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## **PRESS RELEASE**

For the purpose of article 248 of the Portuguese Securities Code, REN - Redes Energéticas Nacionais, SGPS, S.A. (“REN” or the “Company”) has been formally informed of a letter sent by ERSE to the Energy Secretary of State, relating to the methodology for the fixation of the cost of capital of the regulated activities for the natural gas sector to be applicable as from 1 January 2013.

The content of the above mentioned letter is as follows:

“(…)

- ERSE has been undertaking a detailed analysis regarding the methodologies for the fixation of the cost of capital of the regulated activities, both for the electricity and natural gas sectors;
- These studies already led to a deep change of the criteria within the regulatory review of the electricity sector recently carried out;
- Accordingly, and should the indicators that have been influencing the scenarios for the next years be maintained, ERSE considers submitting to public consultation, during the year of 2012 and within the regulatory review of the natural gas sector, a new methodology to be applicable to this sector, taking into account the principle of indexation of the cost of fixation to the market risk;
- In terms of definition of the allowed revenues, the new methodology of fixation of the cost of capital shall have effects on the remuneration rate of the regulated activities as from 1 January 2013.

(…)”

Lisbon, 5 December 2011

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