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ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

BOARD

DECISION

No. 255, Dated 21.12.2020

ON THE PROPOSAL OF TSO COMPANY ON THE INDICATORS OF STANDARD CRITERIA FOR THE QUALITY OF ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION SERVICE FOR 2021

Based on article 7, point 1, article 16 and 20 point 1, letter “a”, of Law no. 43/2015 “On Power Sector” as amended; article 15 of the “Rules on ERE Organization, Operation and Procedures approved with ERE Board Decision, no. 96, dated 17.06.2016; “Regulation on the quality of supply and network security performance in the electricity transmission system” approved with ERE Board Decision no. 207, dated 18.12.2017; article 104, point 4, letter “a”; article 113, point 1 and 3 of Law no.44/2015 “Code of Administrative Procedures”, the Energy Regulatory Authority Board (ERE), after reviewing the report Protocol no. 135/9, dated 15.12.2020 prepared by the Market Monitoring and Inspections Directory regarding the “Review of the proposal of TSO company on the indicators of standard criteria for the quality of electricity transmission service for 2021”,

Observed that:

- With decision no. 207, dated 18.12.2017, ERE Board approved the “Regulation on the quality of supply and network security performance in the electricity transmission system”

Following this decision, at the request of TSO company as a result of the inability to meet the requirements of this Regulation within the deadlines it sets, due to the need to make the necessary investments, ERE board with its decisions has occasionally decided to postpone its entry into force.

- The latest decision of ERE Board, no. 124, dated 30.07.2020 “On the request of TSO company for some amendments on ERE Board decision no. 207, dated 18.12.2017 " On approving the regulation on standard criteria for the quality of electricity transmission service” decided: 1. To partially accept the request of TSO company for an extension until 31.12.2021, of the deadline provided in point 2 of the ERE board decision no. 209, dated 16.12.2019 «For an amendment on ERE board decision no. 207, dated 18.12.2019 " On approving the regulation on standard criteria for the quality of electricity transmission service“ as unsubstantiated and not fully supported by evidence.
- To change point 2, letter a) of ERE board decision no. 209, dated 16.12.2019 “On an amendment in the ERE board decision no. 207, dated 18.12.2019 "On approving the regulation on standard criteria for the quality of electricity transmission service”, as follows:

- Point 7.3 of the “Regulation on standard criteria for the quality of electricity transmission service” is amended and becomes: “TSO company shall propose at ERE for approval the allowed level of standard criteria for the quality of service, within 30.11.2020”.

- Pursuant to the above ERE Board Decision, TSO company with official letter protocol no. 7200, dated 01.12.2020 submitted its proposal regarding the Indicators of Standard Criteria of Performance for the Transmission System Operator for 2021 and submitted a series of arguments in order to extend the deadline provided in point 2 of Decision no. 124, dated 30.07.2020, «On the request of TSO company for some amendments in ERE board decision no. 207, dated 18.12.2017 " On approving the regulation on standard criteria for the quality of electricity transmission service based on Article 10 of the Regulation on the quality of supply and network security performance in the electricity transmission system , until 31 December 2021.

- At the same time TSO company with official letter protocol no. 3577 dated 16.06.2020, through which it submits a series of arguments, has also requested that the deadline provided in point 2 of Decision no. 209, dated 16.12.2019, «On the request of TSO company for some amendments on ERE board decision no. 207, dated 18.12.2017 "On approving the Regulation on standard criteria for the quality of electricity transmission service", to be extended.

- From the analysis of the documentation submitted by TSO company at ERE, it was noted that the arguments forwarded through official letter protocol no. 7200 dated 01.12.2020 are the same as those forwarded through official letter protocol no. 3577 dated 16.06.2020, in which it is required the amendment of ERE Board Decision no. 209, dated 16.12.2019, «For an amendment in ERE Board Decision no. 207, dated 18.12.2019 "On approving the Regulation on standard criteria for the quality of electricity transmission service"». As far as presented, ERE board issued decision no. 124, dated 30.07.2020.

- TSO company with official letter protocol no. 893/2 dated 27.10.2020, submitted at ERE, presents among others: “On the fulfillment of the obligations of article 73, point 2 of the Transmission Code. The information provided provides an overview of the quality of work of the Transmission System illustrated by the indicators of standard criteria for the quality of electricity transmission service for 2019”.

- From the analysis of all documentation submitted by TSO company, it is presented as follows:

Average Interruption Time of Electricity Supply (AIT), means measuring the time interruption of electricity supply in the system (hours per year). This indicator for 2021, shall be 35 minutes.

Energy not Supplied (ENS) means the total amount of energy (in MWh) that should have been supplied to customers whose electricity was cut off, if there had been no outage. It is estimated as the amount of power not supplied for each outage. This indicator for 2021, shall be in the value of 467.8 MWh.

Frequency Quality (FQ) means the measurement of the frequency deviation of the system above or below the nominal value of 50 Hz, taking into account that the Nominal Frequency in the power system of the country which operates synchronously with the European transmission network ENTSO-E is 50 Hz. This indicator for 2021, shall be within the range ± 200 mHz.

Notification Period for the Planned Interruptions in the Transmission System means the number of hours and days in advance of giving notice to customers directly connected to the Transmission System and Distribution System Operators (OSHEE) regarding the planned interruptions. This indicator for 2021, shall be 72 hours.

Response Time to New Connection Request means the time it takes TSO company to provide a written response for the new connection request. This time can be calculated separately according to the different voltage levels of the connection point. The time calculation shall take into account the relevant deadlines for handling connection requests based on the "Regulation of the procedures of new connections and the modification of the existing ones in the transmission system ". This indicator for 2021, shall be according to the definitions in point 2.2.3, of the Regulation approved with decision 87/2018, within 60 days.

System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) refers to the average duration of outages for customers who have outages over a period of time (quarterly, semi-annually, annually). This indicator for 2021, shall be 104 minutes.

Voltage Quality (VQ) ,means the assessment of voltage deviation above or below the expected nominal value for mains voltage, according to the provisions of the Transmission Network Code. This indicator for 2021, shall be within the range defined in Article 38 of the Transmission Code.

Percent of the Complaints for Voltage Quality, means the percentage of complaints about voltage deviations outside the limits specified in the Transmission Network Code that have been resolved within the timeframe set out in the “Regulation for handling the complaints submitted by the customers and settling the disputes between the licensee, on Power and Natural Gas Sectors ”. This indicator for 2021, shall be 0%.

For all of the abovementioned ERE Board,

Decided:

1. To approve the Indicators for Supply Quality Measures and Grid Security Performance for 2021.
 - a. Average Interruption Time (AIT) ,35 minutes.
 - b. Energy not Supplied (ENS) 467 MWh.
 - c. Notification Period for the Planned Interruptions in the Transmission System, 72 hours.
 - d. Response Time to New Connection Request, within 60 days.
 - e. System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) 104 minutes.
 - f. Voltage Quality (VQ), as defined in Article 38 of the Transmission Code.
 - g. Percent of the Complaints for Voltage Quality, 0%.
2. TSO company shall report at ERE every 3 (three) months regarding the progress of the implementation of the Indicators for Supply Quality Measures and Grid Security Performance for 2021.

3. Market Monitoring and Inspections Directory shall inform the interested parties about ERE Board Decision.

This decision enters immediately into force.

About this decision may be required its review within 7 calendar days and may be complained on Tirana Administrative Court within 30 calendar days from the day of its publication on the Official Gazette.

This decision shall be published on the Official Gazette

ERE CHAIRMAN

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