

Energy client alert

Extension of deadlines for the implementation of FIT and METÁR projects

December 2020

This alert provides an update on a recent amendment affecting the implementation of power plants licensed either under the mandatory off-take scheme with guaranteed feed-in tariff, i.e. the so called KÁT and METÁR KÁT (“**FIT projects**”), or under the green premium subsidy without a tender procedure (“**METÁR projects**”).

Back in August 2020, the Hungarian Energy Authority (“**MEKH**”) extended the deadline for the commencement of the commercial operation of FIT and METÁR projects that were or are due to start commercial operations between March 11, 2020 and June 30, 2021 in order to help developers overcome the difficulties and delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

With effect from December 18, 2020, the MEKH – due to the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic – decided to further extend the deadline for the commencement of commercial operation of FIT and METÁR projects.

According to MEKH Decree No. 16/2020. (XII. 17.), the individual deadlines set for the commencement of commercial operations shall be deemed to have been fulfilled, if they expire

- between March 11, 2020 and June 30, 2021, and the commercial operation commences no later than June 30, 2022; or
- between July 1, 2021 and December 30, 2021, and the commercial operation commences no later than December 31, 2022.

The above deadline extensions apply automatically, without need to submit any individual applications or requests.

The above extensions are not applicable to power plants granted green premium subsidies as a result of METÁR tenders.

We are continuously monitoring amendments to the renewable support schemes, so if you have any questions, please feel free to [contact us](#).

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