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**RES bill sent back to ministers**

*In reaction to the outraged voices of the business community in the field of electricity production from renewable sources, the Government has instructed ministers to re-discuss the new bill on supported energy sources.*

The Government of the Czech Republic, at its meeting in August 25, 2010, instructed ministers of industry and commerce, agriculture, environment and local development to re-discuss a bill on supported energy sources that has been widely discussed in the media. For of the time being, the bill, which would put an end to further development of RES, especially solar and wind energy, has been postponed. The Government has accepted the arguments of entrepreneurs in the field of renewable energy, who have openly criticized the bill and sent their comments to the Government.

Legal adviser to the group of entrepreneurs, Jakub Hájek of Glatzova & Co., says: "We consider this step a breakthrough in light of recent statements by the government. Now we will approach the Ministry to discuss the new support system. There is no doubt that the current system, managed by the state, is too liberal and reform is needed. It is certainly necessary to respect EU rules when it's reformed. The aim of legislative changes shouldn't be to liquidate the industry, but to create a stable business environment and sustainable development for all renewable energy sources. It is necessary to find a solution that will benefit the environment, public, state and entrepreneurs".

Neela Winkelmann - Heyrovská, consultant in the field of promoting use of RES and consultant for the group of entrepreneurs, adds: "All those that the new legislation affects should be invited to any discussions of a new system of support. This in itself would be a positive development versus the ministries' current prescriptive approach."

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