



Consumers complaints consideration

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Complaints submission to the Commission



Law on "Public Services Regulatory Body" Order approved by No. 212-L Decision of PSRC of May 18, 2022, Law on Basics of Administration and Administrative Procedure and other legal acts.

Complaints submission to the Commission

Written complaint

by visiting the Commission

in paper form

through the postal service

through the unified platform of electronic requests (e-request.am)

in electronic form

through the official e-mail of the Commission (psrcinfo@psrc.am).

• A written complaint is registered in the electronic register of written complaints within 1 working day after it is addressed to the responsible department, and the process of its discussion and the result of the discussion process- within three working days.

• Verbal complaints

by calling the hotline

by visiting the Commission.

An verbal complaint is registered in the electronic register of verbal complaints within 1 working day after submitting to the Commission, and the result of the discussion process within three working days.

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Written complaints

In case

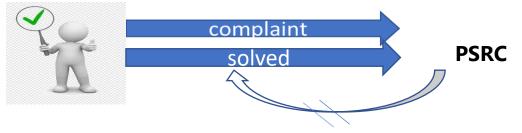
1. issue presented by the complaint is fully or partially within the jurisdiction of another administrative body,



2. issue presented by the complaint is beyond the competence of either the PSRC and other administrative body, or the presented demand or issue is unclear,



3. applicant refuses to consider the complaint or informs that the issue has been resolved



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Written complaints

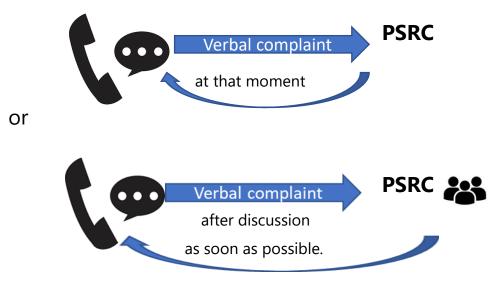
- In order to obtain information or clarification for a comprehensive and complete consideration of the issue presented in the application-complaint, the Commission may request the applicant, regulated company, other authorized body or organization to submit the necessary documents, materials and other information.
- Based on the results of consideration of the written application-complaint, the applicant is given written explanation.
- The written application-complaint is considered **within 30 days** after the date of its submission to the Commission.
- In order to obtain additional information or clarifications necessary for the consideration of the application-complaint, the Commission may extend the period of consideration of the application-complaint by a maximum of 15 days, notifying the applicant about this within 3 working days.

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Verbal complaints

• The verbal application-complaint is given an verbal explanation



- If the application-complaint has been discussed in the Commission in the prescribed manner, and the applicant is not satisfied with the results of the discussion, then at his request, a reception can be organized with the Chairman of the Commission or a Member of the Commission.
- Reception days with the Chairman of the Commission or a Member of the Commission are defined by the order of the Chairman of the Commission.

Other measures taken by the PSRC



The Commission aiming to provide a comprehensive and effective solution to the problems related to the application, takes measures by raising the level of public awareness:

- In order to ensure communication with consumers, the commission's hotline provides prompt information on issues affecting consumers, as well as consultations on the applicant's rights and responsibilities in supplier-consumer relations;
- The Commission's official website contains detailed information on possible questions frequently asked by consumers and answers to them, which are regularly updated in accordance with the current regulations/ rules;
- Electricity, natural gas and drinking water supply companies submit quarterly information on consumer complaints to the Commission, which, is published on the commission's official website after discussion;
- Before the end of the **first quarter of each year**, the annual information on the previous year's applicationcomplaint consideration is published on the Commission's official website;

Other measures taken by the PSRC



- ➢On the basis of the information received from the companies supplying electricity, natural gas and drinking water on the actual indicators of the quality of consumer service, as well as on the basis of the study of consumer complaints, the Commission carries out *monitoring*.
- indicators of the number and duration of service interruptions by supply companies,
- deadlines for responding to consumer complaints and questions by supply companies
- calculated indicators of the number and duration of cases of electricity voltage deviation from the permissible limits ,
- recalculations and calculated fines by supply companies in case of violation of commercial metering devices,
- violations of the deadlines set in the process of becoming a new subscriber and their reasons by regulated companies.

Annual information on the consideration of complaints in Commission, 2022



Com plaints	Num ber of the application-com plaints by the sphere						W hat solution was given to the complaint?						
	Provision of drinking water supply and drainage (wastewater treatment) services	Natural gas supply	Electricity supp <i>l</i> y	Telecom m un cation	0 ther sphere	Total	Satisfied	Partly setisfied	Not satisfied	D iscussion has been term inated	Returned	Redirected	Inform ation provided
W ritten	372	36	261	26	1	696	299	46	297	7	6	19	22
0 ral	774	42	323	52	0	1191	366	304	91	0	0	32	398
Total	1146	78	584	78	1	1887	665	350	388	7	6	51	420
	61	4	31	4	01	100	35	19	21	0.4	0.3	2.7	22

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Number of consumers and complaints in the energy sector, 2022

sphere	•	submitted to nmission		submitted to uppler	number of suscribers		
	written	verbal	written	verbal	total		
gas supply	36	42	2424	120734	769127		
electricity supply	261	323	7321	372817	1080214		

2020-2022 complaints indicators



