

The CNMC investigates Eólica del Alfoz and its parent company Beta Participaciones Ibérica for a possible abuse of a dominant position

- The conduct of this company, designated as the Single Node Interlocutor (IUN in Spanish) in an access node to the electricity transmission network, is said to have benefited companies in its group in the generation market.
- The CNMC, through the Competition Directorate, initiated these proceedings after being informed of the access dispute filed with the agency's Energy Directorate.

Madrid, 25 October 2023.- The CNMC, through the Competition Directorate, is investigating Eólica del Alfoz S.L. and its parent company Beta Participaciones Ibérica S.L. for conduct contrary to Article 2 of Law 15/2007, of 3 July 2007, on the Defence of Competition (LDC in Spanish). Specifically, the investigation concerns an alleged abuse of a dominant position in the market for access and connection to the electricity transmission network at the Villimar 220 kV node, which could have an effect on the related electricity generation market.

The Competition Directorate initiated these infringement proceedings after becoming aware, through the internal procedures established within the CNMC, of the dispute processed by the CNMC's Energy Directorate over access to the electricity transmission network, and in view of other information gathered on the existence of possible prima facie evidence of an infringement of Article 2 of the LDC.

Specifically, Eólica del Alfoz S.L., taking advantage of its status as Single Node Interlocutor (IUN) and sole processor of joint and coordinated requests for access and connection to the transmission network at that node before REE (Red Eléctrica de España S.A.) allegedly favoured requests from companies in the same business group.

As a result of this possible discriminatory practice, other developers that share a connection point to the transmission network did not obtain access to it.

The initiation of these proceedings does not prejudge the final outcome of the investigation. There is now a time limit of 24 months for the adoption of a decision on the case.



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