

## PRESS RELEASE

### INFORMATION ON THE ARMENIA PROJECT

**Bogotá D.C., 9 October 2014.** Empresa de Energía de Bogotá (EEB), headquarters to Grupo Energía de Bogotá, would like to inform the following to the public opinion:

- On 17 June 2014, the Autoridad Nacional de Licencias Ambientales – National Authority for Environmental Licenses (ANLA *for its Spanish acronym*), granted the environmental license to Upme Project 02 – 2009 230 kV Armenia Substation and 38 kilometers of related transmission lines, which enabled the Company to begin its construction. The project encompasses an area of influence comprising the municipalities of Circasia and Filandia, in the Department of Quindio, and Dosquebradas, Santa Rosa de Cabal and Pereira in the Department of Risaralda.
- The project meets all legal requirements and has all the necessary permits from ANLA, the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development, the Ministry of Culture and the Colombian Anthropology and History Institute (ICANH – *for its Spanish acronym*), among others.
- The objective of the project is to guarantee the transportation of electric power required by the Department of Quindio to ensure reliability of service and avoid the possibility of outages or power rationing in the short and medium term, as per analyses conducted by the Energy Mining Planning Unit (UPME).
- As a protection measure from the Conservation District Barbas Bremen, which has raised the concern of the peoples of Quindio, EEB with authorization granted by ANLA, defined that towers should be installed in the boundaries of the District and the same should be located in brownfield areas, which currently develop farm economical activities instead of being located in forests or preservation areas.
- There will not be any felling of trees in the Barbas Bremen Soil Conservation District located in Quindio, taking into consideration that as of the environmental studies undertaken, this area has been excluded from the project.

- Considering *de facto* actions led today by the Governess of the Quindio Department, Ms. Sandra Paola Hurtado Palacio, consisting on blocking and hindering access to EEB's technical personnel and contractors to tower No. 3 located in the township of Hojas Anchas in the municipality of Circasia, the Company is analyzing the possibility of taking legal action based on laws in force to determine the steps it should follow to protect its rights.
- EEB, as a strategic investor in the Colombian power sector, regrets these type of actions, which put at risk the development of the power infrastructure the country so desperately needs, specifically in the Coffee Region, which is highly vulnerable to drought events.

#### About Grupo Energía de Bogotá

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