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**Electricity and gas prices charged to end consumers
in the second semester of 2007**

In accordance with Council Directive 90/377/EEC of 29 June 1990 concerning a Community procedure to improve the transparency of gas and electricity prices, implemented in the Romanian legislation by ANRE Order No 15/2001 and ANRE Decision No 184/2007, the Romanian Energy Regulatory Authority (ANRE) sends the National Institute of Statistics the prices recorded at the beginning of each semester.

As a result of the European Commission Decision of 7 June 2007, annexes 1 and 2 of the Directive suffered a series of changes in the sense that the methodology for the calculation of prices and the consumption thresholds were modified as follows: the gas and electricity prices are collected twice a year, at the beginning of each six-month period (January and July), and refer to the average gas and electricity prices paid by industrial and household end consumers during the last six months.

In accordance with Council Directive 90/377/EEC, these prices are calculated based on the tariffs, contracts, terms and rules in force at the given time; they are presented as unit prices (per kWh and GJ sold, respectively).

End consumers are defined as those who buy electricity and gas solely for own consumption.

End consumers of electricity

6 categories of industrial end consumers (codified as IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IF) and 5 categories of household end consumers (codified as DA=very low, DB=low, DC=medium, DD=high, DE=very high) are defined, each category being characterised by the annual consumption ranging between maximum and minimum limits.

Electricity prices charged to industrial end consumers in the second semester of 2007

Industrial end consumers	Annual consumption of electricity MWh		Lei / kWh	
			VAT and other deductible taxes excluded	All taxes included
	minimum	maximum		
Category IA	<20		0.4037	0.4815
Category IB	20	<500	0.3565	0.4253
Category IC	500	<2000	0.3034	0.3621
Category ID	2000	<20 000	0.2640	0.3152
Category IE	20 000	<70 000	0.2132	0.2548
Category IF	70 000	≤150 000	0.1910	0.2284

Source: ANRE.

Electricity prices charged to household end consumers in the second semester of 2007

Household end consumers	Annual consumption of electricity kWh		Lei / kWh	
			VAT and other deductible taxes excluded	All taxes included
	minimum	maximum		
Category DA	<1 000		0.3048	0.3647
Category DB	1 000	<2 500	0.3267	0.3907
Category DC	2 500	<5 000	0.3187	0.3812
Category DD	5 000	<15 000	0.3209	0.3838
Category DE	≥15 000		0.3247	0.3884

Source: ANRE.

End consumers of gas

5 categories of industrial end consumers (codified as I1, I2, I3, I4 and I5) and 3 categories of household end consumers (codified as D1=low, D2=medium, D3=high) are defined, each category being characterised by the annual consumption ranging between maximum and minimum limits.

Gas prices charged to industrial end consumers in the second semester of 2007

Industrial end consumers	Annual consumption GJ (GCV*)		Lei / GJ	
			VAT and other deductible taxes excluded	All taxes included
	minimum	maximum		
Category I1	<1 000		26.4882	31.5211
Category I2	1 000	<10 000	25.9695	30.9038
Category I3	10 000	<100 000	26.3606	31.3692
Category I4	100 000	<1 000 000	24.8051	29.5180
Category I5	1 000 000	≤4 000 000	22.4525	26.7184

*Gross calorific value.

Source: ANRE.

Gas prices charged to household end consumers in the second semester of 2007

Household end consumers	Annual consumption GJ (GCV*)		Lei / GJ	
			VAT and other deductible taxes excluded	All taxes included
	minimum	maximum		
Category D1	<20		26.9983	32.1281
Category D2	20	<200	26.6829	31.7525
Category D3	≥200		26.1633	31.1342

*Gross calorific value.

Source: ANRE.

The **next press release** will be issued on Wednesday, September 17, 2008.