

HEAT LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

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COMPETITION IN HEAT SECTOR

- The competition between the suppliers of alternative types of fuels
- The heat production shall be based on the competition between the heat producers
- The hot water preparation and supply shall be based on the competition
- The state (municipalities) shall promote competition in the field of maintenance of heating and hot water systems

HEAT ENERGY COUNCIL

- The Heat Energy Council shall be the public collegiate body at the Ministry of Economy with an advisory rights
- It shall provide the Minister of Economy with proposals on important state strategy issues in the heat sector

MUNICIPAL HEAT PLANS

- The municipalities shall manage the heat sector in conformity with the special Municipal Heat Plans
- The main objective of the Municipal Heat Plants shall be to satisfy the costumers heat demand on least costs
- The Municipal Heat Plants shall be in conformity with the state strategy, national objectives in the energy industry as well as the National Development Plan of Heat Sector approved by the government
- The government may provide assistance and support in implementing the Municipal Heat Plants

HEAT SUPPLY LICENSE

- The heat suppliers shall obtain the heat supply license
- The heat supply license to the heat supplier supplying not less than 5 GWh of heat per year shall be issued by the National Control Commission for Prices and Energy, to the heat supplier supplying less than this quantity - by the municipality

HEAT PRICING

- The heat and hot water prices shall be the single - component and the double - component
- The heat and hot water prices might be differentiated depending on the heat supply system, customer groups, volume of heat consumption, heat carriers and their quality, reliability of supply, season of consumption, periodicity and method of metering
- The heat supplier selling not less than 5 GWh of heat energy per year shall submit for the approval of the National Control Commission for Prices and Energy the basic heat and/or hot water prices to be effective for not less than three - year period

Accounting of heat supply costs

- If the heat supplier has control over more than one heat supply system, in which the sales total not less than 5 GWh of heat per year, he shall carry out the unbundled accounting of the costs in each system
- The data about the heat suppliers heat production and heat transmission costs shall be publicly disclosed

APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS

- Investment projects shall be revised and approved by the National Control Commission for Prices and Energy in accordance with the procedure established by the Commission