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Successful workshop on compensation for delivery of electricity and gas at fixed prices

OTE and ERO, under the auspices of MTI, organized an on-line workshop in order to inform electricity and gas suppliers about the process for submitting applications for payment of the monthly compensation provided for the delivery of electricity and gas at fixed prices, in accordance with Government Regulation No.5/2023.

The workshop was organized by OTE, a.s., the Czech electricity and gas market operator, the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) and also with great help from the representatives of Ministry of Industry and Trade (MTI). It was held online on Wednesday April 5th 2023 and it informed electricity and gas suppliers about the process for submitting applications for payment of monthly compensation provided for the delivery of electricity and gas at fixed prices, in accordance with Section 10 of Government Regulation No.5/2023. This workshop was a successful follow-up to the series of previous workshops that were held either individually or jointly by ERO, OTE and MTI from January 2023 in relation to government's introduction of price caps for electricity and gas due to the exceptional energy market situation.

"Energy market fluctuations affect not only customers but also energy suppliers who then have to react to the significant rule changes that are being introduced, such as the price cap for electricity and gas. The workshop should make it easier for them to navigate the practicalities of receiving the compensation, which is an integral part of price capping and helps stabilize the entire market," says Ing. Stanislav Trávníček, chairman of the ERO board of directors.

The participants of the workshop were introduced to the procedure for applying for monthly compensation and to the individual functions of the CS OTE system through practical demonstrations. "Our aim was to develop and provide a secure, intuitive and user-friendly environment that allows market participants to submit applications in accordance with the Regulation. I believe that today we have indeed presented such an environment. All this in the very short time we had available," says Ing. Michal Puchel, chairman of the OTE board of directors.

"Together with other entities, we are trying to find appropriate tools and ways to simplify individual processes. Digitization will help us to do this, making it easier for producers and suppliers to fill in the necessary documents. Today's workshop is a great example of our mutual communication and cooperation," says René Neděla, deputy chief director of the Energy and Nuclear Resources Department.

The workshop, which was attended by electricity and gas suppliers and producers eligible for the compensation provided for the supply of electricity and gas at fixed prices, aimed to familiarize those present with the methodology for preparing the documents for the compensation application and the procedure for submitting the application through the market operator's portal. The market operator ensures, in close cooperation with the Energy Regulatory Office and the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the payment of compensation for the supply of electricity and gas in this exceptional market situation.

We would like to thank all those who participated in the preparation of the workshop.