

# Energy Regulatory Commission modifies regulation on permit updates

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On June 25, 2021, the Energy Regulatory Commission (“CRE”) published in the Official Gazette of the Federation the resolution number A/019/2021 (the “Resolution”) whereby the regulations relating to permit updates were amended – permit “updates” consist of changes relating to the permit holder or the project that are of a corporate or administrative nature, or that are of a technical nature but without affecting the activity subject matter of the permit in a substantive manner, whereas for substantive modifications, permit holders would have to request an “amendment” of their permits, a process that is more onerous from an administrative standpoint.

The main change derived from the Resolution is the modification of the process for the approval of permit updates. Previously, it was established that the Head of the corresponding Administrative Unit would be the body responsible for authorizing permit updates. Now, the head of the relevant Administrative Unit must carry out a technical and legal analysis and validation of the application, and draft a resolution proposal for the Plenary’s assessment. The Plenary will now be the body responsible for approving these requests, thus requiring their review by CRE’s commissioners prior to their authorization, as in the case of permit “amendments”.

Additionally, the Resolution modifies certain aspects related to the circumstances that constitute an update of the sector’s permits, in accordance with the following:

- For all regulated activities, it is established that the updating of permits is applicable in the event of correction due to capture errors, in addition to the cases already foreseen for corrections of typographical or editing errors in the permit titles and their annexes.
- Regarding permits for the transportation of natural gas by means of pipelines, it is established that the updating of the permit related to the integration in the permits for transportation by pipelines of the construction plans (as built), as well as the registration of the details in the description of the system derived from the construction, will be applicable as long as the technical characteristics of the project are not modified, in addition to the already applicable inadmissibility of updates when the original route is modified.

For further detail, you can access the full version of the Resolution [here](#).

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