



Following the recent decision by the Antioquia Administrative Court, which annulled Decree 1692 of 2008, by means of which EPM's Social Financing program was implemented, the entity permits itself to make the following statements:

1. The Social Financing Program, created in 2008, is an attempt to improve its customers' quality of life by EPM, enabling individuals to gain access to credit for the acquisition of electrical home appliances and the carrying out of household improvements through the EPM Group card. Also, for small and micro business (*micro y pequeñas empresas*, Mypes) renovate their productive infrastructure through the credit program known as Growth. In this way, the Program facilitates greater access to and use of public services in the home, promoting their efficient use.
2. From the beginning, the Program has had the support of the IDB (Inter-American Development Bank), a body which provided EPM with a credit of USD 10 million to leverage its development. In 2011, both bodies signed a technical cooperation agreement in order to promote productive financing in small and micro businesses, which also includes training and technical advice for the efficient use of public services, money management and the use of the internet to stimulate the businesses of small entrepreneurs.
3. The Program is present in all the municipalities of the Metropolitan Area and in another 11 municipalities of the Antioquia market. The EPM Group card currently benefits more than 137,000 families, 52% of them belonging to social classes 1 and 2, 36% to class 3, 8% to class 4, and 4% to classes 5 and 6.
4. Thanks to this Program, more than 11,000 families have been able to gain a credit history for the first time, giving them access to the formal financial system.
5. In its five years of operation, EPM's Social Financing Program has granted quotas for a total of COP 202,995 million and its customers have carried out purchases worth COP 174,848 million through the EPM Group Card, using the network of more than 160 commercial partners in the whole region, of whom 137 are small and medium-sized traders.
6. The ruling handed down by the Antioquia Administrative Court is not a definitive judgment; it is a ruling from the lower level of the judiciary and is capable of being quashed by the Council of State, which is the second level of the judicial process.
7. EPM will appeal against the decision to the Council of State within the period stipulated by law, because it holds that there is a connection between the Social Financing Program and the public services in the home that the organization provides, in accordance with its social purpose.



8. While the legal process continues its course, the Social Financing Program, the EPM Group Card for individuals and the Growth Credit scheme aimed at small and micro businesses, will continue to operate normally, just as they have been doing until now, ensuring the fulfillment of the commitments agreed with customers, partners and suppliers.