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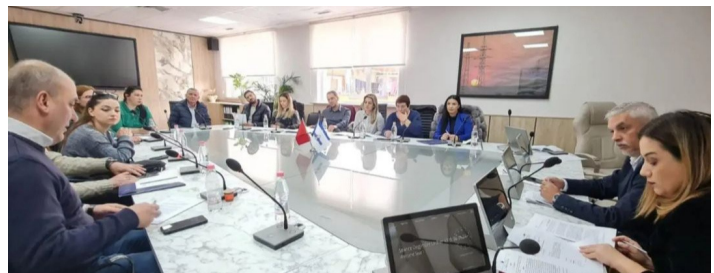
HEARING SESSIONS

During April 2023, the Energy Regulator Authority initiated the licensing procedures for the entities as follows:

1. To renew "AEE" company license in electricity trading activity.
2. To renew the license of the electricity production activity from the TPP Elbasan (for processing the urban wastes), with 2850 kW installed capacity.
3. To renew the license of "ENER TRADE" company, in electricity trading activity, as well as to renew the license of "ENER TRADE" company in electricity supply activity.

THE ENERGY REGULATOR AUTHORITY, ERE, ON DATE 04 APRIL, HELD THE HEARING SESSION TO DISCUSS WITH THE INTERESTED PARTIES REGARDING SOME AMENDMENTS IN IMPLEMENTING ERE BOARD DECISION NO. 23, DATED 14.02.2022 ON THE "REGULATION ON THE MEASURES OF THE LICENSEES ON THE SUPPLY ACTIVITY TO REACH THE METERING INDICATORS AND ERE ASSESSMENT OF THE PERFORMANCE TO THE CUSTOMER SERVICE".

ON THIS HEARING SESSION, ON WHICH WERE INVITED ALL THE IDENTIFIED INTERESTED PARTIES, PARTICIPATED EVEN REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, THE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE, THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - AAES, FTL COMPANY, TSO COMPANY, THE CUSTOMER PROTECTION OF TIRANA AGENCY, ALBPETROL COMPANY, "XHENGO ENERGJI" COMPANY, AS WELL AS "H&K@VALA MAR RESIDENCES", THAT EXPRESSED THEIR OPINIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSAL OF THE SUPPLIER'S ASSOCIATION TO POSTPONE THE DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTING SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS REGULATION, UNTIL ON 31.12.2023. AT THE END OF THE TERM TO COLLECT THE COMMENTS OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE REVIEW OF THE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS AND ATTITUDES, ERE SHALL BE EXPRESSED REGARDING THIS REQUEST OF THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLIERS ASSOCIATION - AAES.



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ALPEX

DECISIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Board Meeting held on 14 April 2023, ERE Board reviewed and approved the Minimum and Maximum Permitted Border of the Day Ahead Market for the operation of non-coupling Markets, where the Maximum Permitted Border of the price for Day Ahead Market: + 900 €/MWh, and the Minimum Permitted Border 0 €/MWh. The approval of these borders is an important mechanism that protects the market from the prices that may lead to unnecessary distortions to Electricity market. These borders shall serve for a transitory period to the moment ALPEX company shall access that the organized wholesale electricity market is sufficiently matured, and shall submit at ERE for approval a proposal to remove these restrictions.

The first live auction was held by ALPEX company on 11.04.2023 in the presence of all shareholders and collaborators that lead to the opening of the Albanian Power Exchange.



Also during this month, ERE Board held six Board meetings, which resulted to 30 decisions. These last one mentioned resulted to the licensing of an entity for electricity production from a photovoltaic plant, an entity for licensing in electricity supply activity, an entity in electricity trading activity as well as the approval of the electricity sale price supplied from the Supplier of Last Resort for March 2023 of about 20.49 ALL /kWh for the customers connected to 35 kV voltage level, but even decisions on internal issues regarding the organization of the institution. Also above the important decisions approved during this month, shall be mentioned the license renewal of electricity production from the plant of processing the urban wastes, for ECO-ELB company; the license modification of Kurum company, required from the last one mentioned, for the increase of electricity production capacity from "Shkopet" HPP currently with a 28MW production capacity; The equipment with the Certificate of Origin, of electricity production plant "Banjë HPP" for the electricity production quantity 167,931 MWh, as well as for the electricity production plant "Moglicë HPP" for the electricity production 322,491 MWh quantity, of "DEVOLL HYDROPOWER" company, for a 12- months period each (01.01.2022 - 31.12.2022). Part of the monthly schedule has been even the hearing sessions regarding the handle of customer complaints, but not limited to them.

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ENERGY POVERTY

GUIDELINE

THE USE OF ENERGY IS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE A SUITABLE STANDARD OF LIVING AND HEALTH. IN EUROPE, ENERGY POVERTY IS A GROWING CONCERN THAT JEOPARDIZES THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MILLIONS OF CITIZENS. ACCORDING TO RECENT ESTIMATES PUBLISHED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, AROUND 36 MILLION CITIZENS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION ARE UNABLE TO ADEQUATELY HEAT THEIR HOMES.

THE DEFINITION OF ENERGY POVERTY IS NOT YET HARMONIZED ACROSS EUROPE. GENERALLY, THE DEFINITION IS RELATED TO THE INABILITY TO SECURE ADEQUATE ENERGY SERVICES IN THE HOME AND IS LINKED TO AFFORDABILITY, WHICH, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EU POLICY DISCOURSE, IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIMITED ABILITY OF HOUSEHOLDS TO FULLY ACCESS THE BENEFITS OFFERED BY DOMESTIC ENERGY MARKETS.

ENERGY POVERTY IN ALBANIA IS CURRENTLY RELATED WITH VULNERABILITY REGARDING THE VULNERABLE CUSTOMERS, WHILE THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE IS THE ONLY MEANS OF CONTINUOUS INTERVENTION THROUGH THE STATE BUDGET. MOREOVER, OTHER ASPECTS OF ENERGY POVERTY, SUCH AS ACCESS TO DIVERSE AND COMPETITIVE ENERGY SOURCES, EFFICIENT HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION, CLEAN AIR, AND EMPOWERING CONSUMERS IN THE MARKET, HAVE RECENTLY GAINED PROMINENCE. ENERGY POVERTY AS A COMPLEX CONCEPT REQUIRES COLLABORATION AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING CENTRAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS IN THE POWER SECTOR, ENABLING NOT ONLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT BUT ALSO PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE IN ASSESSING APPROPRIATE CHOICES THAT IMPACT ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE ELECTRICITY COSTS. IN THIS COMPLEXITY, THE REGULATOR PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN BALANCING THE INTERESTS OF THE CONSUMER, GOVERNMENT, AND THE INVESTOR (OPERATOR FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SERVICES).

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO IDENTIFY AND SET AVAILABLE THE INFORMATION ON THE SO FAR EXPERIENCES REGARDING ENERGY POVERTY, THE GENERAL CONCEPT, ITS DIMENSIONS, FACTORS, AND SUPPORTIVE MECHANISMS FOR FACILITATING ENERGY POVERTY.

THE ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (ERE) IS A PUBLIC ENTITY THAT HANDLES THE ISSUES REGARDING THE LICENSING OF THE ENTITIES WHICH OPERATE IN ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS MARKET, THAT DEFINES THE TARIFFS OF THE TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK OPERATORS FOR ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS AS WELL AS THE PRICES FOR THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE CUSTOMERS, THE CERTIFICATION OF THE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM OPERATOR, ELECTRICITY MARKET MONITORING, THE APPROVAL OF THE NETWORK OPERATOR PLANS, THE HANDLING OF CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS AND SETTLING THE DISPUTES BETWEEN THE LICENSEES. ERE IN EXERCISING ITS DUTIES BALANCES THE INTERESTS OF THE INVESTORS, THE CUSTOMERS AND THE STATE TO ENSURE FROM THE LICENSEE THE SAFE SERVICE AND A SERVICE THAT IS BASED ON REASONABLE COSTS. ERE ALSO SERVES AS A SOURCE OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LICENSEE AND THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK IN GENERAL. IN ADDITION, ERE IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, OR EVEN COOPERATION AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE SERVICE ISSUES THAT AFFECT THE ELECTRICITY MARKET. AS PART OF ITS ROLE, ERE STRIVES TO BE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES. THE SERVICES GUIDELINE SHALL SERVE AS A SOURCE THAT CONTAIN INFORMATION OR EXPLANATIONS FOR THE REGULATORY PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES IN POWER SECTOR.

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