

## Grupo Energía Bogotá (GEB) will build the first electricity transmission project in Colombia for the connection of the wind farms in La Guajira

- The UPME awarded the Company the construction of the Colectora Substation (500 kV of installed capacity) and the Colectora -Cuestecitas and Cuestecitas - La Loma Transmission Lines, UPME 06 – 2017 Project (500 kV installed capacity). This project will drive the development of non-conventional renewable energy sources (NCRE).
- This new project will make possible the connection between the National Interconnected System and the seven new wind farms that are being developed in the Department of La Guajira.
- Through this new project, GEB keeps consolidating its presence in the Caribbean Coast, as well as its commitment to the development of a sustainable energy matrix.

Bogotá, January 16, 2018. The Mining and Energy Planning Unit (UPME, for the Spanish original) awarded Grupo Energía Bogotá (GEB, for the Spanish original) the Colectora Substation (500 kV) and the Colectora - Cuestecitas and Cuestecitas - La Loma Transmission Lines, UPME 06 – 2017 Project which consists of the construction of the Colectora substation (500 kV) in the Municipality of Uribia, Department of La Guajira; two transmission lines (500 kV) with a length of approximately 110 km each from the Colectora Substation to the Cuestecitas Substation (500 kV), and a third line (500 kV) with a length of approximately 250 km from the Cuestecitas Substation (500 kV) to the La Loma Substation (500 kV) which forms part of the UPME 01 - 2014 Project which is also being developed by GEB in the Department of Cesar.

The Colectora Substation Project (500 kV) and its associated transmission lines are of great relevance to Colombia since they will make possible to transport to the National Interconnected System the energy that will be



generated in the new wind power plants being developed in the Department of La Guajira, thereby promoting the use of non-conventional renewable energy sources, a sector with big potential for expansion by using cleaner technologies to tackle climate change. Several proposals have been submitted to the UPME to develop new wind energy generation projects in La Guajira which is the ideal place for the development of this type of technology.

This project forms part of the Reference Generation and Transmission Expansion Plan 2015 - 2029 laid out by the UPME, an entity affiliated at the Ministry of Mines and Energy which is responsible for defining and announcing the expansion works in the National Transmission System (STN, for the Spanish original) which are necessary for meeting medium and long-term electric energy demands in a reliable and safe manner.

According to Astrid Álvarez, Grupo Energía Bogotá's President "The award of this new transmission project clearly proves the vast experience Grupo Energía Bogotá possesses on the development of large-scale energy transmission projects which directly affect people's life quality. For that reason, GEB will keep committed to Colombia's development and progress.

Additionally, the President stated that this project will be developed as per the new Corporate Strategic Plan through the new strategic group called Interconnection for Market Development (IDM, for the Spanish original) which is responsible for interconnecting energy sources to consumption centers and large users. Furthermore, she highlighted the real and permanent efforts GEB has been carrying out with communities since she is convinced that only together with the regions will it be possible to achieve the development and progress of Colombia and its inhabitants.

Through the Colectora Substation Project (500 kV) and its associated transmission lines, GEB consolidates itself as one of Colombia's top companies in the development and execution of new expansion projects in electric energy transmission evidencing the largest growth in the last years within the National Interconnected System. Moreover, the Company



highlights its commitment to Colombia's economic development through a more sustainable energy matrix thanks to its experience as a pioneer company in the energy generation business in Colombia.

In addition, GEB keeps strengthening its presence in the Caribbean Coast where it recently inaugurated two electric energy transmission projects, the Río Córdoba Regional Transmission System and National Transmission System which were awarded by UPME and form part of the Plan 5 Caribe.

About Grupo Energía Bogotá

Grupo Energía Bogotá (GEB) is a stock corporation listed in the Colombian Securities Exchange, whose main purpose is the generation, transmission, distribution and commercialization of energy, gas and liquid fuels in all of their forms.

Today, Grupo Energía Bogotá is the region's main Multi-Latin company of electric energy and natural gas with presence in Colombia, Peru, Guatemala and Brazil. It acts as a "strategic connector", focused on three Business Groups:

- Urban Energy Solutions, which seeks to develop and operate the infrastructure necessary to meet the demand of electric energy and natural gas of big cities;
- Interconnection for market development, a business unit in charge of connecting energy generation sources with large consumption centers and large users; and
- Low-Emission Generation, which seeks new opportunities in renewable energies in countries undergoing a transition from the energy matrix to this sustainable and low-emission generation source.