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BOARD MEETINGS

DECISIONS

During March, ERE Board held 2 meetings, which resulted in 10 decision-making, among which the licensing of one subject in electricity production activity, the licensing of two subjects in electricity supply activity, the suspension of the decision-making regarding the review of a subject's request for licensing in electricity production activity, until the fulfillment of the predetermined conditions, the opening of the procedure for the renewal of a license in electricity trading activity, as well as some amendments in the predetermined conditions in decision-making for two subjects licensed in electricity production activity.

Among others it can also be mentioned:

- The opening of the procedure to review the request of DSO company for some additions and amendments in the "Regulation on new connections in the distribution system", approved by ERE Board decision no. 166, dated 10.10.2016, as amended.
- The 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.
- The opening of the procedure for reviewing and approving the general conditions of the Contract for Difference, as a provision of Article 14 of Law no. 24/2023 "On promoting the use of energy from renewable sources".



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

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ACTIVITIES

On March 7 and 8, representatives of the Energy Regulator Authority participated in the joint meeting of the Energy Regulators Regional Association, ERRA "On Electricity Market and Economic Issues" and "On Renewable Energy", and also at the meeting of the Commission for the Natural Gas Market and Economic Issues, organized in Bratislava, Slovakia. In these meetings, the participants presented the challenges of the flexibility of the electric energy system in the context of decarbonization and the penetration of renewable energy sources, the options of creating a flexible energy network, market models for balancing, and discussed the work plans for 2024-2026 period. ERE representatives presented the electricity market model in Albania and the latest developments in the sector.

In the meeting with the Natural Gas Commission, the participants presented studies related to the injection of biomethane into the distribution system, the distribution tariff, the effects of the digital transformation of the natural gas market, etc. ERE representatives presented the current situation of the natural gas sector in Albania.

HEARING SESSIONS

During March, hearing sessions with licensed subjects and interested parties were also part of ERE activity, with the aim of resolving disputes or obtaining the positions of the parties in order to make a more complete decision.

Among them it can mentioned a hearing session conducted by the Licensing, Authorizations and Supervision Directory with Albgaz company which basically had clarifications and discussions on the subject's compliance report; as well as a hearing session under the guidance of the Legal and Dispute Resolution Directory, regarding the problem generated between TSO company, FTL company and Dragobia Energy company on the notification of the contract by Dragobia Energy company, for the sale of electricity in March 2024.



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CONSUMER PROTECTION

A report on customer protection by ERE was recently prepared and published by MEDREG – the Association of Mediterranean Energy Regulators. In this report you shall be able to read in more detail about the measures that were taken to protect the vulnerable customers, from the crisis of rising electricity supply prices, the communication channels used, the mechanisms put in place to empower customers to make informed decisions, energy bills and complaints procedures, on the diversification of energy sources and the efforts made in the country to improve the integration of the regional market, as well as on the main challenges faced by ERE to effectively protect customers in Albania but also on the support that MEDREG is offering to overcome these challenges.



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This report is drafted based on the contribution of Mrs. Erjola Sadushi, Member of the Board of Commissioners at Energy Regulator Authority and at the same time vice president of the Customer Working Group at MEDREG. To browse the report in the Albanian language, please click on the link <https://ere.gov.al/sq/publikime/njoftime/raport-fuqizimi-i-regulatorove-te-mesdheut-per-nje-te-ardhme-te-perbashket-energjeticke> or on the link <https://shorturl.at/ijpr3> to browse on the official website of MEDREG in English.

You are also invited to listen to the Podcast (<https://soundcloud.com/medreg>) on empowering Mediterranean Regulators for a common energy future, with the contribution of Mrs. Sadushi as a representative of the Energy Regulator Authority.