

## **On Approval of the Rules on Public Consultation in Considering Applications for Approval or Change of Natural Monopolies' Tariffs (Prices, Rates)**

Government Resolution No. 376 of 21 April 2003

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Subject to article 17 of the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Natural Monopolies" of 9 July 1998 the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan resolves:

1. Approve the enclosed Rules on Public Consultation in Considering Applications for Approval or Change of Natural Monopolies' Tariffs (Prices, Rates).
2. This resolution becomes effective on the day of publication.

*Prime Minister,  
The Republic of Kazakhstan*

Approved by  
Government Resolution No.  
376 of 21 April 2003

### **Rules on Public Consultation in Considering Applications for Approval or Change of Natural Monopolies' Tariffs (Prices, Rates)**

#### **1. General Provisions**

1. These Rules have been developed in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Natural Monopolies" of 9 July 1998 and provide the procedure for the state body authorized to control and monitor natural monopolies (the authorized body) on holding public consultation in considering applications for approval or change of natural monopolies' tariffs (prices, rates).

2. The public consultation processes aim to reinforce the system of consumer rights protection in relation to the tariff policy by ensuring the transparency of the natural monopolies' activity for consumers and the authorized body.

3. The public hearings (public consultation process) is the procedure for discussion of the draft tariff (price, rate) for the service (goods) of the natural monopoly subject involving deputies, representatives of governmental bodies, consumers and their public unions, mass media, independent experts, and natural monopolies.

The other definitions and terms used in the Rules shall be understood as defined the laws on natural monopolies.

4. The following are the principles of holding the public consultation processes:
- publicity;
  - observing the balance of interests of consumers and natural monopolies.

5. The authorized body determines the need to make public hearings (consultation processes) when considering applications for changes in tariffs (prices, rates) of natural monopolies registered in the local sections of the State Register of



18. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the public consultation process. This document shall contain the date specified in paragraph 7 herein as well as the data on the time of beginning and the end of the process, the full names and initials of all speakers, brief summary of their statements, and results of the consultation process. The minutes shall be paginated and filed separately.

19. The authorized body shall keep the archived copy of the minutes for three years since the day of the consultation process.

### **3. Final Provisions**

20. The confidential information, commercial secret and other legally protected information shall not be divulged during the public consultation process without the consent of the natural monopoly.