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Overview

Michal Pelikán is an associate and a member of the Energy team in Dentons' Prague office. He focuses his practice on energy, competition and antitrust, M&A, public procurement and corporate law.

Michal specializes primarily in regulatory issues, especially in the energy sector. In his antitrust practice, he advises our clients on investigations by competition authorities, supply and distribution systems, state aid and merger filings (including representation before national authorities as well as the European Commission). He is regularly involved in major M&A transactions, advising on sector regulation, supply contracts and competition aspects.

Experience

- **Sev.en Energy:** Advising on the acquisition of the Počerady power plant from the energy group ČEZ. With a capacity of 1,000 MW, Počerady is the largest coal-fired energy generating plant in the Czech Republic.
- **Sev.en Energy:** Advising on acquisition of a 50% stake in InterGen N.V., with assets located in the UK and Australia, from the Canadian Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan.
- **Multinational energy group:** Advising on a bid for the acquisition of hard coal and gas power plants and biomass assets in Germany and Netherlands in a competitive tender.
- **Multinational energy group:** Advising on a tender with respect to the potential acquisition of lignite and coal power plants and renewable assets in France.
- **Sev.en Energy:** Advising Seven Energy in a competitive auction in relation to the potential acquisition of three Greek lignite power plants along with the exploitation rights of the relevant mines from PPC.
- **Multinational group:** Advising on contemplated acquisition of a CEE waste treatment group.
- **E.ON:** Assisting with certain aspects and regulatory issues in relation to the integrations.
- **KKCG:** Advising the KKCG group and its US subsidiaries, US Methanol LLC, and Liberty One Methanol, LLC on construction of a methanol plant near Charleston, West Virginia, US.
- **MND/KKCG:** Advising on the potential acquisition of Innogy Česká republika, the largest incumbent gas

retailer in the Czech Republic, from RWE Group, including M&A process, due diligence, merger control and antitrust aspects.

- **Nordic Solar:** Advising on the potential acquisition of power plants in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, including analysis of the state aid regimes for support of renewable energy and of the upcoming overcompensation review.
- **Pacifico Energy Partners:** Advising an investment management company on modernizations of Czech PVT plants under the current state aid regime and on the upcoming overcompensation review in the Czech Republic.
- **Československá obchodní banka:** Advising on implications of the new overcompensation mechanism with respect to the state aid granted to Czech photovoltaic plants.
- **Sev.en Energy:** Complex legal advice regarding the carve-out of its commodity trading activities from two Czech companies into a newly established Liechtenstein entity by means of a cross-border spin-off. The mandate included, among other things, advice on corporate, merger control, energy, regulated markets, and public procurement, as well as registration of the newly established commodity trader with transmission operators (TSOs), power exchanges (EEX and ICE) and a clearance house.
- **Sev.en EC:** Advising on defending the client's building permits / EIA relating to reconstruction of a 800 MW power plant.
- **Sev.en EC:** Advising an operator of a large lignite power plant in the Czech Republic on the allocation of derogation emission allowances and their settlement with ČEZ under the SPA on the acquisition of the client between Severní energetická and ČEZ, including the framework for trading of these allowances through EEX.
- **Sev.en EC, Veolia Energie ČR, and Veolia Energie Kolín:** Successfully litigating the reimbursement of the illegally imposed gift tax onto emission allowances in the years 2011 and 2012 in breach of EU law and related interest claims, including representation before the Supreme Administrative Court as well as before the Czech Constitutional Court.
- **Large energy group:** Assisting in negotiating a mid-term coal supply contract for their Czech and Polish operations.

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Member of the Czech Bar Association since 2020

Prior and Present Employment

- Associate, Dentons, Prague (2020–present)
- Junior Associate, Dentons, Prague (2017-2020)
- Associate, Clifford Chance, Prague (2016–2017)
- Paralegal, Clifford Chance, Prague (2015–2016)
- Paralegal, AKDKS, Prague (2012-2015)

Areas of focus

Practices

- Competition and Antitrust
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Public Procurement

Industry sectors

- Energy

Education

- Charles University in Prague, 2016, Master of Laws

Languages

- Czech
- English