

Railway companies may now install renewable energy plants to supply power to their trains

- Adif AV, the network manager, amends its 2023 Network Statement to include this possibility.
- To facilitate their installation, Adif AV must make available unused land close to the railway network.
- Adif AV purchases electricity which it then resells to railway companies for their traction services.
- The measures introduced by the manager allow companies to increase their capacity to manage their energy costs.

Madrid, 13 September 2023. – The CNMC (National Markets and Competition Commission) welcomes the fact that Adif Alta Velocidad (Adif AV) has included in its [2023 Network Statement](#) the possibility for railway companies to install renewable energy plants to supply electricity to their trains ([STP/DTSP/030/23](#)).

The Network Statement is the document in which Adif AV details the conditions to access railway infrastructures and is essential to ensure transparent and non-discriminatory access to the network for companies operating train services.

The CNMC points out that Adif AV should inform companies about the location of electrical substations and their consumption in order to facilitate investment decisions in renewable energy plants. It advises Adif AV to make available, in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner, unused land in the vicinity of the substations it owns.

Purchase of energy

Adif AV is responsible for purchasing the electricity needed for train traction and reselling it to railway companies. In the last two years, it has added new features to this service so that railway companies pay for the energy actually consumed by their trains and have more independence to manage costs.

The possibility for railway companies to install renewable energy plants for the consumption of their trains furthers this objective. In addition, Adif AV has provided mechanisms so that companies that continue to purchase traction energy through the infrastructure manager are not negatively affected in terms of the price they pay.

Related content:

- [STP/DTSP/030/23](#): Agreement issuing a report on the update of the ADIF Alta Velocidad 2023 Network Statement regarding self-consumption of

electricity.

- [Press release](#) (03/12/2021): The CNMC points out the delay in updating the 2022 Network Statements by ADIF and ADIF Alta Velocidad.