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## ENERGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

### BOARD MEETINGS AND DECISIONS

- During this month, ERE Board held 6 meetings, which resulted in 24 decisions, among which, the licensing of a subject in electricity production from a photovoltaic plant, a subject in electricity trading and supply activity as well as the approval of the sale price of electricity supplied by the Supplier of Last Resort for September 2023 of about 16.06 ALL/kWh for customers connected at the 35 kV voltage level, but also decisions regarding the internal issues of the organization of the institution .
- Also, among other decisions approved during this month, it shall be mentioned:
- The rejection of the request of "AREA" association, "On reviewing ERE board decision no.27, dated 16.02.2023 - On the applicable purchase price of electricity that shall be paid to existing priority producers upon the entry into force of Council of Ministers decision no. 67, dated 08.02.2023";
- The suspension of ERE Board decision making on license renewal of "ECO-ELB" company, in electricity production activity from the urban waste processing plant, Elbasan District, with an installed capacity of 2850 kW ; On 27.09.2023, ECO-ELB company within the term of 6 months prior to license termination in accordance with the licensing regulation, submitted at ERE the request for the renewal of the license in electricity production activity from TPP (urban waste processing), in Elbasan District, with an installed capacity of 2850 kW. Following this application, among other things, with decision no. 309 dated 30.10.2023, ERE Board decided to suspend this decision on license renewal of ECO-ELB company under the conditions that the company currently has a valid license until 27.03.2024, and must submit at ERE the renewed contract with the Agency of the Administration of Seized and Confiscated Assets for the use of the incineration plant for electricity production, within the term on the termination date of the current license. Currently ECO - ELB company has an electricity production license valid until 27.03.2024.
- Approval of the Shadow Allocation Rules (Shadow Auction) within the framework of the Albania - Kosovo market coupling;
- Approval of the request of TSO company and KESH company for amendment no. 3 of the contract for the sale and purchase of electricity to cover losses in the transmission system between the aforementioned parties, changing the duration of the contract, through the extension of its effects until 31.12.2023. This change came as a result of extending the period of the state of emergency in the electricity supply until 31.12.2023, by Council of Ministers Decision no. 449, dated 26.07.2023 "On an amendment to Council of Ministers Decision no. 584, dated 08.10.2021, "On declaring a state of emergency in the supply of electricity (as amended)";
- Opening the procedure to review the request for the approval of the "Ten-year investment plan by Albgaz Company";
- Approval of the joint document agreed with the regulator of Italy (ARERA) and Greece (RAE). ("On the Approval of "Project Proposal of TAP, SRG and DESFA for the 2021 Incremental Capacity Process – 2 nd Binding Phase
- On opening the procedure to approve the Methodology on setting the tariffs of the Nominated Electricity Market Operator (NEMO)

Part of the monthly agenda were the hearing sessions related to the resolution of disputes between licensees, discussions of interested parties on prices determined by ERE or the handling of customer complaints.

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### LICENSING

During October, the Energy Regulator Authority opened the procedures to renew the license of:

- "Swiss Balancing Pool" company in electricity trading and supply activity
- "M.C ENERGJI GOJAN" company in electricity production activity from Gojan HPP, with an installed capacity of 15 MW.



### ACTIVITIES

THE ENERGY COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT ORGANIZED ON OCTOBER 4, 2023, THE ENERGY COMMUNITY JUST TRANSITION FORUM IN SKOPJE, AN IMPORTANT MEETING AIMED AT ADDRESSING THE ESSENTIAL MEASURES FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE ENERGY TRANSITION. THIS ACTIVITY BROUGHT TOGETHER AROUND 200 PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING ERE REPRESENTATIVES, FOSTERING MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS, NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING AMONG STAKEHOLDERS FROM POWER SECTORS ON ENERGY TRANSITION, REGULATORY COOPERATION AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE FACE OF AN EVOLVING SECTOR.

THE FORUM DELVED INTO CRITICAL TOPICS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURING A JUST ENERGY TRANSITION, INCLUDING POLICY PLANNING, SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN COAL-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES, FINANCIAL SUPPORT MECHANISMS AND THE POSITIVE IMPACTS ON AIR QUALITY AND SOCIAL EQUITY STEMMING FROM A JUST TRANSITION.

ON OCTOBER 9-10 2023, THE 20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ERRA (ENERGY REGULATORS REGIONAL ASSOCIATION), OF WHICH ERE IS A MEMBER, TOOK PLACE IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY WITH THE TOPIC "EN ROUTE TO SUSTAINABLE REGULATION UNDER NEW MARKET PARADIGMS".

IN THIS CONFERENCE, WHICH BROUGHT TOGETHER EXPERTS FROM ERRA MEMBER COUNTRIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS WERE DISCUSSED, THE ENERGY TRANSITION, MARKET DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MEMBER AND NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE CHALLENGES OF MARKET PARTICIPANTS, POLICY-MAKING AND REGULATORY CHALLENGES IN THE POWER SECTOR, ETC.

THE ENERGY REGULATOR AUTHORITY WAS REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL MR. ELTON B. RADHESHI WHO WAS ALSO PART OF THE DISCUSSION PANEL AND PRESENTED MORE ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE OF ERE AND ALBANIA ON THE REGULATORS MANDATE DURING THE ENERGY TRANSITION, UNDER THE NEW MARKET CONDITIONS. DURING THE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS IN THE PANEL, THE EXPERIENCE OF ALBANIA REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, THE MEASURES TAKEN FOR THE TRANSITION FROM PPA SCHEMES TO CONTRACTS FOR DIFFERENCE AND THEIR TRADING ON THE POWER EXCHANGE, WHICH IS IN OPERATION FROM APRIL 2023, AS WELL AS THE CHALLENGES THAT THE REGULATOR MAY FACE IN THE FUTURE.

DURING THIS CONFERENCE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASSOCIATION TOOK PLACE IN ORDER TO ACCEPT THE REQUEST OF THE GREEK REGULATOR, RAE, TO BECOME A MEMBER, A REQUEST WHICH WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED BY THE MEMBERS PRESENT IN THE ASSEMBLY..

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### PINK OCTOBER

### COLLABORATIONS

October is known worldwide as breast cancer awareness month, also known as "Pink October". For the fourth year in a row, Europadonna organized the Race for the Cure Albania marathon, of which ERE became a part this year, through awareness-raising participation but also a small contribution to this cause. This marathon aimed to raise awareness of breast cancer and promote early detection.



ERE Chairman Mr. Petrit Ahmeti, participated on 26.10.2023, in the third round of the Italy-Albania Energy Table, held in Rome, near the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security of Italy. The Table, which was opened by the Minister of Environment and Energy Security of Italy Mr. Pichetto and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure and Energy Mrs. Balluku, among other things, focused on the current stage of cooperation between the two countries, the challenges of the future on the creation of conditions for the further development of this cooperation as well as projects in the field of energy infrastructure between the two countries. In his intervention, Mr. Ahmeti emphasized, among other things, the very good cooperation reports with the Italian Regulator, in several joint projects of the exchange of regulatory experiences related to the integration of the markets of the Western Balkans with the EU countries, through seminars, technical work tables, etc. During this table, joint projects from electricity and gas TSOs as well as energy efficiency centers of both countries or power exchanges were discussed.

