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During December, ERE Board held 9 meetings, which resulted in 42 decisions, including:

1. Licensing of companies:

"M.C ENERGJI GOJAN" company, "SLR ALBANIA" company, "SPV BLUE 2" company, "Mountain's Green Energy" company in electricity production activity; as well as "VOLTON" company in electricity supply activity.

2. Opening the procedure for licensing the companies:

"MET Albania" company in electricity trading and supply activity.

"3AD Energy" company and "MER Energji" company in electricity production activity.

"DESLA" company and "Sunny Side Energy" company in electricity trading activity.

3. Obtaining authorization from ERE for the change of the partner who controls the interests in a company:

Accepting the request of "SA-GLE KOMPANI" company, "HYDROBORSH" company, "PROINFINIT CONSULTING company and "En.Ku" company for obtaining authorization from ERE for the change of the partner that controls the interests of each company.

In this newsletter you will be informed regarding: Licensing in electricity production activity for the month

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Methodologies and determination of tariffs and prices for regulated activities:

- Amendment of points 1 and 2 of ERE Board decision no. 206, dated 07.10.2024 by determining the sale price of electricity supplied by the Supplier of Last Resort for September 2024 of about 16.80 ALL/kWh for customers connected at 35 kV voltage level, and the obligation for the company to correct and compensate for the resulting differences of September 2024, in the invoices of December.
- Also determining the sale price of electricity supplied by the Supplier of Last Resort for November 2024 of about 21.53 ALL/kWh for customers connected at 35 kV voltage level.
- Letting into force for 2025 ERE Board decision no. 73 dated 13.04.2022 on "Approving the tariffs for electricity distribution service according to voltage level".
- Approving the annual electricity purchase price, that shall be paid to existing priority producers, of about 10 ALL/kWh, for 2025.
- Letting into force decision no. 74, dated 13.04.2022, until 31.01.2025, on electricity retail prices for enduse customers served by the Universal Service Supplier.
- Letting into force decision no. 72, dated 15.04.2024, until 31.01.2025, on electricity sale prices for customers in the category "Bakery/flour production" connected at 0.4 kV voltage level.
- Approving ALPEX Tariffs List which shall be applicable to the Nominated Electricity Market Operator (NEMO) for 2025.
- Letting into force the temporary natural gas transmission tariff by Albgaz company for 2025 of about 28 ALL/m3 or 2.6457 ALL/kWh.
- Approving the "Methodology on defining the tariffs of the Nominated Electricity Market Operator (NEMO).
- Approving the Methodology on defining Renewable Energy Obligation.
- Opening the procedure to approve the Methodology on the assessment of the electricity day-ahead market readiness.



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Other decisions such as:

- Completion of the procedure opened with ERE board decision no. 79, dated 02.05.2024 "On the request of "FTL" company for settling the dispute with Dragobia Energy company."
- Accepting the proposal of Alpex company and the approval of the Market Time Unit corresponding to 00:00 on 12.12.2024, as the commencement of operations date in the Intraday Auction Market on the Albanian Power Exchange.
- Approval of the request of ALPEX company for some additions and amendments to the Electricity
 Market Rules (ALPEX rules General Conditions, definitions, trading procedures as well as the
 clearing and settlement procedures), approved with ERE board decision no. 347, dated 27.12.2022, as
 amended, which you can browse on ERE website, in the decisions category.
- Accepting the joint request of TSO company and ALPEX company, for changing the nomination term
 in the balancing market, set out in provision 5.5.1.5 of the Albanian Electricity Balancing Market Rules
 approved with ERE Board decision no. 106, dated 02.07.2020, which now stipulates that as of March 1,
 2025, nominations can be updated within the day, at least 15 minutes before the start of the delivery
 period.
- The request of the Albanian Association of Electricity Suppliers (AAES) for the derogation of some provisions of the "Rules on the licensee measures in the supply activity for achieving the metering indicators and the assessment by ERE of service performance to the customer", approved with ERE Board decision no. 23/2022, ERE Board evaluated the arrangement of a hearing session with the aim of determining the applicable duration terms.
- Approving the "Regulation on issuing, transferring or cancellation of the Guarantee of Origin for electricity produced from renewable resources".
- Issuing a guarantee of origin for the electricity produced by the HPPs in the Drin River Cascade for 01.10.2023 30.09.2024 period.
- Partial approval of the request of FTL company and opening the procedure to review the draft 'Standard contract for electricity purchase between Free Market Supplier company and Priority Producers of Electricity".
- Partial approval of the request of the Albanian Association of Electricity Suppliers (AAES) for some amendments and restrictions in the implementation of ERE Board decision no. 186, dated 06.06.2023.

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".

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38th meeting of the General Assembly of MEDREG

On December 5, 2024, during the 38th meeting of the Assembly, the new Presidency of the General association as well as the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Working Groups and Task Forces were elected by the members of MEDREG. We congratulate the new President of MEDREG, Mr. Branislav Prelević, Chairman of the Energy and Water Regulatory Agency of Montenegro, who will lead the Association during the 2025-2026 mandate. Also, at this Assembly held in Brussels, among others, the Commissioner of ERE Board, Ms. Erjola Sadushi, was elected Chair of the Consumer Working Group, to lead the work of this important group for the next 2 years; and the Secretary General of ERE, Mr. Elton B. Radheshi, was elected Leader of the Task Force for MEDREG's Cooperation with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) platform.



59th Meeting of the Energy Community Regulatory Board (ECRB)



At the 59th meeting of the Energy Community Regulatory Board held on December 10, 2024 in Athens, the working groups reported on the developments in the power sector for the year, as well as discussed and approved, among other things, the internal rules and procedures of ECRB along with the work program for 2025. Also, at this meeting, the chairs of the 4 ECRB Working Groups were elected, among which the Secretary General of ERE, Mr. Elton B. Radheshi was reelected as chair of REMIT (Regulation on Wholesale Energy Market Integrity and Transparency) Working Group and shall continue to lead this group for the next 2 years 2025-2026.

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By browsing our official website <u>www.ere.gov.al</u> you can be informed on the latest data regarding the registers of licensing of subjects, guarantees of origin and updated complaints, as well as tariffs and prices approved by ERE. Also, in accordance with Law 43/2015 "On Power Sector", article 19, letter k), four-month data on electricity market operation is also published on the website.

Consultings

In December, ERE initiated a consultation process on the following proposals, the interested parties are invited to submit their opinions at erealb@ere.gov.al:

- 1.Methodology for Assessing the Readiness of the Electricity Day-Ahead Market
- 2.Regulation on Capacity Allocation and Congestion Management

We also invite you to browse the latest data on the energy market in the country, where you shall find periodic reports regarding the data on energy market for 10 months of 2024.

Also, during December, ERE, through digital communication tools (social networks, etc.), informed all customers connected at the medium voltage level, who also meet the legal and technical criteria to enter the liberalized electricity supply market, that they have the obligation to find their supplier in the free market from January 1, 2025. It has been brought to the attention of all customers belonging to this category, but also any other customer who has met the criteria for entering the free market, to take measures to find and contract their supplier from the list of suppliers licensed by ERE in this activity. Customers have also been informed that on ERE website they can find the list of licensed suppliers published as well as the modalities for contacting and contracting them.

Within the framework of this announcement, customers have also been informed about the functioning of the price comparison platform PCT (Price Comparison Tool), designed by ERE https://pct.ere.gov.al/ where you can search and find the best supply offers for the category in which you belong.

It is also brought to attention that all customers who have met the criteria for entering the free market and who have not been able to contract a supplier themselves or have lost their supplier, may benefit from supply through the "Supplier of Last Resort" which is a supplier designated in accordance with the provisions of the law on power sector, and which offers for a limited period of time (60 days) the supply service, under regulated conditions. The right to choose and change the supplier free of charge is guaranteed by law.

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Hearing session with representatives from the Albanian Association of Electricity Suppliers (AAES)

The Energy Regulatory Authority held a hearing session on December 19 at its premises, inviting representatives from AEES - Albanian Association of Electricity Suppliers, as well as all suppliers operating in the free market, to participate, with the aim of discussing among the interested parties the request submitted by AEES for the extension of the term for the partial derogation of the provisions of the "Rules on the licensee measures in the supply activity for achieving the metering indicators and the assessment by ERE of service performance to the customer" approved with ERE Board decision no. 23, dated 14.02.2022, as amended.

After discussion, the parties expressed their position regarding the applicable condition of derogation from the implementation of certain provisions of the regulation, for suppliers supplying less than 100 end-use customers, as defined in the decision in force.

Suppliers also discussed and clarified technical details on the use of the Electricity Price Comparison Platform - PCT, which aims to increase transparency for end-use customers and regarding which you can find more information at the link https://pct.ere.gov.al/aboutPct.

Hearing session regarding the review of the Application of TSO company for the Electricity Transmission Tariff for 2025 - 2027 regulatory period.

The Energy Regulatory Authority welcomed on December 6 to its premises, interested parties, representatives of institutions and media representatives, in a Public Hearing session which was held with the aim to review the Application of TSO company for the Electricity Transmission Tariff for 2025 – 2027 regulatory period.

Given that the application of the transmission network operation tariff is a process that affects all market participants and within the framework of developing a transparent and non-discriminatory process, ERE considered it important to actively involve all the interested parties.

With a focus on protecting the rights of every customer and determining the most accurate and transparent tariff possible, comments, arguments and questions from participating parties were welcomed.

Subsequently, ERE, in its meeting on 18.12.2024, approved the electricity transmission service tariff for January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027 period, of about 0.85 ALL/kWh.

During December, 8 hearing sessions were also held, with customers and licensees, with the aim of clarifying the details necessary for resolving the relevant complaints, or continuing the licensing process of the subject in question, but also on the requests received from interested parties, with the aim of discussing and reviewing their opinions in more detail.