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## ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### BOARD MEETINGS

### DECISIONS

During November, ERE Board held 4 meetings, which resulted in 36 decision-making, among which three decisions on amendments in licensing conditions from subjects licensed by ERE; the suspension of the implementation of the requirements of articles 4.1, 8 and article 10 of the "Regulation on issuing, transferring or cancellation of the Guarantee of Origin for electricity produced from renewable resources", approved with ERE Board decision no. 229, dated 20.12.2019 until the approval by ERE and the entry into force of the new Regulation for the issuing, transferring or cancellation of GOs, in accordance with the provisions of law no. 24/2023; granting authorization for setting the quotas of the licensed subject, as a means (security lien) for guaranteeing the fulfillment of obligations to the lending party; as well as the opening of two procedures, namely one for handling the dispute arising between four subjects and Free Market Supplier (FTL) company on the contracted and non-contracted production, from a photovoltaic plant in the possession of these subjects, for 28.07.2022 - 08.11.2022 period; as well as a request for licensing in electricity production activity from "Mireshi" HPP, in the district of Dibër, with a total capacity of 1,900 MW; as well as setting the electricity sale price supplied by the Supplier of Last Resort for October 2023 of about 16.13 ALL/kWh for customers connected to the 35kV voltage level.

Also, among other decisions approved during this month, it shall be mentioned:

1. On accepting the request of "KESH" company, on issuing the Guarantee of Origin for 01.10.2022 - 30.09.2023 period, for the electricity produced from:

a. "Fierzë" HPP -1,779,095MWh

b. "Koman" HPP -2,264,089MWh

c. "Vau i Dejës" HPP -1,134,560MWh

The Guarantee of Origin (Go) is an electronic document that has the only function to prove to the end-use customer that part or the entire amount of electricity used by it, is produced from renewable resources.

2. Repeal of points 2 and 3 in ERE Board decision no. 228, dated 17.07.2023, "On the designation of the "Albanian Power Exchange-ALPEX company" as the Nominated Electricity Market Operator (NEMO)", as a result of fulfilling the conditions set in the decision.

3. The approval of the Draft "Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Day-Ahead Electricity Market Coupling in Southeastern Europe, which aims to unify the electricity markets of Albania, Greece, North Macedonia and Kosovo in order to create the conditions for the integration of national wholesale electricity markets on a day-ahead level as well as the implementation of the EU Target Model for implicit capacity allocation, using existing inter-European solutions and best practices.

4. Repeal of the decision on the request of the State Technical and Industrial Inspectorate for some additions and amendments in the regulation for new connections in the distribution system, approved with ERE Board decision no. 166, dated 10.10.2016, as amended, as a reflection of Decision no. 54 of the Administrative Court of Appeal.

During November, ERE also opened the procedure to revoke the licenses of debtor subjects for 2023 regulatory payments unsettled toward ERE. In order to be informed about the relevant subjects, but also the above-mentioned decisions, please visit our official website [www.ere.gov.al](http://www.ere.gov.al).

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### ACTIVITIES

On 07.11.2023 in ERE premises, ERE Chairman Mr. Petrit Ahmeti, as well as the Energy Regulator Authority (ERE) Board, welcomed ERO Chairman and the Board of the Energy Regulatory Office of Kosovo. The topics of the discussion were focused, among other things, on the harmonization of the interactions between the two regulators for NEMO tariff methodology, as well as on other issues related to the cooperation of the two regulators.

During this meeting, the representatives of the two regulators also discussed on the coordination of work related to the operation of the day ahead market coupling. This meeting of the Board of both regulators advances the process of the Albania-Kosovo market coupling, focusing on the importance that this cooperation has not only for the respective electricity markets but also for the further development of the markets in the wider region.



### HEARING SESSIONS

During November, part of ERE's activity includes hearing sessions with customers, subjects and interested parties, with the aim of resolving disputes or obtaining the views of the parties in order to make a more complete decision.

Amongst it shall be mentioned 6 (six) hearing sessions held by Customer Protection, Performance and Standards Directory, on the complaints received by ERE from various customers, which were dealt with in cooperation with FSHU company and DSO company; 3 (three) hearing sessions held by License, Authorisation and Supervision Directory with licensed subjects and parties involved in the process, which essentially had evidence and clarifications necessary to advance processes such as license renewal or other requests, in implementation of the Regulation on the procedures and terms for license issue, modification, transferring, renewal or license termination in the power sector.

Also, it is worth mentioning the meeting held between the Monitoring and Inspections Directory and representatives of: (i) Tren Sun System company, (ii) Sun Beat System company, (iii) NTSP company, (iv) Korca Photovoltaic park company, DSO company and TSO company, regarding the dispute with the latter, for which ERE has opened the procedure and is expected to make a decision during December.

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On Monday, 13.11.2023, the third meeting of the working group for the Sustainability of Green Energy Production in the Western Balkans was held within the project financed by CIPE (Centre for International Private Enterprise). Representatives of companies operating in this field, representatives from the Energy Regulator Authority, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy and from ProCredit Bank were present at this meeting.



On 14.11.2023, the Memorandum of Understanding was signed in Athens for the day ahead market coupling between Albania, Kosovo, North Macedonia and Greece under the support of USAID, part of the Southeast Europe Electricity Market Coupling Initiative.

The memorandum was signed by the Regulators, Transmission System Operators as well as the Power Exchange of the four countries and aims, among other things, the need for cooperation to enable the harmonization of integrated mechanisms for the management of energy flows in the region through the integration of the day ahead markets, the implementation of the European Model of capacity allocation as well as participation in existing organizations or working groups.

During his speech, ERE Chairman Mr. Ahmeti emphasized the importance of signing this Memorandum of Understanding, which is a continuation of the commitments undertaken since the signing of the Energy Treaty in 2005, as well as a cornerstone in the integration of the electricity markets of Southeast Europe with EU countries, which shall serve the social well-being of our countries.



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The Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA), an organization in which the Energy Regulator Authority has been a founding member since 2000, organized on November 24 and 25, 2023 in Istanbul the annual meeting of the chairmen of the Member Authorities, with the hospitality of the Regulatory Authority of Turkey. In this activity, the Energy Regulator Authority was represented by the Chairman Mr. Petrit Ahmeti and the Secretary General Mr. Elton B. Radheshi.

The Secretariat provided information about ERRA's priority activities and calendar of events. During the activity, among other things, the new shape of energy systems, climate pathways of emerging and frontier markets, energy security in energy transition, future of natural gas and nuclear, outlook for energy demand and many others were discussed.



On November 16, 2023, the Energy Community Conference on Advancing Renewable Investments was organized in Ljubljana, Slovenia by the Energy Community Secretariat of Vienna. The conference served as a special meeting, bringing together a wide range of participants, including ministries of energy, energy regulators, distribution system operators (DSOs), transmission system operators (TSOs), directors and members of boards of organizations responsible for guarantees of origin, Contracting Parties (P), renewable energy investors, corporate subjects, financial institutions, respected international organizations and various others. This comprehensive assembly of interested parties delved into the latest and most forward-looking trends, strategic approaches and promising opportunities in the field of renewable energy. ERE was represented at this conference by the Secretary General Mr. Elton B. Radheshi.

The 4th seminar organized by the Balkan Energy School (BES) entitled "How to create local implementation projects of market coupling" took place near the ARERA offices on November 30, 2023. Within the framework of the KEP project for the support of the Albanian Regulator Authority to improve the efficiency of the wholesale energy market". This meeting was opened by Mr. Stefano Saglia, Chairman of BES, Mr. Andrea Cascone (Adriatic and Balkans Director, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation) and Mr. Elton B. Radheshi, Secretary General of ERE. Among other things, the meeting discussed the market coupling between the EU Member States and the Contracting Parties of the Energy Community, the establishment of local market coupling implementation projects, on defining the local procedures and the contractual framework for NEMO.

In this seminar, ERE was also represented by Mr. Denis Rushaj, Director of the Legal Directory, Mr. Lorenc Kosta, Chief Sector of the Market Monitoring and Inspections Directory, and Mr. Elvis Himci, Specialist of the Tariffs and Prices Directory.