

VEGAS LEX ON LIMITING POWER SUPPLY TO 'NON-DISCONNECTABLE' CONSUMERS

Evgeniy Rodin, VEGAS LEX partner, head of Energy practice, has attended a workshop on nonpayments on retail electricity market, which took place in Moscow on September 24 and 25, organized with support of the Russian Ministry of Energy.

On September 25, 2015, VEGAS LEX partner, head of Energy practice <u>Evgeniy Rodin</u> spoke at the workshop, Nonpayments on Retail Electricity Market, organized with support of the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation. He delivered a report, "Limiting power supply. Individual law enforcement issues on heat, power and water supply markets."

The expert gave a thorough description of the procedure for limiting electricity supplies to consumers, especially to the so-called 'non-disconnectable' facilities. Particular attention was given to the details of drawing up an emergency or technological exemption act. At the end of his presentation, he covered the key points of the draft law on improving the payment discipline*.

The participants also discussed the practice of dealing with payments in arrears in the current environment, the interaction of power suppliers and distribution grid companies during debt collection, the practices of debt collection from household consumers, the possibilities of an e-justice portal, and other issues.

The workshop was attended by representatives of sales companies (suppliers of last resort, independent utility companies, tier 2 suppliers of last resort), grid companies (regional and municipal ones), end consumers (industrial consumers, companies, building management companies, government-financed consumers), infrastructure organizations and state regulators**.

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^{*} The draft federal law No. 348213-6, On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation Aimed at Strengthening the Payment Discipline of Electricity Consumers, was proposed by the Government of the Russian Federation and adopted by the State Duma in the first reading on December 18, 2013.

^{**}Source: <u>EnergoEvolutsiya</u> website.