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BOARD MEETINGS

During June, ERE Board held 3 meetings, which resulted in 20 decisions, among which:

1. Licensing of "5GX ENERGY" company in electricity trading activity, "AYEN AS ENERGJI" company in electricity supply and trading activity, for a 5-year term each, as well as the renewal of the license of "GSA" company in electricity supply activity, for a 5-year term, starting from 23.12.2024.
2. Licensing of "FU-GEN" company in electricity production activity from the photovoltaic plant, with an installed capacity of 2MW, and located in Fier County, for a period of 30 years.
3. The postponement for up to 30 days of ERE Board decision, for the review of the request of "5GX ENERGY" company for licensing in electricity production activity.
4. Accepting the requests of companies:
 - "MALIDO - ENERGY" company, "SMART WATT" company and "TIRANA ENERGY" company for obtaining authorization from ERE for the change of the partner that controls the interests of each company.
 - "HYDROBORSH" company for obtaining authorization from ERE for the establishment of its quotas as a means of guaranteeing the fulfillment of the obligation to the lending party, "BANKA AMERIKANE E INVESTIMEVE" company provided that the company deposits in ERE the historical extract of the commercial register within 10 (ten) days from the reflection in it of the placement of the collateral on its quotas.
 - "HYDROBORSH" company for obtaining authorization from ERE for the transfer (through hypothecation) of its fixed assets to guarantee the repayment of the obligations to the lending party "BANKA AMERIKANE E INVESTIMEVE" company.
 - "SMART TRADE & CONSULTING" company for license removal in electricity trading activity.
5. Opening the procedure to license "Nova Prospect" company in electricity production activity from the photovoltaic plant with an installed capacity of 2MW, and located in the Vlora region; and "AGE ERZEN" company, in electricity production activity from "Hekali" HPP, with an installed capacity of 1940 kW, and located in the catchment basin of the Erzen River, Municipality of Tirana
6. Amendment of point 1 in ERE Board decision no. 116, dated 24.05.2022 "On licensing "SPV BLUE 1" company in electricity production activity from the photovoltaic plant "Blue 1", with an installed capacity of 50MW, for a term of 25 years, starting from 23.05.2024", the date on which the company documented the testing and energization of this photovoltaic plant.
7. Repeal of point 3 of ERE Board decision no. 17, dated 06.02.2024 "On the request of "Erseka Solar Park 1" company for obtaining authorization from ERE for placing its quotas as collateral for guaranteeing the obligation to third parties, as a result of meeting the condition predetermined in decision-making.

These decisions are published in full on our official website: www.ere.gov.al

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DECISIONS

ANNUAL REPORT

Some of the decisions approved during June are related to ERE's authority to determine prices as well as necessary changes in the rules of the electricity market. Such are the following decisions:

- Approval of the sale price of electricity supplied by the Supplier of Last Resort for May 2024 of about 10.73 ALL/kWh for customers connected at the 35kV voltage level. On ERE website, the prices approved by ERE, for the sale of electricity supplied by the Supplier of Last Resort for each month, are published in the Tariffs item.
- Approval of the request of the Albanian Power Exchange, company for some amendments in Annex 3 of the Electricity Market Rules, approved with ERE Board decision no. 347, dated 27.12.2022, these amendments reflect the additions and changes in the conditions for establishing the public service obligation, which shall be applied to licensees in the power sector, approved by Council of Ministers Decision no. 46, dated 31.01.2024.

In order to be informed in more detail regarding these and other decisions, please visit our official website www.ere.gov.al in the category Decisions.

ERE Chairman Mr. Petrit Ahmeti, presented on June 27 in the Parliament of Albania, the Annual Report on the progress of the power and natural gas sectors and ERE activity for 2023, which presents a detailed description as well as specific data on the progress of the sectors, reflecting in a comparative manner the indicators of this year with previous years. In the Assembly there were positive arguments, but also criticism and reply, among which Mr. Pëllumbi and some of the other members of the Parliamentary Committee on Production Activity, Trade and Environment praised the work done by ERE for finding the balance between the state, business and the customer, for the operation of the Albanian Power Exchange (ALPEX), which started operating at 00:00 on 12.04.2023, on transparency, the diversification of energy sources, the increase in the volumes of energy traded on the Albanian Power Exchange, the trend of reducing energy losses in the distribution system, for the memorandums signed for the day ahead market coupling within 2026, etc. As reflected in the Report, it was evaluated as a great overcoming of the negative consequences left behind by the years of transition in the power sector, where energy production by small producers is encouraging. The Commission also presented the Resolution for the next year for the Energy Regulator Authority, with 12 recommendations, on which ERE shall support its objectives. A copy of this report is published on ERE website at the following link:

<https://ere.gov.al/en/publications/annual-reports/annual-report-2023>

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CONSULTATIONS

Part of ERE activity have been 5 hearing sessions held for the resolution of complaints and taking into consideration the positions of the parties, as well as with licensed subjects, in order to clarify ambiguities and to result in a more complete decision-making.

By browsing our official website www.ere.gov.al, you can be informed with the latest data of the energy market in the country, the registers of subject licensing, guarantees of origin and updated complaints, as well as tariffs and prices of approved by ERE.

In the consultation section, we also invite you to read the following materials on which you can submit your opinion as an interested party, to our e-mail address erealb@ere.gov.al:

- Proposal for the approval of the "Methodology for determining tariffs for the Nominated Electricity Market Operator (NEMO)"
- Support Agreement
- Implementation of the 15-minute time interval for balancing market processes in accordance with the Albanian Balancing Rules
- On some additions and changes to the Regulation for New Connections

ACTIVITIES



1. During the past month, representatives from ERE have participated in national and international conferences, trainings and forums, where we can mention the International Conference of Information Commissioners as well as the IV National Conference on the Right to Information, organized by KDIMDP; The Nuclear Energy Forum as well as the annual Meeting of Liaison Officers, organized by ERRA; or the intensive trainings organized by USAID and NARUC on the integration of GESI and DEIA concepts, and the advancement of female leaders in the power sector.

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MEDREG

The Presidents of the MEDREG National Regulatory Authorities, gathered in Selinunte during the 4th MEDREG Workshop, held on June 12, 2024, jointly discussed the evolution and dynamics of the power sector in the Mediterranean region, shared a common perspective on the future evolving energy markets and expressed their commitment to cooperate with each other. The Mediterranean situation requires current and flexible actions to overcome the various challenges and achieve the development of coherent regulatory frameworks. The energy transition highlights the crucial role of the Mediterranean region and the common goal of guaranteeing security and sustainability of energy supply in the future. Regulators have a responsibility to make energy systems affordable and sustainable and are committed to fostering energy innovation, technologies and business models. Energy infrastructures shall have a decisive role in ensuring the operation and integration of systems, therefore, regulators must further improve cooperation with



policy makers, interested parties in the power sector through annual meetings that shall be organized on a rotating basis in MEDREG member countries , to discuss common challenges and opportunities. MEDREG presidents emphasized the importance of peace in the Mediterranean region and the rest of the world, stability being a prerequisite to guarantee the provision of a stable energy regulatory framework.

"With the hope that the peace process shall be achieved very soon, we look forward to working together again, sitting at the same table for a prosperous Mediterranean environment. It is time to return to our ancient roots for the future of our Mare Nostrum (Mediterranean)!" they expressed.

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COLLABORATIONS

1. On June 5 and 6, 2024, the Energy Community Secretariat held in Athens, Greece, the 29th Forum of the Energy Community, where ERE Chairman- Mr. Petrit Ahmeti, Board Members Mrs. Erjola Sadushi and Mrs. Brunilda Tavani, General Secretary Mr. Elton B. Radheshi and other representatives of the working group, took part. During the forum, the efforts and challenges of contracting countries in the transposition of the Electricity Integration Package were discussed, urging them to complete it by the end of 2024 for market coupling and exemption from CBAM. Panelists highlighted the need for expertise and resources, infrastructure development for decarbonisation and financial support for the transition to hydrogen. The forum also noted the importance of NEMO appointments, CCR activities and investments in renewable energy. They discussed the impacts of CBAM, market liquidity, energy storage technologies and demanded transparency in grid connection management and regulatory reviews of development plans and tariffs.



1. On June 6, 2024, Mr. Gledis Kalemi, Chief Sector in Tariffs and Prices Directory, was part of the panel of the forum "Global Energy Insights: Albania Investments & Market Trends" organized in cooperation between the Albanian Investment Development Agency (AIDA) and the Albanian-Turkish Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ATTSO). The common denominator of the event was the power sector and the respective legislation in terms of investments, energy efficiency, the workforce in the sector as well as the financing of various projects in renewable energy, concluding with the creation of connections from the close talks between the attendees.

