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During July, ERE Board held 7 meetings, which resulted in 24 decisions, among which:

Licensing of companies:

- "GreeNNat Solar Park Ballsh" company in electricity production activity from the photovoltaic plant, with a production capacity of 100 MW, and located in the Municipality of Mallakastër, for a period of 25 years starting from 01.06.2028.
- "5GX ENERGY" company in electricity production activity from the photovoltaic plant with an installed capacity of 10 MW, located in the Fier District, for a 30-year term, starting from 01.08.2024, provided that the company submits at ERE the amendment of the contract signed with MIE.
- "AGE ERZEN" company in electricity production activity from "Hekali" HPP, with an installed capacity of 1940 kW, located in the catchment basin of the Erzen river, Municipality of Tirana, for a period of 30 years, starting from 01.06. 2026, with the condition that the company submits at ERE the renewed permit for the use of the water resource by 18.09.2025.
- "H.K. HEC GRABOVA 2" company in electricity production activity from Grabova 2 HPP, with a total installed capacity of 10.8 MW, located in the basin of the Grabova stream, Gramsh, Elbasan District, starting this term from 24.10.2024 until 14.09.2052, with the condition that the company submits at ERE the position of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy and/or the amendment of the signed contract, for the request made by it on the extension of the date of the start of operation of the "Grabova" hydropower plant 2".

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Opening the procedure for licensing companies:

- "ACHELO" company in electricity production activity from "KOTORRI" HPP with a production capacity of 1.9 MW and located in Elbasan District, the decision-making for which was postponed by 30 days from 31.07.2024, as a result of the need for clarifications from the company.
- "BMG ENERGY SAL" company in electricity production activity from the photovoltaic plant, with a production capacity of 2 MW, located in the Fier District.
- "SUN'S MIRACLE" company in electricity production activity from the photovoltaic plant with an installed capacity of 2MW, located in the Fier District.
- "Albania Power Core" company in electricity production activity from the photovoltaic plant with a production capacity of 40.56 MW and auxiliary works, in the Fier District.

- Approval of the "General Conditions of the Standard Contract for Support" including the General Conditions of the CFD which become applicable after the approval according to the Electricity Market Model.
- Partial approval of the request of DSO company for some additions and amendments in the "Regulation on new connections in the distribution system", approved with ERE Board decision no. 166, dated 10.10.2016, as amended. The adoption of the regulation shall enable the simplification of the application process for new connections in the distribution system, also enabling online application in the first phase for customers connected to low voltage and in a later phase for all customers. Also, these amendments have taken into consideration the issues encountered so far by DSO company or customers during the process of applying and approving new connections. In order to retain a more detailed information regarding the specific amendments, please browse our official website in the "decisions" category.
- The extension of the legal effects of ERE Board decision no. 51, dated 02.04.2024, until 01.03.2025, creating the possibility for TSO company and balancing market participants to make relevant assessments and interventions as far as possible for the transition to the 15-minute resolution in the future.

Regulatory Acts

- "NOA ENERGY TRADE" sh.pk në veprimtarinë e tregimit të energjisë elektrike, dhënë me Vendimin e Bordit të ERE-s nr. 07, datë 02.02.2015, rinovuar me vendimin e Bordit të ERE-s nr. 222, datë 20.12.2019, për një afat 5-vjeçar, duke filluar nga data 04.02.2025.
- "FURNIZUESI I SHËRBIMIT UNIVERSAL" sh.a në veprimtarinë e furnizimit të energjisë elektrike, dhënë me vendimin e Bordit të ERE-s nr. 97, datë 27.10.2014, rinovuar sërish me vendimin nr. 164, datë 04.11.2019, për një afat 5-vjeçar duke filluar nga data 22.12.2024.

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Tariff and prices

Approval of the sale price of electricity supplied by the Supplier of Last Resort for June 2024 of about 14.65 ALL/kWh for customers connected at 35 kV voltage level.

Authorizations and other acts

1.Approval of the request of "Egnatia Hydropower"company for obtaining the authorization from ERE for setting its quotas as a means to guarantee the fulfillment of the obligation to the lending party, "RAIFFEISEN BANK" company, provided that the company notifies immediately ERE for the removal of the insurance lien on the quotas or in the event of a mandatory execution.

2.Issuance of the Guarantee of Origin for the production of electricity from "Dragobia" HPP and "Çeremi" HPP of "DRAGOBIA ENERGY" company, for the amount of 947 MWh in 01.11.2022 - 30.10.2023 period, the amount of energy which does not benefit from supporting measures in accordance with Law 24/2023 "On promoting the production of energy from renewable sources"; as well as for the electricity produced by the photovoltaic park "Blue 1", of "SPV BLUE 1" company during 01-30 June 2024 period, for the amount of 10 657 MWh, valid for 1 (one) year from 30 June 2024.

3. Amendment of point 2 in ERE Board decision no. 15, dated 31.01.2019, " On licensing "Trans Adriatic Pipeline AG ALBANIA" in natural gas transmission activity, registered at the National Business Center, as a branch of the foreign joint stock company, "Trans Adriatic Pipeline AG", as amended, according to which the company must submit to ERE the complete documentation showing the ownership titles on the assets it has to perform the functions or fulfill the obligations under the license required in the territory of Albania, according to law no. 107/2021 "On co-governance", no later than 01.07.2026.

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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Achievements according to the transparency program

According to the Proactive Transparency Index of Central Institutions and Subordinate Entities, published on the website of the Commissioner for the Right to Information and Protection of Personal Data, the Energy Regulator Authority ranks among the institutions with high proactive transparency, where all information results published and accumulating 10/10 possible points. You can browse the report at the [link](#).

Hearing sessions

Part of ERE activity have been 4 hearing sessions held for resolving complaints and obtaining the position of the parties, as well as with licensed subjects, in order to clarify ambiguities and to result in a more complete decision-making.

Ministry of Economy, Culture and Innovation (MEKI) cross-sectoral strategy

One of the main objectives of ERE is to protect the interests of customers and in this strategy, among the most effective achievements for this purpose during this 5-years, have been the approval by ERE of a series of acts that are closely related to the realization of standard service from the licensees. During 2017-2021, more than 90 by-laws were approved in implementation of the power and natural gas law, 80% of which are related to the regulation of the sector with a direct impact on the customer.

One of the objectives of this strategy is related to improving access to the data of the energy customer and the Customer Platform on ERE website, such as the development of the Customer Portal; the customer awareness plan that includes a customer participation policy or summary instructions on rights and obligations related to services provided by licensees. An important part of the mechanisms that ensure the participation of customers in information are the investments in information technology with the careful assessment of the costs associated with investments in the sector, such as the establishment of an integrated platform with suppliers in which each customer shall have more access to the energy supply service, including consumption history, technical data, etc. This platform is in the process of being improved by the Energy Regulator Authority.

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USAID/NARUC

Europe & Eurasia Cybersecurity Initiative

On July 8 and 9, NARUC organized in Tirana the "Technical training for the drafting of emergency preparedness legislation for energy regulators", with the support of USAID. The primary purpose of this activity was the joint discussion of the drafting of a regulation on emergency preparedness for the power sector. NARUC and its volunteer experts shared their experience with the participants. During the discussions, the efforts and challenges of the participating countries in the transposition of the Electricity Integration Package were highlighted, urging the latter to complete the market coupling process by the end of 2024. The need for expertise and resources, infrastructure development for decarbonization and financial support for the transition to hydrogen was also highlighted, as well as the importance of NEMO appointments, CCR activities and investments in renewable energy.

Other

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 licensing of subjects, guarantees of origin and updated complaints, as well as tariffs and prices of approved by ERE.

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

ü Standard Contract for the Storage, Exchange, Sale, Purchase of Electricity between "KESH" company and "FTL" company.

