, the Tariff and the Service Quality Regime, which were renegotiated pursuant to the principles established by Law 24.065.

The validity of the RTI tariff period, established between February 1, 2017 and January 31, 2022, will require an improvement to the quality of service regime as the expectations of investment development and operational improvements that EDESUR proposed in the context of RTI will increase. Therefore, the quality guidelines will be more demanding, and the cost of energy not delivered will increase throughout the period, reaching the values established recently in the last semester of the period.

At the same time, SAIDI (one of the indices related to service quality) improved in 2019 in relation to 2018, with a reduction of 4.7 hours, reaching 20.23 hours according to Enel criteria.

The concession contract establishes that Edesur must supply energy as required by the owners or inhabitants of the properties located within its concession area, comply with certain quality standards related to the electricity supplied, comply with operational requirements concerning the maintenance of distribution assets and to bill clients on the basis of effective measurements.

In December 2017, the Ministry of Energy and Mining (MI- NEM) presented its proposal and criteria for the treatment of regulatory liabilities. The first measure was, via a Note issued on December 30, 2017, that the Ministry informed CAMMESA that it took possession of the debt registered by EDESUR with said Company for the purchase of energy, for a period of 90 days pending the signing of the aforementioned agreement. EDESUR continued to work on the agreement in 2018, and the final Resolution regarding these matters was subject to the change of jurisdiction.

On December 4, 2018 Law 27.469 approved the Fiscal Consensus signed on September 13, 2018 between the Nation and most of the Provinces. This agreement considers that "electricity distribution companies Empresa Distribuidora Norte SA (Edenor) and Empresa Distribuidora Sur SA (Edesur) should be part of the jurisdiction of the Province of Buenos Aires and the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires (CABA), in line with other electricity distribution companies in the other jurisdictions".

On 1 February 2019, ENRE Resolutions No. 24/2019 and 26/2019 were published in the Official Journal. The first approved the values in the tariff table effective for the billing for meter readings after zero hours on February 1, 2019, according to the increases in the seasonal price of energy and power. The second Resolution defined the new Distribution Added Value (VAD) values, to be applied as of March 1, 2019, including deferrals and due compensations. The increases assigned to March 2019 followed the VAD standardization process defined by the RTI published in February 2017.

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