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New Provisions for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in Mexico

On September 11, 2024, the Energy Regulatory Commission issued Accord No. A/108/2024 ("**Provisions**"), establishing general administrative provisions on electromobility for integrating electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid vehicle charging infrastructure into the National Electric System as part of a Smart Electric Grid. This regulation marks a significant advancement for Mexico in this sector, aiming to standardize and improve charging infrastructure and thereby boost the hybrid and electric vehicle markets, which are expected to see substantial growth opportunities.

The Provisions have specific objectives, including: (a) establishing the requirements for safe and orderly connection of charging infrastructure to the National Electric System ("SEN"); (b) ensuring the reliability and security of the electricity supply; and (c) specifying the information that owners and/or representatives of vehicle charging infrastructure must provide via the "Electromobility Platform."

Individuals or companies wishing to install this infrastructure must: (i) comply with the technical specifications set in the Provisions, and (ii) enter into an electricity supply contract, ensuring an independent electrical infrastructure separate from their existing load center(s) that already receives an electrical supply.

The Energy Regulatory Commission ("CRE") is tasked with developing the Electromobility Platform within 24 months of the Provisions' enactment. This digital platform will collect updated data on installed charging infrastructure across the country, including details on charging points' characteristics and availability. Additionally, it will display information such as charging modes and electricity pricing.

Regarding monitoring and reporting, End Users must submit reports to the CRE via the electromobility platform within three months of contracting the service. Suppliers, in contrast, are required to submit semi-annual reports to both the CRE and the National Energy Control Center (CENACE).

The CRE reserves the right to request information from End Users to review or verify installation conditions. Furthermore, it may conduct verification visits to Suppliers and Distributors to ensure compliance with the Agreement. The CRE will coordinate with the Federal Economic Competition Commission to monitor competition and free market participation in the national market.

While we recognize that industry adoption may present challenges, as these provisions are gradually implemented, we believe they will offer investors greater legal certainty to invest more confidently in this sector.

By implementing these Provisions and achieving standardization, Mexico moves toward a more sustainable future, reducing emissions and supporting climate goals outlined in international agreements. Establishing a comprehensive regulatory system for the expansion, safety, and efficiency of charging infrastructure is essential for building user trust and reliance on charging stations.

In conjunction with these Provisions, the anticipated "Accord of the Energy Regulatory Commission on General Administrative Provisions for integrating Electric Energy Storage Systems into the National Electric System" forms part of a broader regulatory initiative to introduce advanced technologies, such as energy storage, into the grid. This initiative ultimately aims to establish a fully integrated "Smart Grid."

Von Wobeser y Sierra is available to support you in implementing the necessary measures to fully comply with the Provisions. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our experts on the following industries:

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