Amendments in resolution providing for micro- and mini-generation approved
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The Board of the Brazilian Electricity Regulatory Agency (ANEEL) approved on Tuesday (12/11) the rectification of [Normative Resolution 482/2012](#), which sets out the general conditions for access of micro and mini-generation distributed to electricity distribution systems and creates an electricity compensation system.

The subject was under public hearing in the period from 11/21 to 12/3 with the aim of discussing the text of the Resolution to clarify the following items: definition of the legal nature of the electricity compensation system; possibility of use of credits in other consumer units under the same ownership where distributed micro or mini-generation is installed; explanation of the waiver of the signing of connection agreements and use as generation to the consumer units that join the compensation system; clarification regarding the definition of the term “energy tariffs” and textual amendments in order to clarify the order of compensation for active energy credits.

The regulation of distributed micro- and mini-generation has been discussed by the Agency since 2010, when a public consultation was held to address the issue. In 2011, a Public Hearing was held on the draft resolution and, in April 2012, the Board of the Agency approved the text.

Based on the contributions from the hearing, an item was added to the standard, showing that active energy credits remaining at the time of termination of the contractual relationship between the consumer and the distributor should not be subject to any form of compensation to the consumer, and should be reverted to tariff moderateness.

As for the deadline for distributors to conform to the new rules, the Agency decided to keep the 240 days proposed by the standard. This period ends on December 15, 2012, when distributors should be prepared to receive only requests for installation of distributed micro- or mini-generation and not for their effective connection and invoicing. The effective invoicing of the first consumer units in the energy compensation system should occur only after March 2013, considering the time from consumer’s request to approval of the connection point by the distributor. (VS/DB)