

About the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC)

Since the energy industry is vital to the social and economic structure as well as the environment of the country, it is essential that the government restructure the energy industry management by distinctly separating the policy-making and regulation functions from each other so that the energy industry regulation would be extensive via independent operation. It is, therefore, crucial to enact the Energy Industry Act 2007 (the Act), which has been enforced since 11 December 2007. Under the Act, the first set of the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) was graciously appointed by the King on 1 February 2008 to regulate the electricity and natural gas industry operation to ensure compliance with the objectives of the Act under the government policy framework, with the establishment of the Office of the Energy Regulatory Commission (OERC) to support the ERC's duty execution, encompassing:

- to regulate the energy industry of the country to be secure and to be able to provide adequate and extensive energy services in response to the demand and national development in the economic, social and environmental aspects in a sustainable manner
- to promote competition in the energy industry with reasonable tariffs which reflect the cost of efficient energy industry operation to reinforce Thailand's competitiveness at the regional level
- to regulate natural gas and electricity industry operation to meet safety engineering standards and to be eco-friendly
- to protect energy consumers who have suffered damage caused by the service provision or unfair tariff collection of energy industry operators
- to protect persons affected by the installation of energy network systems and to ensure that fair compensation for land and assets is paid to the affected persons so that energy network systems could be demarcated to enable energy infrastructure development
- to manage the Power Development Fund so that the Fund spending would comply with the objectives stipulated by law.

About the Office of the Energy Regulatory Commission (OERC)

The Office of the Energy Regulatory Commission (OERC) is a state agency, which is not considered a government agency or state-owned enterprise under the law on budgetary procedure, with the status of a juristic person under the ERC supervision.



About the OERC Regional Offices

To enhance extensive service delivery to the public who are energy consumers and other concerned sectors, the ERC has directed to have OERC Regional Offices established in all 13 energy consumer regions nationwide to carry out the work pertaining to energy consumer protection, energy industry operation licensing, audits of energy industry operation facilities and the Power Development Fund implementation.



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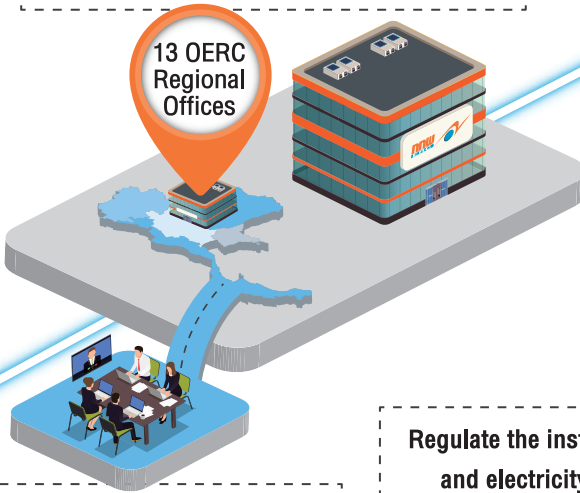
Roles and Duties of the Energy Regulatory Commission and the Office of the Energy Regulatory Commission

4 Main Duties:

- Energy consumer protection
- Energy industry operation licensing
- Audits of energy industry operation facilities
- Power Development Fund implementation

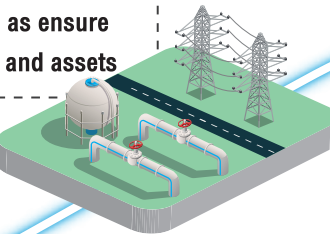
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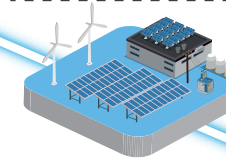


Regional Energy Consumer Committee to handle complaints of energy consumers and propose improvement measures regarding energy service provision

Regulate the installation of natural gas and electricity network systems and protect those affected by the network system installation as well as ensure fair compensation for land and assets



Regulate electricity procurement and electricity industry standards



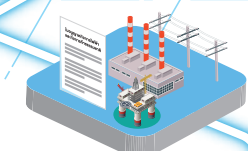
Conduct energy regulatory research & development and promote competition



Regulate natural gas service charges and electricity tariffs



Issue licenses for natural gas and electricity industry operation



Regulate safety, environmental and service quality standards of the energy industry operation



Manage the Power Development Fund:

- To provide services for underprivileged power consumers and to enhance extensive electrification
- To develop communities affected by power plant operation
- To promote the use of renewable energy and technologies for electricity industry operation that have minimal impact on the environment
- To increase knowledge and participation of the public in power-related issues

