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During April, ERE Board held 6 meetings, which resulted in 27 decisions, among which:

1. Licensing "RENEW" company and "SOLAR HORIZON" company in electricity production activity from photovoltaic power plants, each with a production capacity of 2 MW, located in Fier County. These licenses have been granted for a 30-year term; as well as the renewal of the license for "GEGA-G" company in electricity trading activity, originally granted with decision no. 64, dated 08.04.2020, for a 5-year term, starting from 09.04.2025.

2. Conclusion of the administrative procedure for reviewing the request of "HYDROPOWERPLANT CONSTRUCTION" company for obtaining authorization from ERE for the transfer (through mortgage) of its immovable assets.

3. Granting authorization to the companies:

- "AlbEsp Trading & Consulting" company for obtaining authorization from ERE for the change of the shareholder who controls the company's interests.
- "YILDIRIM ENERGY EUROPE ALBANIA" company for obtaining authorization from ERE for placing its quotas as collateral, for guaranteeing obligations to third parties.
- "M.C. ENERGJI GOJAN" company for obtaining authorization from ERE for placing its quotas as collateral, for guaranteeing obligations to third parties, as well as for obtaining authorization from ERE for the transfer of the company's assets as a means of securing the repayment of obligations to "Banka OTP Albania" company (related to the contract dated 28.03.2025).

In order to learn more about these and other decisions in detail, please visit our official website at www.ere.gov.al in the decisions category.

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Procedures initiated during April

- Opening the procedure for licensing “SPV Blue 2” company and “NAD Investment” company in electricity supply and trading activity;
- Opening the procedure to review the request of “GreenNat Solar Park Ballsh” company for obtaining authorization from ERE for the transfer (through mortgage) of its immovable assets.
- Opening the procedure for the revocation of licenses for debtor subjects to ERE for the 2024 regulatory payments.

In their meeting dated April 8, ERE Board decided on approving the electricity sale price supplied by the Supplier of Last Resort (FMF) for February 2025, at 13.41 ALL/kWh for customers connected at the 35kV voltage level.

Review of ERE Board decisions

Amendments in previously made decisions as a result of fulfilling the conditions set by ERE:

- 1.Revocation of points 2 and 3 in ERE Board decision no. 254, dated 23.08.2023, “On licensing “G.S.K” company in electricity production activity from the photovoltaic power plant with an installed capacity of 2 MW,” as amended.
- 2.Revocation of points 2 and 3 in ERE Board decision no. 233, dated 19.07.2023, “On licensing “SPV BLUE 1” company in electricity supply activity”
- 3.Revocation of point 2 in ERE Board decision no. 241, dated 02.12.2021, “On licensing “ALBESP TRADING & CONSULTING” company in electricity supply activity.”

Approval of the regulation on capacity allocation and congestion management.

This regulation defines the rules and procedures for the allocation of cross-border transmission capacity of electricity and congestion management in the transmission network. Its aim is to ensure equal and transparent access to cross-border capacities for all market participants, the efficient use of the transmission network, and the minimization of technical limitations that may hinder the flow of energy. Additionally, it aims to harmonize with European legislation by transposing Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 and the relevant decisions of the Energy Community.

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Approving several amendments and additions to the regulation on cybersecurity of critical infrastructures in the power sector, summarized as follows:

- Inclusion of the natural gas sector, in addition to the power sector.
- The title changes to “Regulation on Cybersecurity of Critical Infrastructures in the Energy Sector,” to reflect the inclusion of operators working in the natural gas sector.
- New entities are identified, such as OSHEE, Vlora Thermal Power Plant, and Vlushë Hydropower Plant, as critical information infrastructure in the power sector.
- Updates to the definition of "Critical Infrastructure Operator" and amendments to include important infrastructures.
- All operators of critical and important infrastructures must obtain ISO 27001 certification within 18 months from the entry into force of the amendments.
- Completion with references to Law no. 25/2024 “On Cybersecurity,” as well as references to the law on natural gas.

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Hearing sessions

During April, ERE held 4 hearing sessions with customers and licensed subjects, addressing various issues related to the exercise of responsibilities by ERE. These meetings focused on:

1. Resolving the dispute between an end-use customer and the licensed subjects FSHU company and DSO company regarding the non-crediting of several invoices.
2. Resolving the dispute between a company and FSHU company regarding the liabilities settled by the complaining party on behalf of the Albanian Road Authority.
3. Discussion with representatives of TSO company regarding the tasks assigned by ERE through decision no. 279/2024, on the review of the incentive component for maintaining financial neutrality related to balancing market services.
4. Review of the request from three licensed companies in the production of electricity from photovoltaic parks, regarding the issuance of guarantees of origin for a one-month period, starting from December 20, 2023, which is the start date of production.

These sessions are another mechanism of ERE in its objective for transparency and increasing the efficiency of services provided by ERE, involving all interested parties.

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Publications

By browsing our official website at www.ere.gov.al , you can access updated registers of licensed subjects, guarantees of origin, and complaints, as well as the tariffs and prices approved by ERE. Additionally, in compliance with Law no. 43/2015 "On Power Sector," Article 19, letter k), data for the operation of the electricity market for 2024 are published on the website, in the following link:

(https://ere.gov.al/media/files/2025/02/17/media/files/2025/01/08/PUBLIKIMI_12-_Mujor_2024.pdf)

Activities

On April 8, the 11th Seminar of the Balkan Energy School " The Functioning of Gas Markets" was organized in Tirana, with the support of the Energy Regulatory Authority (ERE), a founding member of BES. The seminar gathered experts and institutions to discuss the integration of natural gas markets and decarbonization, as part of the Knowledge Exchange Programme (KEP) supported by CEI. The Central European Initiative (CEI) is now working with Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, North Macedonia, and Montenegro to align the regulatory framework with European Union standards. This initiative, among other things, strengthens institutional capacities and contributes to building a more sustainable and interconnected energy future for the Region.

In this seminar, presentations were made by distinguished representatives from the International Energy Agency (IEA), ACER, Energy Traders Europe, Shell, and ICIS - Independent Commodity Intelligence, offering valuable insights on wholesale gas trading, LNG developments, and EU regulatory frameworks. The session emphasized the importance of market-based mechanisms and flexible infrastructure in achieving security and sustainability.



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Annual Report

The Energy Regulatory Authority (ERE) submitted its Annual Report for 2024 to the Albanian Parliament at the end of March. This annual report provides detailed data on the performance of the Power and Natural Gas sectors for 2024, as well as comparisons of several key indicators for this year with previous years. The report also includes information on ERE's activities across all its areas of operation during the past year, as well as the main objectives for 2025.

For more information, please visit the following link:

https://ere.gov.al/media/files/2025/04/03/media/files/2025/03/05/Raporti_Vjetor_2024.pdf

Notification for Customers in the free market

Customers connected at the 35 kV/20 kV/10 kV voltage levels who have met the technical criteria to enter the liberalized market now have the right to freely choose their supplier. Currently, 38 electricity suppliers are licensed by ERE in the electricity supply activity.

ERE has implemented the Price Comparison Platform (PCT) in the liberalized market, which is now accessible to all electricity suppliers and customers on ERE official website: <https://pct.ere.gov.al/>.

The Price Comparison Platform (PCT) contains several elements that help increase market transparency and improve the customer experience in the liberalized energy market. These elements assist customers in decision-making by providing clear and accurate information about energy supply options.

By the end of April 2025, Suppliers have published a range of offers through the PCT Platform, with varying prices and voltage levels, providing customers with options in the liberalized market. The price per kWh varies depending on the voltage level and consumption band, reflecting different supply conditions and referring to the period of the offer presented by the suppliers. Customers have the opportunity to choose from a considerable number of options that suit their energy needs, both in terms of voltage level and price. These offers represent an effort to provide competitive opportunities in an evolving market, where prices and supply conditions may help customers adapt to potential changes in prices and energy needs.

