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## **BOARD MEETINGS – DECISIONS**

During December, ERE Board held 5 meetings, which resulted in 29 decisions, among which the licensing of 2 subjects in the production of hydroelectric power, with an increased amount of total energy of about 11,200 kW; the licensing of a subject in electricity supply and trading activity; as well as the determination of the electricity sale price supplied by the Supplier of Last Resort for November 2023 of about 17.26 ALL/kWh for customers connected at the 35kV voltage level.

Among others, some decisions that shall be mentioned are:

1. The approval of NEMO (ALPEX company) in the role of "Shipping Agent", for the Albania and Kosovo electricity market coupling.

2. The extension of the legal force for 2024 of ERE Board decision, according to which the electricity distribution service tariffs were approved according to the voltage level, as follows:

√for customers connected at 35kV voltage level - 1.55 ALL/ kWh;

√ for customers connected at 0.6 - 20 kV voltage level - 3.99 ALL/ kWh;

√ for customers connected at 0.4kV voltage level- 6.42 ALL/ kWh;

 $\checkmark$  The applicable price of reactive electricity invoice of about 1.92 ALL/ kWh

3. The extension of the legal force of ERE Board decision no. 74, dated 13.04.2022, until the approval of a decision based on the application of FSHU company for 2024, on retail prices, for end-use customers served by the universal service supplier in accordance with the requirements of legal acts and by-laws in force.

4. Extension of the legal force of ERE Board decision no. 206, dated 16.12.2019, for 2024, until the approval of a tariff based on the application of "Albgaz" company according to the provisions of the legislation in force.

5. The approval of the annual electricity purchase price, which shall be paid to existing priority producers of about 10 ALL/kWh, for 2024. From the preliminary data obtained from the official website of the Hungarian Power Exchange, which is taken for current reference, it is observed that the current average price for the 11-month period of the day ahead market in the baseload profile for 2023 results in the value of 109.39 Euro/MWh, a price which is higher than the determined ceiling price of about 10 ALL/kWh, as a result also for the following year the price of purchasing electricity from priority producers of electricity shall be as defined as above.

6. Monitoring of licensees in electricity production, supply and trading activity, in relation to keeping separate accounts and the current organizational structure, according to which the subjects cited in decision-making must fulfill the obligation to keep separate accounts for each of the licensed activities by 31.12.2023, which must be reflected in the financial statements of 2023 that shall be submitted at ERE within the deadlines set in the relevant license conditions.

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## **HEARING SESSIONS**

## DECISIONS

DURING DECEMBER, ERE OPENED THE PROCEDURE FOR THE REVIEW AND **APPROVAL OF THE "REGULATION** ON **ISSUING, TRANSFERRING OR CANCELATION** OF THE GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN FOR **ELECTRICITY PRODUCED FROM RENEWABLE RESOURCES" GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN (GO)", IS AN ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT, WHICH HAS** THE SOLE FUNCTION OF PROVING TO THE END-USE CUSTOMER THAT PART OR ALL OF THE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY USED IS PRODUCED FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES. **CLICK HERE TO READ THE "REGULATION ON ISSUING, TRANSFERRING OR CANCELATION** OF THE GUARANTEE OF ORIGIN FOR **ELECTRICITY PRODUCED FROM RENEWABLE RESOURCES" UNDER REVIEW** IN THE **CONSULTATION SECTION** 

ERE ALSO OPENED THE PROCEDURE TO APPROVE THE "METHODOLOGY ON DETERMINING THE OBLIGATION FOR **RENEWABLE ENERGY TO BE PAID BY THE** END-USE CONSUMERS OF ELECTRICITY" AND HAS COMPLETED THE PROCEDURE FOR REMOVING THE LICENSES OF **DEBTOR SUBJECTS FOR UNPAID 2023 REGULATORY PAYMENTS, RESULTING IN** ONLY ONE LICENSE REMOVED, AT THE **REQUEST OF THE SUBJECT, AFTER** PAYMENT OF THE RELEVANT **OBLIGATIONS. IN ORDER TO FIND OUT** MORE ABOUT THE RELEVANT SUBJECTS, AS WELL AS THE ABOVE-MENTIONED **DECISIONS, PLEASE VISIT OUR OFFICIAL** WEBSITE WWW.ERE.GOV.AL.

During this month, part of ERE's activity includes hearing sessions with licensed subjects as well as interested parties, with the aim of resolving disputes or obtaining the views of the parties in order to make a more complete decision.

Among them, it shall be mentioned 6 hearing sessions held by the License, Authorization and Supervision Directory with licensed subjects and parties involved in the process, which essentially had evidence and clarifications necessary to advance processes such as license renewal or various requests, in implementation of the Regulation on the procedures and terms for license issue, modification, transferring, renewal or license termination in the power sector, as well as to discuss the completion of information in the Compliance Report, respectively, of DSO company and TSO company.

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#### **ACTIVITIES**

On 05 December 2023, MEDREG organized the General Assembly in Valletta, Malta, in which ERE participated, as an early member the Association of of Energy Mediterranean Regulators. During this meeting, the focus was on regulatory advancements in sectors such as gas, electricity natural and renewable resources but also other topics such as the establishment of the virtual



working group on hydrogen, recognizing the essential role of green hydrogen in the decarbonization of challenging sectors; support for initiatives that accelerate the transition to green energy; adoption of measures to address security of gas supply and improve customer protection; the integration of smart meters and smart grids or the increase of the cooperation of the countries of the region for a common approach to energy challenges.

MEDREG believes that member countries share common energy challenges and opportunities, making them valuable partners in the advancement of regional cooperation. By including new members, it aims to create a unified voice for sustainable energy policies, facilitate the integration of renewable energy sources and support the transition to a low-carbon economy. This shared vision shall contribute to achieving regional energy security, economic growth and environmental sustainability.

In this activity, the Energy Regulator Authority was represented by the Board Member Mrs. Erjola Sadushi, who also discussed the report of MEDREG customer working group, Mrs. Julia Guga, Director in Customer Protection, Performance and Standards Directory, as well as Mrs. Oriana Kallaku, Director in License, Authorization and Supervision Directory

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