

REPUBLIKA E SHQIPËRIË
ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
BOARD

DECISION

No. 324, Dated 15.12.2025

ON
THE DETERMINATION OF THE ELECTRICITY PURCHASE PRICE THAT SHALL BE
PAID TO EXISTING PRIORITY PRODUCERS FOR 2026.

Based on Article 16 of Law no. 43/2015 “*On Power Sector*”, as amended; Articles 10 and 31 of Law no. 24/2023 “*On the Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewable Sources*”; Council of Ministers Decision no. 687, dated 22.11.2017 “*On approving the methodology on defining the electricity purchase annual price that shall be paid to the existing priority producers*”, as amended by Council of Ministers Decision no. 67, dated 08.02.2023; Articles 15, 21 and 22 of the *Regulation for ERE Organization, Operation and Procedures* approved by the Energy Regulatory Authority (ERE) Board Decision no. 96, dated 17.06.2016; ERE Board, at their meeting dated 15.12.2025, after reviewing the report Protocol no. 3046, dated 12.12.2025, prepared by the Renewable Resources Policies Directorate “*On approving the electricity purchase price that shall be paid to existing priority producers for 2026*”,

Observed that:

- Based on Article 10 of Law no. 24/2023 “*On the Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewable Sources*”, ERE is the authority responsible for determining the purchase price of electricity generated from hydropower sources.
- Point 4 of Article 10 of Law no. 24/2023 provides that, for existing priority producers, the purchase price of electricity generated from hydropower sources with an installed capacity of up to 15 MW shall be determined by ERE in accordance with the methodology approved by the Council of Ministers, upon proposal of the Minister, based on the electricity price in the organized electricity market or, until its establishment, on comparable prices of organized electricity markets of adjacent countries, plus a defined bonus for the promotion of these sources, which takes into account a reasonable return on the value of investments; in any case, this price shall not be lower than the price approved by ERE in 2016.
- Pursuant to Article 31, point 2 of Law no. 24/2023, the sub-legal acts adopted on the basis and for the implementation of Law no. 7/2017 “*On the Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewable Sources*”, as amended, shall remain in force and continue to be applied until the adoption of the sub-legal acts implementing Law no. 24/2023.

- Under these circumstances, the determination of the purchase price of electricity generated by existing priority producers from hydropower sources with an installed capacity of up to 15 MW continues to be carried out on the basis of the provisions of Council of Ministers Decision no. 687, dated 22.11.2017, “On approving the methodology on defining the electricity purchase annual price that shall be paid to the existing priority producers”, as amended, until the approval of a different methodology by the Council of Ministers.
- With Council of Ministers Decision no. 67, dated 08.02.2023, an amendment was approved to the Council of Ministers Decision no. 687, dated 22.11.2017, whereby point 2 of Council of Ministers Decision no. 687, dated 22.11.2017, letter ‘d’ is amended as follows: ‘The maximum level of the calculated electricity purchase price shall, in any case, not exceed the price of 10 ALL/kWh (excluding VAT).’
- According to the methodology in force, the formula for calculating the annual purchase price is as follows: “Annual purchase price (ALL/kWh) = Average annual price of the Day-Ahead Market (HUPX/DAM) for electricity in the baseload profile for the respective year of the Hungarian Power Exchange (HUPX), expressed in euro cent/kWh \times the bonus for the promotion of renewable energy sources in the amount of $1.2 \times$ the average euro/Albanian lek (ALL) exchange rate for the latest year.”
- For the purposes of implementing the methodology, the average exchange rate of the latest year shall be understood as the annual average euro/Albanian lek (ALL) exchange rate published by the Bank of Albania for 2025; based on the data published to date by the Bank of Albania, the average exchange rate for the ten-month period of 2025 amounts to 98.05 ALL/euro.
- According to preliminary data published by the Hungarian Power Exchange (HUPX), the average price for the ten-month period of the Day-Ahead Market in 2025 amounts to 106.55 €/MWh, and the annual purchase price, calculated based on the formula of the methodology in force, results in 12.53 ALL/kWh.
- For the purposes of Law no. 24/2023, which provides that the criteria for calculating the price shall be based on the organized electricity market price, reference is also made to the average clearing price of the Albanian Power Exchange (ALPEX), which for the ten-month period of 2025 amounts to 118.93 euro/MWh, the annual purchase price, based on the Albanian market and in accordance with the formula used in the methodology in force, results in 13.99 ALL/kWh.
- Both calculated values exceed the maximum level of 10 ALL/kWh (excluding VAT), as set forth in letter ‘d’ of point 2 of Council of Ministers Decision no. 687, dated 22.11.2017, as amended by Council of Ministers Decision no. 67, dated 08.02.2023.
- Based on the calculations carried out in accordance with the provisions of the methodology for determining the annual electricity purchase price to be paid to existing priority producers, approved by Council of Ministers Decision no. 687, dated 22.11.2017, as amended, and taking into account the maximum level of the calculated electricity purchase price set forth in letter ‘d’ of the same decision, the electricity purchase price to be paid to existing priority producers for 2026 shall be 10 ALL/kWh (excluding VAT).

For all of the above mentioned, ERE Board

Decided:

1. To determine the annual electricity purchase price that shall be paid to existing priority producers at 10 ALL/kWh for 2026.
2. Renewable Resources Policies Directory shall inform the interested parties about ERE Board Decision.

This decision shall enter into force immediately.

Any party involved in this procedure may request the Energy Regulatory Authority (ERE) to review the Board's decision within seven (7) calendar days from the date of issuance, provided that new evidence is submitted that may lead the Board to reach a different conclusion; or material errors have been identified. This decision may be appealed before the Administrative Court of Tirana within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

This decision shall be published in the Official Gazette.

ERE CHAIRMAN

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