

Executive order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
On simplifying the processes of connecting subjects of micro, small and medium entrepreneurship to public utilities

The development of entrepreneurship, continuous improvement of the business environment is of great importance for the socio-economic development of the Republic of Azerbaijan. In this regard, significant success has been achieved in the field of regulating the activities of entrepreneurship, protecting the rights and legitimate interests of entrepreneurs, and the support mechanisms approved in international practice have been established for the development of entrepreneurship over the past period.

Guided by Clause 32 of Article 109 of the Constitution of the Republic of Azerbaijan to ensure the measures provided for in the “Strategic roadmap for the manufacture of consumer goods at the level of small and medium entrepreneurship in the Republic of Azerbaijan” approved by the Executive Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan No. 1138 dated December 6, 2016, to further improve the procedure for connection of subjects of entrepreneurship to the power supply and gas supply networks, water supply and effluent disposal systems, optimize the required time and financial expenditures, the implementation of services to be rendered to them on a high level of quality, comfort and on the basis of entrepreneurship satisfaction, I hereby decide to:

1. Determine that:

1.1. Connection of subjects of micro, small and medium entrepreneurship (hereinafter referred to as entrepreneurs) to gas supply networks, water supply, and effluent disposal systems, as well as the change in the total gas and water output in current connections, change in connection points shall be based on the following requirements:

1.1.1. In order to prepare and issue technical specifications and design documentation relating to connecting entrepreneurs to the gas supply networks, water supply and effluent disposal systems, as well as the implementation of physical connection, taking of applications are organized in Small and Medium Business House (SMBH) and in ASAN communal centers (and in the regions where “ASAN communal” centers are not established - in the “ASAN xidmet” centers). In accordance with the requirements of the regulatory documents on urban planning and construction within the framework of the execution of a construction permit, technical specifications for a construction facility shall be issued at the request of the authority (organization) issuing the construction permit based on the customer’s request to this authority (organization), taking into account the requirements set out in sub-clauses 1.1.2-1.1.5 of this Executive Order;

1.1.2. Technical specifications for connecting entrepreneurs to gas supply networks, water supply, and effluent disposal systems, as well as changes in the total output and gas and water connection points are provided free of charge;

1.1.3. The amount of fees for connecting entrepreneurs to the gas supply networks, water supply, and effluent disposal systems, as well as changes in the total output and gas and

water connection points shall be determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Azerbaijan Republic. Customer may not be required to pay for the reinforcement of networks and systems In addition to these boards except for the above fees;

1.1.4. Entrepreneurs are connected to the gas supply networks, water supply, and sewage systems no later than 20 days from the date the customer shall submit the application (except for the time spent for the laying of the lines);

1.1.5. Enterprises-providers that render engineering and communication services under natural monopolies should ensure that they place in the relevant information systems and regularly update information on the networks and systems of power supply, gas supply, and water supply for each urban and district (except for the urban district) administrative-territorial unit, available connectivities in these systems (free capacity);

1.2. Rules for the provision of technical specifications for obtaining by the current construction facilities of entrepreneurs or those to be built with the required capacity up to 150 kW (including 150 kW from the current 0.4 kV network) of electricity (power) and connection to the power supply network and requirements for them shall be determined by the requirements of the Executive Order of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan No. 1313 dated April 4, 2017 "Rules for the preparation and issuance of technical specifications, design documentation for obtaining by existing current construction facilities of entrepreneurs or those to be built with the required capacity up to 150 kW (including 150 kW from the current 0.4 kV network) electricity (power) and connection to the power supply network".

2. The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall:

2.1. within a period of three months prepare, jointly with the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and submit to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan the procedure for connecting construction facilities of entrepreneurs to gas supply networks, and jointly with the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan and "Azersu" Open Joint-Stock Company - to the water supply and effluent water systems. (with an upper limit of output of gas and water supplied to each entrepreneurship subject indicated in accordance with the requirements set out in Part 1 of this Executive Order);

2.2. within a period of three months, approve the rules determining the form and term for placing the information specified in clause 1.1.5 of this Executive Order on the websites of the enterprises -providers that render engineering and communication services;

2.3 within a period of three months, prepare and submit to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan proposals on bringing the acts of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in line with this Executive Order;

2.4. within a period of three months, ensure that the regulatory legal acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan are brought in line with this Executive Order and inform the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

2.5. exercise control over bringing the regulatory legal acts of central executive bodies in accordance with this Executive Order and informs the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on its execution within three months;

2.6. solve other issues arising from this Executive Order.

3. The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Azerbaijan shall ensure that the regulatory legal acts and regulatory acts of the central executive bodies are brought in line with this Executive Order and inform the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

4. The Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the State Agency for Citizen Services and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan, "Azerishig" Open Joint-Stock Company and "Azersu" Open Joint-Stock Company shall ensure the necessary measures arising from this Executive Order are taken.

Ilham Aliyev,

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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