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ASEP exempts power distributors from publishing January–June 2027 tariff update in advance

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Summary

Panama's public services regulator ASEP (Resolution AN No. 22217-Elec of 23 October 2026) exempts the electricity distributors EDEMET, EDECHI (Boquete's supplier) and ENSA from the legal duty to publish their proposed tariff update for 1 January–30 June 2027 in newspapers 60 days in advance; the exemption runs until 31 December 2026.

Full text (English)

Republic of Panama, National Authority of Public Services. Resolution AN No. 22217-Elec, Panama, 23 October 2026: "By which the electricity distribution companies are exempted, for reasons of force majeure, from their obligation to publish the proposed update of their tariffs for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2027."
Considering: ASEP regulates the electricity sector and sets tariff criteria and methodologies. By Resolution AN No. 21991-Elec of 19 August 2026 (amended 31 August 2026) the tariff schedule for EDEMET and EDECHI was approved for 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2030; Resolution AN No. 21990-Elec did the same for ENSA. Article 97 of Law 6 of 1997 requires distributors to notify new tariff values and publish them at least sixty (60) days before they apply, twice in two national newspapers. Given variations in petroleum-derived fuel prices and volatility in Occasional Market costs, the regulator finds it convenient to allow an additional period to evaluate these variables so the first-half-2027 tariff update rests on more representative price information.
Resolves: FIRST: To exempt, for reasons of force majeure, EDEMET, EDECHI and ENSA from the obligation to publish twice in two national newspapers the proposal to update their tariffs for the period 1 January to 30 June 2027, until 31 December 2026. SECOND: To warn the companies that this resolution takes effect upon notification and admits only a motion for reconsideration, to be filed within five (5) working days of notification.
Signed: Zelmar Rodríguez de Massiah, Administrator General.

Original (es)

AN No.22217-Elec de 2026-10-23

Por lo cual se exceptúa, por razones de fuerza mayor, a las empresas de distribución eléctrica de su obligación de publicar la propuesta de Actualización de sus Tarifas, correspondientes al período del 1 de enero al 30 de junio de 2027. Resolución https://asep.gob.pa/wp-content/uploads/electricidad/resoluciones/anno_22217_elec.pdf

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