

The Board of Commissioners of COFECE thanks and recognizes the work of Sergio López Rodríguez, head of the Investigative Authority

- *Today the period of the head of the Investigative Authority of COFECE concludes, which by law has a validity of four years.*

Mexico City, June 30, 2021.- The Board of Commissioners of the Federal Economic Competition Commission (COFECE or Commission) thanks and recognizes Sergio López Rodríguez for his performance as head of the Investigative Authority, position that he held during the previous four years and which concludes on June 30.

In 2017, Sergio López Rodríguez was appointed as Head of the Investigative Authority. Previously he held, prominently, several positions at the competition Commission, which he joined in 2001, among these, Head of the Technical Secretariat (from January 2016 through June 2017) and General Director of Litigation Affairs (from June 2009 through December 2015). For his long and talented career at this institution, and for all his contributions to the building of COFECE, as well as to competition policy in the country, the Board of Commissioners expresses its deep recognition to the work developed on the several responsibilities entrusted to him, where he always demonstrated his technical capacity and professionalism.

Although the Federal Economic Competition Law provides that the head of this unit can be ratified for a second period, the current head of the Investigative Authority expressed to the Board of Commissioners of COFECE that it was not in his interest to be reelected for said position. Pursuant to the Organic Statute of COFECE he will be replaced by Bertha Leticia Vega Vázquez, who is the director general of the Coordination Office of the same area, this, while the Board of Commissioners appoints the person who will hold, definitively, that position.

The Investigative Authority is the unit within COFECE responsible for processing the investigations of monopolistic practices and unlawful concentrations, as well as special procedures to determine essential facilities, barriers to competition or lack of effective competition conditions in the markets. Furthermore, in accordance with its technical autonomy, at the end of its inquiries proposes to the Board of Commissioners to notify of a



statement of probable responsibility for possible monopolistic practices to possible infringers of the Federal Economic Competition Law or the closure of the file for lack of elements.

The Commissioners and COFECE's team wish him the greatest success in his professional future.

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The Federal Economic Competition Commission is responsible for ensuring competition and free market access. In this way, it contributes to consumer welfare and the efficient functioning of the markets. Through its work, COFECE seeks better conditions for consumers, greater output and better services and a "level playing field" for companies.

