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Actual data

- » Power sector operational and market data for the period of 1.05.-15.05.2008
- » Forecasted weather conditions for the following period

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Analysis:

- » TPP Pljevlja complex – recent developments and 3rd privatization!

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News headlines

Regional:

- » Lukoil announced expansion plans
- » Meeting of NETS took place
- » Russia negotiates with Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding South stream project

Albania:

- » Prime minister willing to build NPP with Italian company
- » US and Swiss consortium won the tender for AMRO
- » Blackouts in Tirana - cat run into power station
- » Albania looking for cooperation with Kosovo

Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- » Regulator approved new regulations for electricity supply
- » Privatization of Aluminum factory uncertain due to electricity prices
- » EP BiH presented plans for construction of new unit in TPP

Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

- » Brod refinery to start production in October
- » EFT started construction works in energy complex in Stanari

Bulgaria:

- » Privatization agency reconsidering to speed up sale of TPP Bobov Dol
- » E.ON started testing for new wind farms on Black Sea coast
- » Electrabel confirmed interest for NPP Belene
- » Greek company to build 400 MW wind farm
- » Final bids for NPP Belene to be submitted by June 23
- » Record output of Maritsa Iztok mining company
- » 18 % increase in electricity prices from July
- » Minister of economy to negotiate supply of natural gas from Azerbaijan

Croatia:

- » 220 % increase in quarterly profit for INA
- » INA started second phase of modernization of Sisak refinery
- » New tariff system for natural gas prices from July 1
- » HEP expects increase in electricity prices starting from July 1
- » Government reconsiders swap of shares between INA and MOL
- » National nuclear society calls for construction of NPP

Greece:

- » Report of the National Energy Strategy Council
- » PPC Q1 2008 profit lower for 27% than Q1 2007
- » Elefsina refinery maintenance delayed
- » Greek Alpha Grissin Infotech to build a 400 MW wind farm
- » 2MW solar power plant to be built

Macedonia:

- » New quantities of night energy for sale
- » Minister Tasikovic on AMBO topic
- » Former director of ESM and ELEM arrested
- » EVN invested 11 million euros in Q1

Montenegro:

- » Electrabel interested in construction of power plants
- » 140 million euros needed to be invested in energy complex in Pljevlja
- » Public invitation for conceptual design and pre-feasibility study for unit 2 in TPP Pljevlja
- » Increase in electricity prices for households and reduction in prices for companies
- » TPP Pljevlja finished regular maintenance

Romania:

- » Distrigaz Sud calls once again for increase in natural gas prices
- » KazMunaiGaz to takeover the rest of 25 % stake in Rompetrol
- » MOL reached 13 % market share
- » Lukoil to invest 75 million euros in premium petrol stations
- » Government granted funds for feasibility study for second NPP
- » Transelectrica to reconsider privatization of its three subsidiaries
- » Up to 11 billion euros of investments needed in electricity sector until 2015
- » Nine companies submitted bids for 17 small HPPs
- » Eviva Energy to start construction of three wind farms
- » Transelectrica and Verbund signed cooperation agreement

Serbia:

- » 37 million euros for maintenance works in Kolubara coal-mine this year
- » NIS to become one of the largest oil companies in Europe
- » Loading of the initial amount of natural gas in Banatski Dvor started
- » 8.2 million euros for environmental projects in TPPs
- » EU to include PEOP pipeline into TEN

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Tenders: (Electricity, Nuclear, Oil and gas, Wind)

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Country	Year	Sum	1	2	3	4	5	6
Slovenia	2008	1082	1116	978	838	941	1116	978
	2010	1134	12267	1083	991	1054	941	1116
	2011	1077	12590	955	1051	1127	897	1116

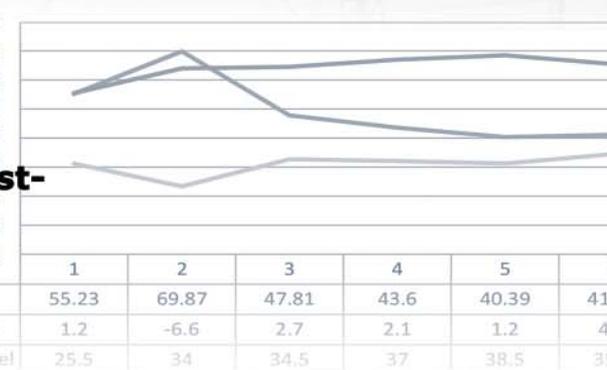
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Annual electricity consumption in GWh		Year	Sum	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2007	2007	11182	1027	891	953	850	850	850
	2008	2008	11570	1094	998	1012	911	911	911
	2009	2009	10994	1099	932	963	816	816	816
Bulgaria	2008	2008	34506	3139	2960	2637	2637	2637	2637
	2009	2009	32722	3291	3196	2636	2636	2636	2636
	2010	2010	31954	3486	3052	3021	2443	2443	2443
Croatia	2008	2008	17842	1680	1543	1570	1570	1570	1570
	2009	2009	17507	1625	1530	1551	1323	1323	1323
	2010	2010	17574	1655	1481	1552	1358	1358	1358

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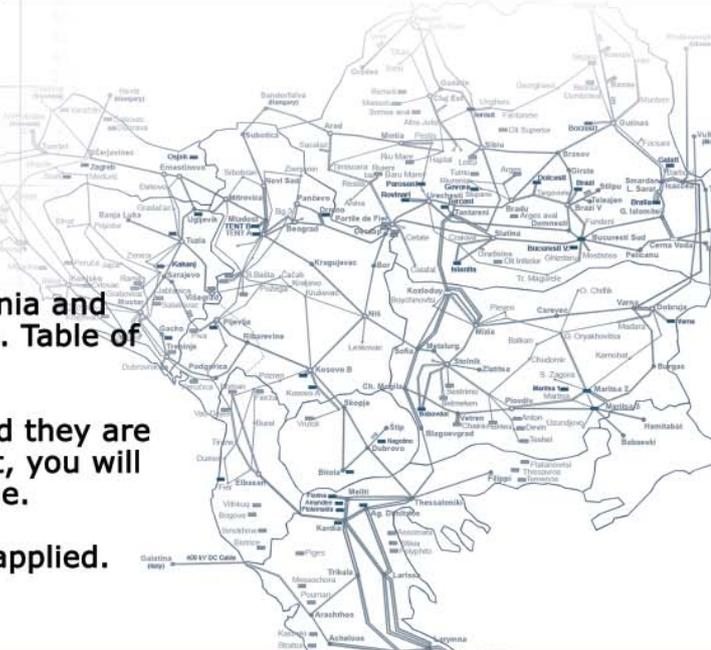
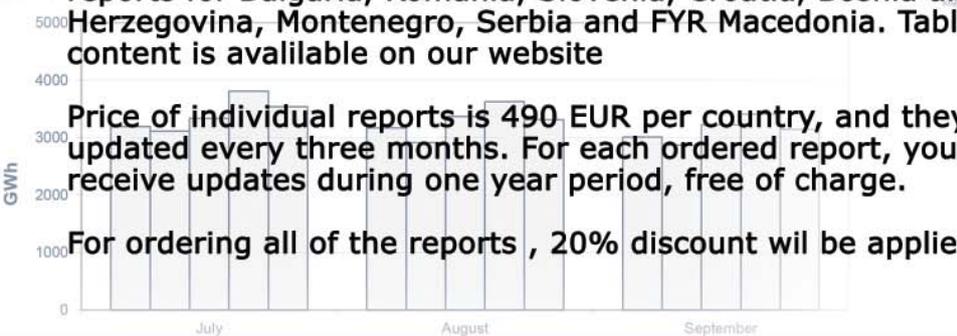
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- Consumption, production and export characteristics
- Actualities - hot topics
- Key market players,
- Legislation and electricity market opening
- Electricity prices and tariffs,
- Potentials for investments in power generation,
- Privatizations in power industry
- Current state of RES sector



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Bosnia and Herzegovina: Electricity production in last 15 days (MWh)

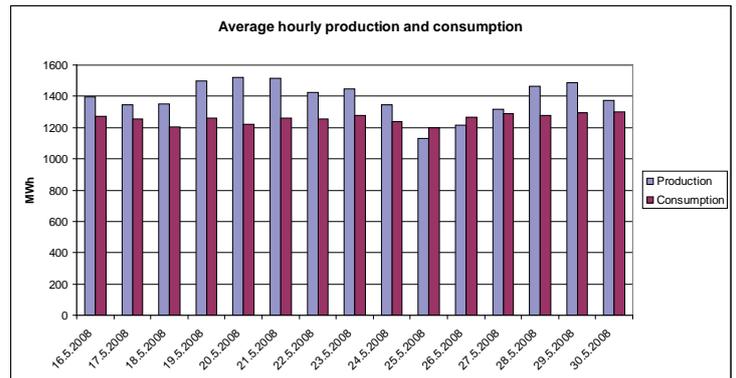
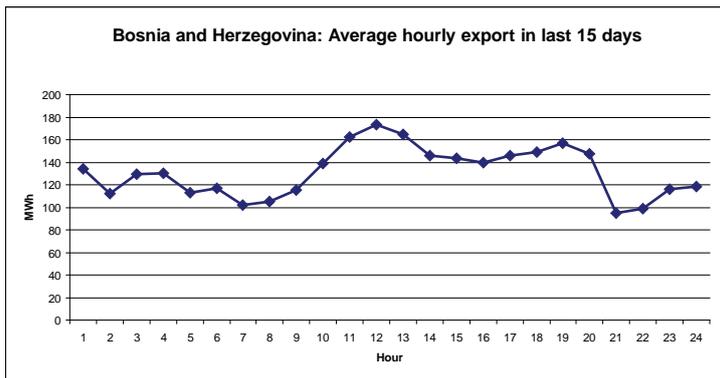
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17.5.2008	1260	1129	1105	1083	1080	1095	1190	1366	1487	1516	1416	1448	1452	1426	1421	1437	1414	1384	1327	1341	1524	1567	1464	1302
18.5.2008	1200	1164	1119	1065	1109	1093	1078	1207	1366	1482	1479	1496	1480	1463	1428	1431	1405	1411	1409	1443	1553	1634	1547	1374
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24.5.2008	1259	1175	1134	1111	1109	1101	1188	1287	1417	1447	1526	1530	1524	1505	1507	1494	1442	1434	1431	1404	1341	1407	1309	1187
25.5.2008	1050	994	888	863	846	841	907	1043	1162	1242	1278	1271	1257	1260	1211	1178	1149	1163	1159	1205	1345	1394	1308	1134
26.5.2008	1001	886	847	829	833	885	994	1260	1355	1400	1395	1376	1363	1355	1370	1367	1341	1330	1280	1292	1395	1481	1347	1193
27.5.2008	1051	900	948	937	925	926	1027	1176	1260	1301	1342	1357	1411	1366	1522	1616	1581	1539	1519	1537	1575	1703	1604	1439
28.5.2008	1258	1133	1134	1106	1106	1126	1285	1428	1527	1578	1578	1620	1632	1612	1655	1613	1591	1580	1548	1626	1774	1620	1464	1134
29.5.2008	1304	1162	1158	1147	1154	1186	1310	1493	1580	1623	1618	1646	1614	1629	1642	1623	1620	1571	1531	1530	1649	1760	1655	1471
30.5.2008	1303	1190	1166	1145	1148	1128	1130	1297	1404	1512	1550	1578	1585	1468	1474	1501	1467	1436	1389	1381	1437	1503	1423	1349
Average:	1207	1106	1083	1067	1061	1078	1175	1350	1472	1529	1544	1567	1557	1532	1540	1526	1507	1481	1467	1474	1552	1615	1488	1335

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Electricity consumption in last 15 days (MWh)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
16.5.2008	1075	1014	976	932	968	997	1075	1250	1469	1443	1412	1369	1402	1423	1427	1391	1305	1354	1299	1292	1469	1533	1322	1164
17.5.2008	1071	1005	962	946	959	961	1050	1242	1373	1410	1313	1372	1379	1382	1404	1382	1371	1311	1262	1304	1485	1503	1368	1192
18.5.2008	1087	1029	969	935	940	901	964	1106	1255	1335	1334	1345	1325	1303	1268	1256	1255	1241	1252	1271	1433	1513	1338	1150
19.5.2008	1041	948	922	908	932	969	1092	1286	1396	1396	1396	1402	1379	1405	1430	1388	1376	1326	1307	1337	1493	1545	1382	1142
20.5.2008	991	958	895	906	904	917	1045	1239	1310	1352	1352	1362	1351	1351	1377	1339	1326	1306	1282	1336	1455	1437	1315	1167
21.5.2008	1014	963	946	916	960	994	1147	1317	1395	1412	1410	1420	1385	1376	1415	1408	1375	1325	1380	1381	1374	1367	1365	1373
22.5.2008	1075	996	948	938	928	972	1078	1274	1370	1384	1378	1398	1416	1329	1334	1349	1369	1353	1336	1374	1471	1507	1350	1215
23.5.2008	1083	991	960	958	947	985	1106	1264	1344	1392	1407	1416	1415	1413	1417	1427	1406	1363	1349	1371	1499	1517	1369	1229
24.5.2008	1110	1018	978	954	953	905	991	1155	1295	1364	1367	1390	1387	1384	1407	1389	1328	1279	1297	1287	1431	1483	1346	1225
25.5.2008	1113	1013	937	929	940	919	965	1106	1233	1332	1352	1349	1330	1316	1269	1256	1223	1233	1229	1254	1424	1474	1341	1151
26.5.2008	1026	929	912	900	915	938	1087	1293	1417	1414	1404	1406	1379	1373	1395	1425	1403	1366	1322	1344	1484	1567	1398	1229
27.5.2008	1079	987	962	952	945	984	1112	1296	1387	1389	1367	1378	1449	1454	1449	1468	1415	1378	1341	1347	1458	1592	1454	1252
28.5.2008	1102	995	954	943	967	992	1133	1249	1325	1354	1357	1377	1388	1387	1446	1430	1403	1383	1355	1331	1469	1616	1426	1272
29.5.2008	1118	1015	982	956	972	992	1128	1291	1389	1435	1428	1449	1425	1435	1450	1426	1432	1369	1318	1334	1472	1580	1432	1247
30.5.2008	1114	1039	1004	981	986	996	1122	1307	1399	1437	1447	1464	1473	1458	1458	1467	1433	1394	1326	1335	1445	1506	1380	1232
Average:	1073	993	954	937	948	961	1073	1245	1357	1390	1382	1393	1392	1386	1396	1387	1361	1332	1310	1327	1457	1516	1372	1216

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Electricity exports in last 15 days (MWh)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
16.5.2008	105	71	93	129	77	60	76	121	65	160	206	236	176	170	146	169	200	110	166	142	81	88	111	135
17.5.2008	189	124	143	137	121	134	140	124	114	106	103	76	73	44	17	55	43	73	65	37	39	64	96	110
18.5.2008	113	135	150	130	169	192	114	101	111	147	145	151	155	160	160	175	150	170	157	172	120	121	209	224
19.5.2008	206	185	211	227	188	174	156	175	204	219	251	374	405	305	267	238	272	275	288	279	169	209	213	243
20.5.2008	229	191	240	245	229	212	285	256	317	329	397	405	369	365	343	357	328	332	328	278	283	315	296	282
21.5.2008	276	241	229	267	173	270	228	236	270	297	300	348	349	358	343	260	293	291	-1380	-1381	-1374	-1367	-1365	-1373
22.5.2008	199	162	171	165	166	128	121	100	169	202	223	235	165	173	161	158	163	164	185	184	150	160	161	150
23.5.2008	131	131	155	130	133	112	111	180	219	245	240	215	226	226	213	152	182	172	192	178	113	138	164	173
24.5.2008	149	157	156	157	156	196	197	132	122	83	159	140	137	121	100	105	114	155	134	117	-90	-76	-37	-38
25.5.2008	-63	-19	-49	-66	-94	-78	-58	-63	-71	-90	-74	-78	-73	-56	-58	-78	-74	-70	-70	-49	-79	-80	-33	-17
26.5.2008	-25	-43	-65	-71	-82	-53	-93	-33	-62	-14	-9	-30	-16	-18	-25	-58	-62	-36	-42	-52	-89	-86	-51	-36
27.5.2008	-28	-87	-14	-15	-20	-58	-85	-120	-127	-88	-25	-21	-38	-88	73	148	166	161	178	190	117	111	150	187
28.5.2008	156	138	180	163	139	134	152	179	202	224	221	243	244	225	209	183	188	197	193	215	157	158	194	192
29.5.2008	186	147	176	191	182	194	182	202	191	188	190	197	189	194	192	197	188	202	213	196	177	180	223	224
30.5.2008	189	151	162	164	162	132	8	-10	5	75	103	114	112	10	16	34	34	42	63	46	-8	-3	43	117
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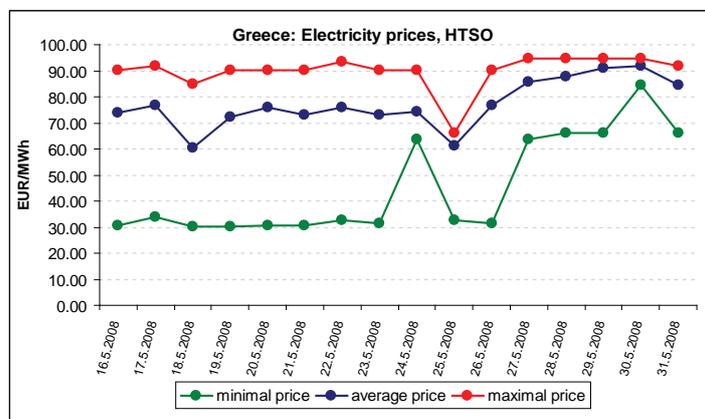
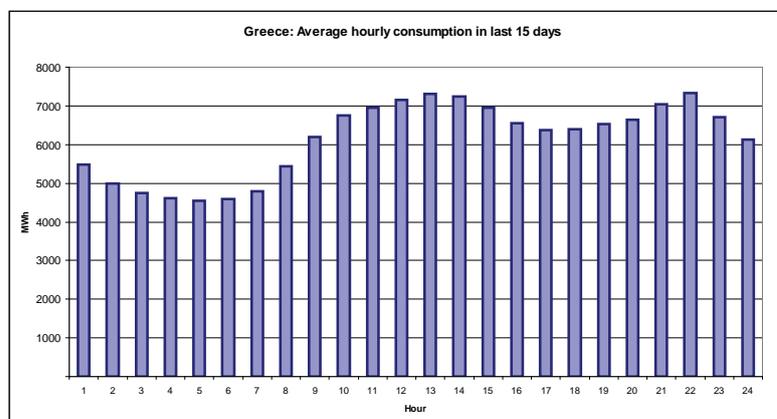


Greece: Electricity consumption in last 15 days (MWh)

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17.5.2008	5300	4830	4600	4430	4340	4350	4370	4740	5380	5920	6220	6450	6590	6550	6170	5780	5660	5660	5720	5900	6420	6700	6120	5700
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19.5.2008	5030	4550	4290	4150	4140	4250	4570	5370	6150	6770	6850	7030	7140	7100	6900	6460	6300	6220	6360	6460	7030	7240	6550	5930
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21.5.2008	5180	4750	4550	4440	4450	4520	4820	5590	6330	6870	6950	7120	7230	7180	6890	6520	6340	6380	6540	6630	7070	7270	6640	6050
22.5.2008	5450	4980	4740	4600	4540	4680	4950	5750	6500	7040	7200	7340	7430	7370	7180	6750	6550	6630	6800	6900	7300	7600	6820	6160
23.5.2008	5300	4830	4600	4460	4430	4500	4770	5580	6400	6980	7070	7180	7280	7210	7000	6620	6400	6450	6650	6740	7150	7330	6600	6050
24.5.2008	5480	5000	4750	4610	4530	4530	4550	4970	5630	6190	6500	6720	6900	6860	6440	6060	5920	5950	6020	6160	6530	6940	6460	5920
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27.5.2008	5600	5100	4830	4680	4660	4750	5050	5900	6770	7330	7400	7550	7700	7650	7400	7000	6770	6880	7100	7140	7450	7700	7130	6440
28.5.2008	5940	5420	5110	4950	4870	4920	5160	5960	6830	7480	7690	7900	8150	8200	8000	7560	7300	7200	7200	7300	7550	7900	7280	6700
29.5.2008	6130	5620	5330	5200	5150	5200	5440	6270	7180	7900	8100	8340	8600	8600	8330	7900	7600	7600	7750	7750	8000	8200	7550	6900
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31.5.2008	5870	5420	5130	4970	4890	4880	4890	5370	6050	6680	7000	7270	7480	7440	7050	6600	6440	6450	6500	6550	6900	7180	6700	6200
Average:	5476	5002	4746	4605	4544	4598	4788	5442	6187	6753	6953	7156	7303	7249	6952	6558	6374	6398	6534	6631	7043	7327	6714	6133

Greece: System Marginal Prices in last 15 days

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16.5.2008	63.62	60.05	35.19	32.84	30.80	33.65	60.05	63.62	90.10	90.10	90.21	90.21	90.21	90.10	90.10	85.01	85.01	90.11	85.00	84.51	85.00	90.10	90.10	65.98
17.5.2008	63.62	63.62	63.61	60.05	60.05	35.19	33.70	63.61	84.51	91.84	90.10	90.11	90.10	90.10	85.00	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	84.52	84.52	90.10	90.10	65.98
18.5.2008	60.05	33.65	33.65	33.53	33.53	33.05	30.02	35.19	36.88	84.51	65.98	65.99	85.00	85.00	65.98	65.98	65.98	65.98	84.51	65.98	65.98	85.00	84.51	84.51
19.5.2008	63.62	36.88	32.94	30.15	30.15	30.15	33.65	65.98	90.10	90.11	90.11	90.11	90.12	90.12	90.10	90.11	90.11	90.11	84.52	85.00	90.10	90.12	90.12	65.99
20.5.2008	63.62	63.62	60.05	33.04	30.73	33.65	60.05	65.99	90.10	90.21	90.12	90.21	90.21	90.12	90.10	85.00	90.10	90.10	90.10	85.01	84.52	90.10	84.51	85.00
21.5.2008	63.61	60.05	31.44	30.80	30.80	31.34	60.05	65.98	90.10	90.10	90.11	90.11	90.11	90.11	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	84.51	85.00	85.00	65.99	65.98
22.5.2008	65.00	60.05	60.05	33.65	32.62	33.65	60.05	84.51	90.10	93.31	90.21	90.21	90.21	90.21	90.12	90.10	90.10	90.21	90.12	65.99	85.00	90.10	90.10	65.98
23.5.2008	63.62	63.61	33.53	60.05	31.34	36.88	36.88	65.98	85.00	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	84.52	84.52	84.51	84.51	84.51	85.00	84.51	85.00	65.99	84.51
24.5.2008	65.98	63.62	63.61	63.61	63.61	63.61	63.61	65.98	65.98	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	85.00	84.51	65.99	65.99	84.51	65.99	65.99	84.51	90.10	65.99	85.00
25.5.2008	65.00	65.00	63.52	63.50	63.50	32.84	32.84	33.65	65.98	65.98	65.98	65.98	63.62	65.98	65.98	65.98	63.62	65.98	65.98	65.98	65.98	65.98	65.98	65.98
26.5.2008	65.98	63.61	60.05	32.84	31.44	33.04	63.61	65.98	84.52	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	90.10	85.00	85.00	90.10	90.10	84.51
27.5.2008	84.51	63.62	63.50	63.50	63.50	63.50	65.00	84.51	94.50	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.00	94.00	90.12
28.5.2008	84.52	84.40	65.99	65.98	65.98	65.98	84.51	90.10	94.50	93.32	93.37	93.37	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	93.32	94.00	93.37	93.37	93.31	93.00
29.5.2008	85.00	91.84	65.99	84.51	84.51	84.51	90.21	90.10	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	94.50	93.12
30.5.2008	91.20	91.84	84.51	84.51	84.51	84.51	91.84	91.20	94.50	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	94.00	93.38	93.38	94.00	93.38	93.38	93.37	94.00	93.37	93.15
31.5.2008	84.51	65.99	65.99	65.99	65.98	65.98	65.98	84.51	91.30	91.30	91.30	91.30	91.35	91.35	91.35	91.30	91.35	91.35	91.35	91.30	91.84	91.84	91.35	91.30
Average:	70.84	64.47	55.23	52.41	50.19	47.60	58.25	69.81	83.92	89.60	88.14	88.15	89.23	89.05	87.15	85.67	85.84	87.54	86.76	82.82	85.45	88.71	84.38	80.01



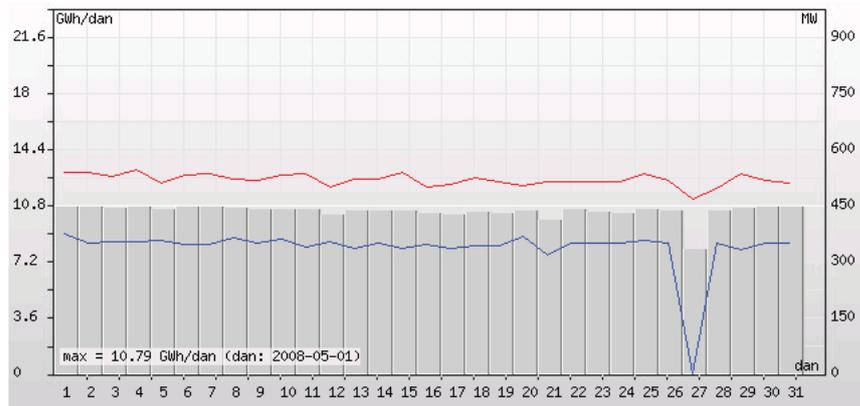
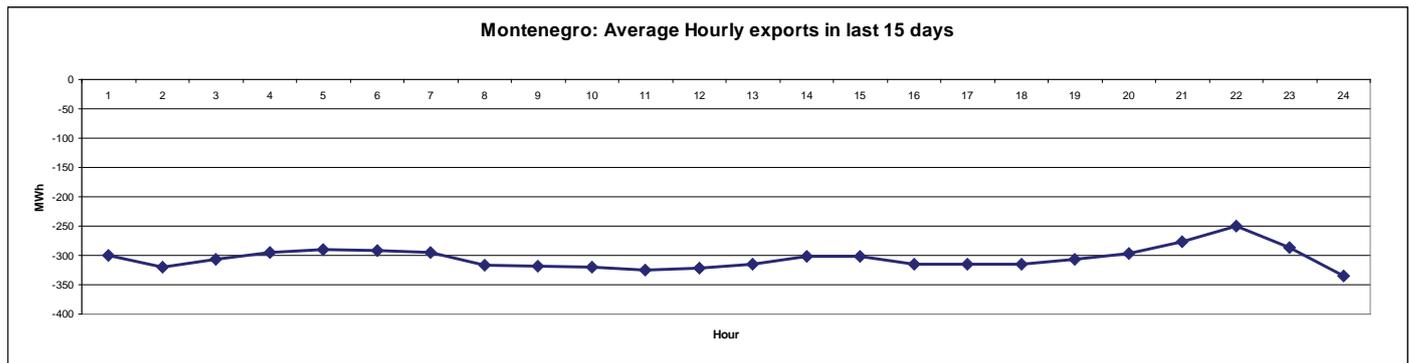
Montenegro: Electricity exports in last 15 days per border (MWh)

Ukupnan izvoz

	16.5.2008	17.5.2008	18.5.2008	19.5.2008	20.5.2008	21.5.2008	22.5.2008	23.5.2008	24.5.2008	25.5.2008	26.5.2008	27.5.2008	28.5.2008	29.5.2008	30.5.2008	31.5.2008
Montenegro - Albania	717	-29	-162	-148	323	542	638	903	816	822	991	0	0	1606	1085	1651
Montenegro - BiH	-4402	-5297	-5152	-2340	-3173	-4046	-4845	-4437	-3779	-2196	-2368	0	0	-4570	-4342	-3523
Montenegro - Serbia	-4706	-3315	-4044	-2559	-5001	-4570	-4692	-4418	-4897	-6306	-5346	0	0	-4910	-2430	-2945
Total	-8391	-8641	-9358	-5046	-7851	-8073	-8899	-7953	-7859	-7681	-6723	0	0	-7874	-5688	-4816

Montenegro: Electricity export in last 15 days (MWh)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
16.5.2008	-378	-363	-353	-356	-358	-351	-365	-378	-365	-364	-365	-383	-371	-351	-350	-360	-350	-349	-337	-354	-279	-188	-321	-404
17.5.2008	-368	-367	-356	-343	-344	-346	-356	-389	-383	-372	-386	-388	-368	-374	-381	-366	-361	-355	-356	-361	-335	-274	-334	-377
18.5.2008	-367	-375	-361	-355	-348	-342	-369	-398	-422	-412	-415	-411	-407	-385	-412	-413	-406	-388	-377	-397	-385	-394	-400	-420
19.5.2008	-380	-371	-359	-349	-353	-343	-176	-187	-188	-200	-186	-187	-201	-185	-175	-175	-183	-177	-169	-78	-88	-77	-93	-166
20.5.2008	-219	-330	-325	-321	-308	-313	-335	-323	-335	-351	-357	-359	-358	-343	-363	-355	-367	-368	-368	-351	-275	-244	-253	-331
21.5.2008	-375	-371	-355	-346	-339	-340	-378	-356	-338	-337	-358	-317	-245	-255	-237	-317	-371	-372	-359	-316	-286	-309	-387	-411
22.5.2008	-394	-385	-371	-354	-357	-364	-349	-350	-375	-374	-378	-382	-387	-377	-346	-356	-371	-362	-363	-376	-372	-375	-382	-399
23.5.2008	-344	-293	-277	-288	-288	-271	-308	-344	-299	-322	-347	-347	-350	-359	-350	-360	-353	-352	-354	-366	-313	-317	-361	-389
24.5.2008	-345	-289	-281	-267	-266	-265	-283	-351		-218	-238	-148	-172	-198	-184	-222	-229	-232	-149	-97	-108	-151	-98	-304
25.5.2008	-314	-292	-271	-265	-266	-269	-272	-315	-347	-369	-348	-351	-349	-343	-335	-327	-317	-325	-323	-331	-386	-350	-287	-329
26.5.2008	-353	-334	-304	-303	-298	-306	-332	-301	-313	-323	-328	-339	-253	-145	-157	-250	-265	-277	-270	-276	-242	-140	-227	-388
27.5.2008																								
28.5.2008																								
29.5.2008	-11	-337	-316	-307	-305	-311	-340	-338	-338	-352	-345	-352	-371	-358	-369	-371	-361	-368	-372	-370	-312	-230	-381	-362
30.5.2008	-179	-207	-199	-127	-112	-117	-103	-199	-234	-277	-290	-299	-339	-310	-312	-291	-265	-264	-245	-257	-298	-323	-280	-162
31.5.2008	-166	-164	-164	-139	-129	-143	-171	-205	-207	-203	-212	-252	-230	-235	-248	-250	-221	-219	-249	-218	-195	-139	-218	-241
Average:	-300	-320	-307	-294	-291	-291	-296	-317	-319	-320	-325	-322	-314	-301	-301	-315	-316	-315	-306	-296	-277	-251	-287	-334



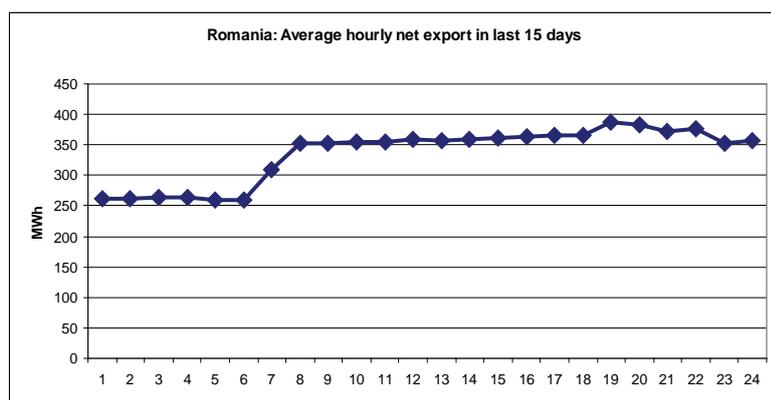
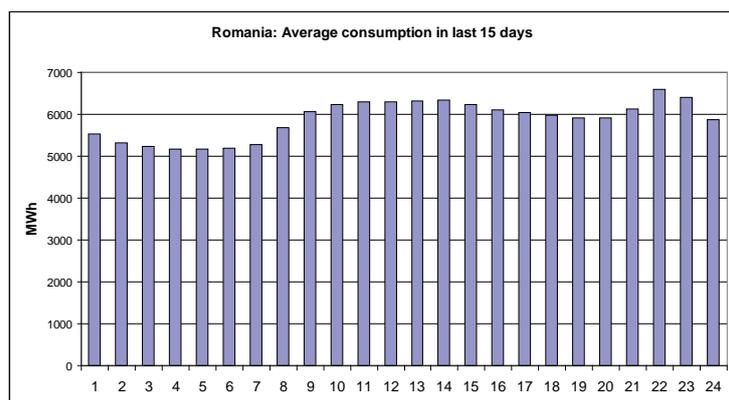
Gray block: Daily consumption (in GWh)
 Red line: Maximal daily load (in MW)
 Blue line: Minimal daily load (in MW)
 (source: TSO EPCG)

Romania: Electricity consumption in last 15 days (MWh)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
16.5.2008	5675	5439	5334	5301	5325	5391	5552	6001	6387	6546	6521	6458	6469	6490	6393	6267	6222	6088	6043	6023	6328	6823	6551	5962
17.5.2008	5622	5412	5287	5200	5174	5170	5118	5348	5599	5802	5850	5871	5861	5832	5670	5620	5637	5610	5572	5648	6021	6464	6164	5760
18.5.2008	5382	5164	5096	4998	4995	4905	4680	4638	4781	4988	5165	5208	5215	5202	5113	5081	5096	5045	5026	5182	5483	6045	5806	5372
19.5.2008	5066	4856	4765	4779	4796	4911	5110	5871	6438	6576	6642	6630	6619	6655	6525	6300	6215	6194	6092	6117	6422	6913	6572	5991
20.5.2008	5643	5429	5331	5271	5292	5314	5430	6043	6484	6567	6557	6585	6609	6656	6503	6314	6271	6145	6075	6038	6312	6806	6538	5952
21.5.2008	5583	5417	5308	5229	5277	5300	5434	5913	6374	6473	6515	6494	6481	6551	6534	6417	6340	6235	6059	6064	6305	6788	6465	5974
22.5.2008	5591	5419	5314	5233	5264	5326	5533	6033	6440	6557	6579	6547	6571	6598	6550	6409	6348	6269	6169	6140	6415	6844	6659	6081
23.5.2008	5600	5393	5308	5275	5263	5319	5456	6007	6382	6541	6568	6608	6549	6582	6533	6360	6272	6175	6137	6118	6299	6747	6496	6005
24.5.2008	5672	5441	5265	5184	5158	5155	5094	5324	5683	5887	6004	6039	5976	5975	5821	5712	5683	5672	5669	5659	5782	6306	6274	5758
25.5.2008	5463	5221	5095	5002	4967	4816	4627	4676	4843	4985	5111	5145	5188	5168	5114	5032	5045	5055	5083	5173	5439	5948	5818	5363
26.5.2008	5070	4868	4775	4765	4808	4827	5100	5789	6273	6610	6624	6635	6646	6696	6617	6418	6350	6251	6133	6122	6173	6714	6595	6013
27.5.2008	5653	5426	5353	5270	5309	5367	5525	6081	6557	6640	6676	6612	6707	6747	6632	6488	6396	6295	6187	6140	6265	6689	6508	6009
28.5.2008	5649	5466	5381	5366	5357	5389	5516	6006	6382	6605	6609	6610	6648	6749	6638	6465	6387	6305	6181	6219	6424	6724	6555	5984
29.5.2008	5626	5459	5365	5355	5357	5394	5540	6024	6480	6654	6658	6669	6746	6779	6735	6570	6457	6350	6276	6310	6399	6739	6625	5946
30.5.2008	5631	5406	5318	5263	5237	5213	5474	5991	6362	6513	6557	6557	6591	6671	6593	6382	6337	6205	6107	6089	6237	6636	6560	6004
31.5.2008	5655	5455	5319	5234	5220	5158	5077	5245	5602	5903	6030	6056	6082	6033	5885	5746	5736	5776	5659	5653	5876	6398	6320	5842
Average:	5536	5329	5226	5170	5175	5185	5267	5687	6067	6240	6292	6295	6310	6337	6241	6099	6050	5979	5909	5919	6136	6599	6407	5876

Romania: Electricity net export in last 15 days (MWh)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
16.5.2008	271	273	273	272	270	266	275	355	347	347	350	355	357	359	363	365	366	366	417	409	407	416	407	414	
17.5.2008	252	253	254	254	255	256	214	280	272	271	272	277	280	282	282	282	282	282	335	326	321	327	336	340	
18.5.2008	242	243	244	246	247	250	213	279	277	275	276	272	273	277	278	277	276	276	328	320	316	320	327	333	
19.5.2008	327	329	330	329	327	323	266	345	339	340	342	345	345	349	351	353	355	358	411	415	411	418	394	400	
20.5.2008	372	373	373	373	372	368	274	358	351	353	355	356	358	362	364	366	368	370	423	415	411	418	393	400	
21.5.2008	241	242	242	242	241	237	259	343	351	353	355	356	358	362	364	366	368	370	423	415	396	403	378	385	
22.5.2008	243	244	244	244	243	239	258	342	352	354	356	358	356	360	362	364	366	368	421	413	395	402	345	352	
23.5.2008	272	273	273	273	272	268	380	389	385	387	389	393	391	394	397	400	401	402	400	392	389	395	390	394	
24.5.2008	332	333	334	335	309	309	376	385	380	380	381	388	386	388	388	388	388	388	386	383	378	380	392	397	
25.5.2008	270	272	273	273	275	278	354	360	357	364	364	361	361	365	365	365	365	364	363	356	349	354	362	367	
26.5.2008	200	203	203	216	213	223	360	362	382	383	385	388	384	385	387	390	393	395	393	387	357	364	339	344	
27.5.2008	254	255	255	255	252	247	365	379	379	381	383	386	382	383	385	389	392	394	392	385	375	382	374	384	
28.5.2008	187	166	174	169	153	183	346	360	367	368	370	373	369	370	372	376	379	381	379	372	355	362	264	274	
29.5.2008	216	217	230	230	227	223	327	362	362	363	365	368	364	365	367	371	374	376	374	374	367	357	364	369	355
30.5.2008	242	243	243	243	240	235	339	361	384	383	384	385	385	386	388	389	391	394	391	385	356	362	281	289	
31.5.2008	268	270	271	271	242	241	341	367	366	365	367	369	369	372	371	371	371	371	372	371	366	368	282	288	
Average:	262	262	264	264	259	259	309	352	353	354	356	358	357	360	362	363	365	366	388	382	371	377	352	357	

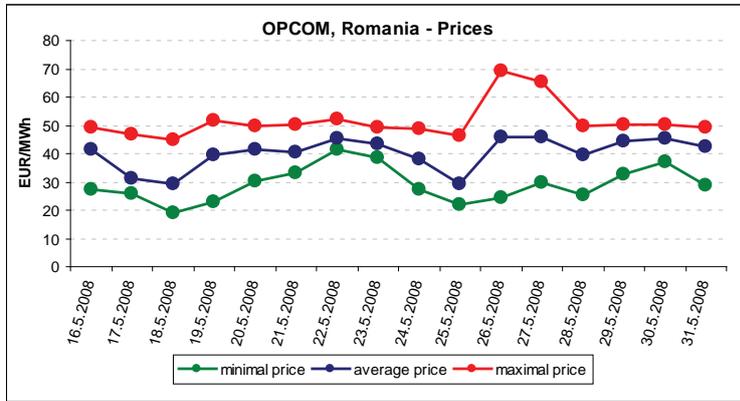
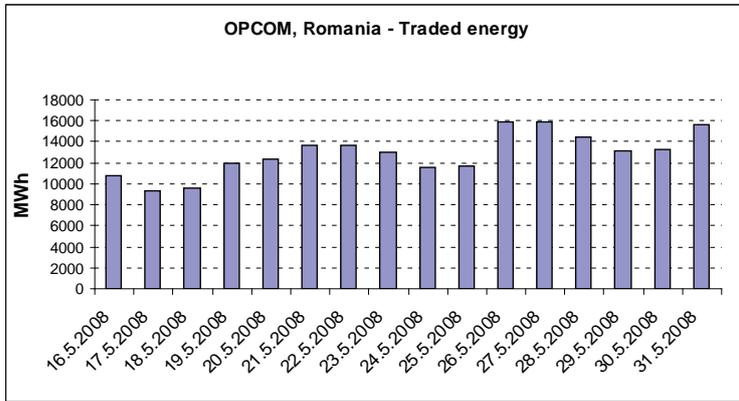


Opcom, Romania: Traded energy in last 15 days (MWh)

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16.5.2008	455	356	351	348	318	356	343	468	505	540	498	483	467	472	456	414	374	392	436	468	552	650	606	507
17.5.2008	467	307	292	291	293	302	265	356	335	375	375	381	381	372	371	359	363	358	368	447	511	619	587	510
18.5.2008	510	377	366	377	384	371	280	308	349	347	357	373	387	383	381	359	342	351	357	407	484	626	575	476
19.5.2008	466	400	403	402	383	400	454	583	600	603	505	555	517	496	473	422	379	431	405	480	623	751	725	559
20.5.2008	537	455	394	384	397	432	474	506	545	567	565	572	532	566	560	516	477	470	453	494	562	675	661	509
21.5.2008	626	500	446	431	434	446	481	618	643	705	670	636	614	615	602	534	491	488	463	522	603	730	756	569
22.5.2008	626	499	460	460	452	484	538	591	664	725	669	725	632	595	574	490	446	429	405	493	667	706	726	558
23.5.2008	579	489	454	415	416	455	422	592	601	630	591	589	612	606	592	550	505	482	464	497	606	680	631	565
24.5.2008	652	560	515	463	448	444	393	435	458	452	460	437	396	421	433	439	457	461	449	454	543	633	620	593
25.5.2008	836	676	607	603	586	560	460	364	390	402	408	421	429	428	418	409	367	360	374	412	482	616	552	495
26.5.2008	719	593	534	507	515	544	652	638	674	699	769	781	776	747	721	674	653	660	588	601	792	752	708	594
27.5.2008	719	593	534	507	515	544	652	638	674	699	769	781	776	747	721	674	653	660	588	601	792	752	708	594
28.5.2008	721	562	544	516	497	494	488	585	660	688	707	694	694	663	637	598	562	549	571	581	615	697	684	507
29.5.2008	469	381	345	353	361	373	360	502	593	644	657	638	649	686	660	638	578	542	512	530	626	755	752	591
30.5.2008	471	362	326	327	328	361	332	532	624	685	693	700	705	704	711	653	604	565	556	559	614	714	682	495
31.5.2008	628	562	544	551	542	628	624	612	613	654	674	671	691	708	720	680	660	687	781	731	556	679	637	739
Average:	590	474	438	426	422	438	440	514	554	584	579	584	571	567	554	515	483	480	466	503	605	690	665	542

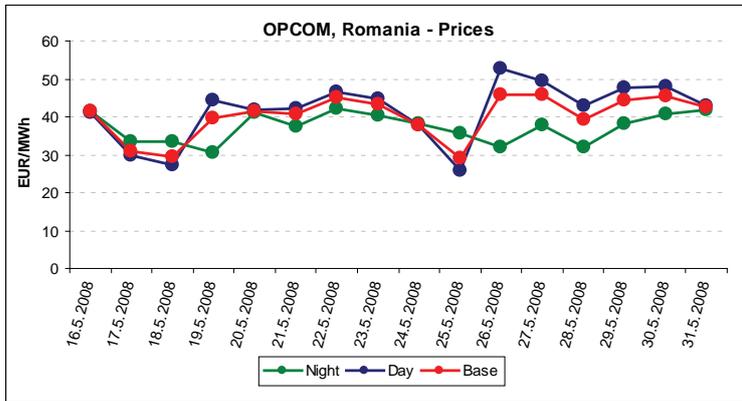
Opcom, Romania: Prices in last 15 days (EUR/MWh)

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16.5.2008	46.62	40.90	40.90	40.90	40.90	40.90	40.90	40.90	49.08	49.08	46.08	43.62	43.62	43.62	43.62	38.17	34.90	32.72	27.26	31.35	46.35	49.08	40.90	40.90
17.5.2008	46.66	32.75	32.75	28.65	28.65	28.65	40.93	27.29	32.75	27.62	31.44	27.62	27.29	27.29	27.29	27.29	27.29	25.92	25.92	27.29	31.44	40.93	38.20	32.75
18.5.2008	41.01	32.81	30.08	28.71	27.34	27.34	24.61	18.87	25.98	27.34	26.33	25.98	25.98	24.61	24.61	24.61	24.61	24.61	24.61	27.34	41.01	45.12	41.01	38.28
19.5.2008	27.62	27.34	24.61	24.61	22.88	27.34	41.01	41.84	49.49	49.76	46.21	49.22	45.96	45.40	45.12	41.02	39.65	39.65	32.81	41.01	49.22	51.68	47.85	41.01
20.5.2008	41.01	41.01	41.01	41.01	41.01	41.01	41.01	41.01	48.94	48.94	45.12	45.12	41.01	41.01	39.65	38.28	38.28	34.18	30.08	39.65	45.12	49.76	41.01	41.01
21.5.2008	41.27	39.62	38.52	33.02	33.02	33.02	38.52	41.27	45.40	47.05	41.27	41.27	41.27	41.27	41.27	41.27	41.27	39.62	39.62	41.27	41.27	50.07	41.27	41.27
22.5.2008	46.75																							



Opcom, Romania: Prices in last 15 days (EUR/MWh)

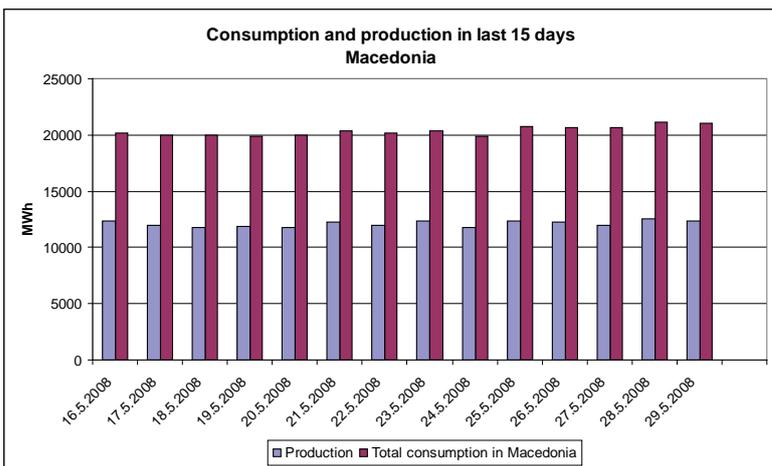
	16.5.2008	17.5.2008	18.5.2008	19.5.2008	20.5.2008	21.5.2008	22.5.2008	23.5.2008	24.5.2008	25.5.2008	26.5.2008	27.5.2008	28.5.2008	29.5.2008	30.5.2008	31.5.2008
Base Price	41.39	31.03	29.28	39.68	41.47	40.58	45.13	43.43	37.88	29.13	45.86	45.68	39.27	44.40	45.52	42.40
Base Quantity	10811	9284	9527	12018	12302	13622	13612	13021	11616	11650	15890	15890	14514	13195	13305	15572
Day Price	41.27	29.73	27.26	44.32	41.70	42.06	46.55	44.89	37.69	25.82	52.82	49.60	42.85	47.52	47.93	42.77
Day Quantity	7516	6235	6092	8279	8534	9414	9348	9018	7319	6738	11176	11176	9989	9569	9952	10739
Night Price	41.62	33.63	33.32	30.41	41.01	37.63	42.28	40.51	38.25	35.75	31.94	37.82	32.11	38.15	40.70	41.66
Night Quantity	3295	3049	3436	3739	3767	4209	4264	4003	4297	4913	4714	4714	4525	3626	3353	4833



Day energy (06-22h)
Base energy (00-24h)
Night energy (22-06h)

Mepso, Macedonia (MWh)

	16.5.2008	17.5.2008	18.5.2008	19.5.2008	20.5.2008	21.5.2008	22.5.2008	23.5.2008	24.5.2008	25.5.2008	26.5.2008	27.5.2008	28.5.2008	29.5.2008
Production	12395	12002	11752	11860	11764	12280	11950	12401	11732	12388	12297	11947	12547	12384
Import	7798	7988	8191	8052	8237	8058	8184	7941	8138	8330	8332	8728	8551	8672
Total consumption in FYROM	20193	19990	19943	19912	20001	20338	20134	20342	19870	20718	20629	20675	21098	21056



Tables with results of Allocated Available Transfer Capacities (AATC) in Balkan region for June 2008

NOS BIH - Bosnia & Herzegovina									June 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	May 2008.
IMPORT									
Croatia > BIH	-	-	350	-	34	34	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
Montenegro > BIH	-	-	440	-	220	15	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
Serbia > BIH	-	-	100	-	50	50	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
EXPORT									
BIH > Croatia	-	-	550	-	253	168	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
BIH > Montenegro	-	-	370	-	143	40	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
BIH > Serbia	-	-	250	-	116	0	*	01.-30.6.2008.	

ESO - Bulgaria									June 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	June 2008.
IMPORT									
Serbia > Bulgaria	-	-	100	-	50	50	0.50	01.-30.6.2008.	
Romania > Bulgaria	-	-	200	-	100	50	9.50	01.-29.6.2008.	
	-	-	100	-	0	0	0.00	30.6.2008.	
Greece > Bulgaria	-	-	300	-	150	45	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
EXPORT									
Bulgaria > Serbia	-	-	250	-	125	125	1.80	01.-22.6.2008.	
	-	-	150	-	75	75	8.60	23.-30.6.2008.	
Bulgaria > Romania	-	-	200	-	86	86	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
Bulgaria > Greece	-	-	600	-	250	250	13.4	01.-30.6.2008.	

OPS HEP - Croatia									June 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	June 2008.
IMPORT									
Hungary > Croatia	-	-	-	-	550*	546	0.41	01.-30.6.2008.	
Slovenia > Croatia	-	-	-	-	50	50	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
Serbia > Croatia	-	-	-	-	0	0	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
BIH > Croatia	-	-	-	-	100	100	2.15	01.-30.6.2008.	
EXPORT									
Croatia > Hungary	-	-	-	-	0*	0	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
Croatia > Slovenia	-	-	-	-	50	50	1.26	01.-30.6.2008.	
Croatia > Serbia	-	-	-	-	75	75	0.27	01.-30.6.2008.	
Croatia > BIH	-	-	-	-	0	0	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	

* Common auction conducted by MAVIR

MAVIR - Hungary									June 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	June 2008.
IMPORT									
Croatia > Hungary	400	200	200	200	0	0	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
Romania > Hungary	200	100	100	100	0	0	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
Serbia > Hungary	200	100	100	100	0	0	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
EXPORT									
Hungary > Croatia	1200	200	1000	450	550	546	0.41	01.-30.6.2008.	
Hungary > Romania	400	100	300	175	125	125	0.05	01.-30.6.2008.	
Hungary > Serbia	500	100	400	225	175	173	0.32	01.-30.6.2008.	

MEPSO - Macedonia									June 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	June 2008.
IMPORT									
Serbia > Macedonia	400	100	300	150	0	0	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
Greece > Macedonia	150	100	50	0	0	0	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
EXPORT									
Macedonia > Serbia	350	100	250	50	75	0	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
Macedonia > Greece	100	100	0	0	0	0	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	

TSO EPCG - Montenegro									June 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	June 2008.
IMPORT									
Albania > Montenegro	-	-	-	-	100	0	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
BIH > Montenegro	-	-	-	-	90	90	0.36	01.-30.6.2008.	
Serbia > Montenegro	-	-	-	-	70	70	0.36	01.-22.6.2008.	
	-	-	-	-	20	20	0.16	23.30.6.2008.	
EXPORT									
Montenegro > Albania	-	-	-	-	50	50	0.73	01.-30.6.2008.	
Montenegro > BIH	-	-	-	-	145	100	0.38	01.-30.6.2008.	
Montenegro > Serbia	-	-	-	-	70	20	0.36	01.-30.6.2008.	

Transelectrica - Romania									June 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	June 2008.
IMPORT									
Bulgaria > Romania	300	100	200	100	50	50	0.03	01.-30.6.2008.	
Serbia > Romania	250	100	150	100	25	25	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
Hungary > Romania	400	100	300	175	125	125	0.04	01.-30.6.2008.	
Ukraine > Romania	200	100	100	100	0	0	0.00	01.-08.6.2008.	
	200	100	100	100	0	0	0.00	09.-29.6.2008.	
	225	100	125	100	25	0	0.00	30.6.2008.	
EXPORT									
Romania > Bulgaria	300	100	200	100	50	50	4.03	01.-29.6.2008.	
	200	100	100	100	50	0	0.00	30.6.2008.	
Romania > Serbia	350	100	250	100	75	75	9.63	01.-22.6.2008.	
	250	100	150	100	25	25	17.4	23.29.6.2008.	
	200	100	100	100	0	0	0.00	30.6.2008.	
Romania > Hungary	200	100	100	100	0	0	0.00	01.-30.6.2008.	
Romania > Ukraine	120	100	20	0	20	20	0.00	01.-22.6.2008.	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	23.-30.6.2008.	

EMS - Serbia									June 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	June 2008.
IMPORT									
Hungary > Serbia	-	-	-	-	200	200	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
Romania > Serbia	-	-	-	-	125	125	*	01.-22.6.2008.	
	-	-	-	-	75	75	*	23.29.6.2008.	
	-	-	-	-	50	50	*	30.6.2008.	
Bulgaria > Serbia	-	-	-	-	125	125	*	01.-22.6.2008.	
	-	-	-	-	75	74	*	23.-30.6.2008.	
Macedonia > Serbia	-	-	-	-	125	0	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
Albania > Serbia	-	-	-	-	0	0	*	01.-06.6.2008.	
	-	-	-	-	105	0	*	07.-30.6.2008.	
Montenegro > Serbia	-	-	-	-	125	0	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
BiH > Serbia	-	-	-	-	125	125	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
Croatia > Serbia	-	-	-	-	125	110	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
EXPORT									
Serbia > Hungary	-	-	-	-	50	50	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
Serbia > Romania	-	-	-	-	75	60	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
Serbia > Bulgaria	-	-	-	-	50	45	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
Serbia > Macedonia	-	-	-	-	150	150	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
Serbia > Albania	-	-	-	-	0	0	*	01.-06.6.2008.	
	-	-	-	-	105	105	*	07.-30.6.2008.	
Serbia > Montenegro	-	-	-	-	145	130	*	01.-22.6.2008.	
	-	-	-	-	70	70	*	23.-30.6.2008.	
Serbia > BiH	-	-	-	-	50	50	*	01.-30.6.2008.	
Serbia > Croatia	-	-	-	-	50	49	*	01.-30.6.2008.	

- TTC (Total Transfer Capacity), TRM (Transmission Reliability Margin) and NTC (Net Transfer Capacity) values in previous tables, represents commonly correlated values, given per each border and per each direction on the respective border. (Please note that some of TSOs on their web sites publish only one-half of the NTC value, i.e. their own part of NTC, and therefore NTC data can be different)

- AAC (Already Allocated Capacity) value represents part of transmission capacity allocated earlier by TSO in which table this value appears.

- ATC (Available Transfer Capacities) value represents amount of transmission capacity, which will be offered by the TSO in which table this value appears to the interested market participants through allocation procedure: usually by pro-rata or explicit auctions method. (Please note that some of TSOs on their web sites within their ATC value publish ATC part of the neighboring TSO, and therefore ATC data can be different)

- AATC (ALLOCATED Available Transfer Capacities) values are the results of allocation procedure conducted by respective TSO in which table this value appears

Danube water-level in cm for last 30 days

relevant for:

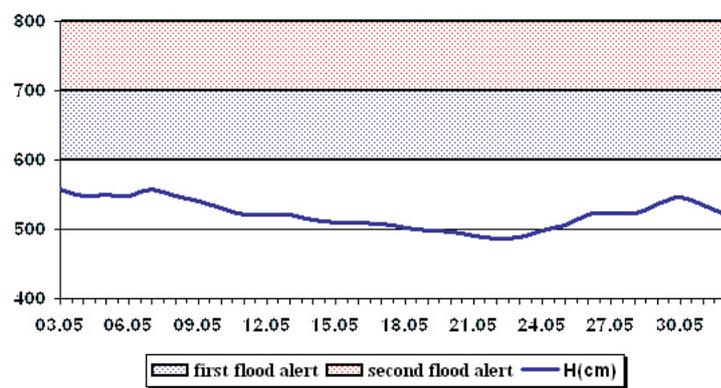
HPP Portile de Fier I, 1167 MW, Romania

HPP Portile de Fier II, 270 MW, Romania

HPP Djerdap I, 1058 MW, Serbia

HPP Djerdap II, 270 MW Serbia

(source: Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia)



Forecasted weather conditions for the following period

	2.6.	3.6.	4.6.	5.6.	6.6.	7.6.	8.6.	9.6.	10.6.	June averages.
Albania	T: 18-31	T: 18-28	T: 16-28	T: 14-26	T: 12-25	T: 14-27	T: 12-26	T: 14-28	T: 13-27	Temperature: 15-27
<i>Tirana</i>	W: SE 11	W: S 14	W: SW 8	W: W 9	W: NW 12	W: W 8	W: N 14	W: NE 15	W: NE 12	Amount of rain: 80
	R: -	R: -	Number of rain days: -							
Bosnia and Herzegovina	T: 11-27	T: 12-26	T: 11-23	T: 8-24	T: 11-24	T: 9-27	T: 11-22	T: 7-25	T: 9-29	Temperature: 11.4-23.1
<i>Sarajevo</i>	W: -	W: -	W: L-V	W: L-V	W: NW 4	W: -	W: -	W: NE 9	W: NE 4	Amount of rain: 91
	R: -	R: -2	R: 2	R: 4	R: 6	R: 5	R: -	R: -	R: -	Number of rain days: 11
Bulgaria	T: 16-24	T: 12-26	T: 14-26	T: 14-25	T: 14-23	T: 14-27	T: 14-27	T: 14-27	T: 11-28	Temperature: 12-23.5
<i>Sofia</i>	W: E 6	W: S 9	W: SW 4	W: L-V	W: NW 9	W: NW 8	W: NW 9	W: NE 9	W: NE 4	Amount of rain: 75
	R: 2	R: -	R: -	R: 2	R: -	R: -	R: -	R: -	R: -	Number of rain days: 13
Croatia	T: 16-31	T: 19-32	T: 14-29	T: 16-26	T: 16-23	T: 13-28	T: 14-24	T: 11-29	T: 12-30	Temperature: 12.7-24.6
<i>Zagreb</i>	W: L-V	W: SW 4	W: W 6	W: W 4	W: NW 8	W: SW 6	W: NW 4	W: NE 10	W: NE 4	Amount of rain: 99.3
	R: -	R: 1	R: -	R: 4	R: 9	R: -	R: -	R: -	R: -	Number of rain days: 13
Greece	T: 22-27	T: 17-26	T: 18-27	T: 18-29	T: 21-31	T: 19-29	T: 20-29	T: 21-30	T: 21-28	Temperature: 18-31
<i>Athens</i>	W: NE 12	W: NE 16	W: E 8	W: NW 12	W: W 22	W: NW 15	W: W 9	W: NW 111	W: N 17	Amount of rain: 10
	R: -	R: -	Number of rain days: 4							
Macedonia	T: 15-28	T: 15-24	T: 13-27	T: 12-29	T: 10-24	T: 11-28	T: 12-29	T: 12-29	T: 9-30	Temperature: 13-27.5
<i>Skopje</i>	W: SE 11	W: S 12	W: SW 4	W: W 6	W: NW 13	W: NW 9	W: N 14	W: NE 12	W: S 10	Amount of rain: 46
	R: -	R: -	Number of rain days: 10							
Montenegro	T: 17-30	T: 17-28	T: 15-27	T: 16-27	T: 16-26	T: 13-29	T: 16-31	T: 14-32	T: 16-33	Temperature: 17.5-28
<i>Podgorica</i>	W: SE 8	W: SW 11	W: SW 9	W: W 9	W: NW 12	W: W 7	W: N 14	W: NE 17	W: NE 15	Amount of rain: 63
	R: -	R: -	R: -	R: 3	R: 2	R: -	R: -	R: -	R: -	Number of rain days: 8
Romania	T: 14-27	T: 13-28	T: 14-30	T: 17-32	T: 16-28	T: 13-26	T: 12-22	T: 9-23	T: 8-23	Temperature: 14-27
<i>Bucharest</i>	W: SE 4	W: SE 11	W: SE 7	W: -	W: L-V	W: NW 6	W: NW 5	W: NE 9	W: -	Amount of rain: 77
	R: -	R: 4	R: -	R: -	R: -	Number of rain days: 6				
Serbia	T: 17-32	T: 17-30	T: 19-29	T: 17-30	T: 17-27	T: 16-29	T: 17-19	T: 12-27	T: 13-31	Temperature: 15-25
<i>Belgrade</i>	W: SE 14	W: S 13	W: SW 10	W: SW 12	W: NW 17	W: W 9	W: NW 17	W: NE 17	W: NE 10	Amount of rain: 90
	R: -	R: 2	R: -	R: -	R: 13	R: -	R: -	R: -	R: -	Number of rain days: 14

T: Temperature in celsius degrees

W: Wind speed in km/h, S – South, W – West, N – North, E – East and variables;“-” – no wind;“L-V” – Light and variable

R: Rain in mm

S: Snow in mm

Analysis:**TPP Pljevlja complex – recent developments and 3rd privatization****Thermal power plant:**

TPP Pljevlja is the only TPP in Montenegro. It was first time commenced in 1982. Plant was originally designed as two generators plant, each generator 210 MW, but only one generator block has been built. TPP needs 5,000 tons of coal per day for normal operation and relatively often these coal requirements are not met by the lignite mine Pljevlje so TPP had to be temporarily shut down for several days due to lack of coal. Operational expense of restarting the TPP reaches 100,000 euros.

TPP uses coal from nearby mine, also called Pljevlja. Mine Pljevlja is independent company and it charges TPP Pljevlja for coal supply on the tariff approved by government. There are announcements that TPP and mine will be merged into one company. The coal mine Pljevlja produces large amounts of sub products, like cement rock, raw material for cement production, and kaolin, raw material for porcelain production. Since the start of operation in 1952, overall coal production has reached 55 million tons, while production of overburden reached 131 million cbm. In the same time, overall coal delivery to the TPP Pljevlja reached at 28 million tons. Recently, management of coal mine have requested increase of price from 36 euros/ton. Regulatory energy agency has set the price of coal to be paid by TPP Pljevlja at 25.65 euros/ton. According to business plan for 2008, the planned coal production should reach 1.35 million tons, which would be 200,000 tons higher comparing to 2007. Out of that amount, 1.3 million tons will be delivered to TPP Pljevlja. For 25 years of operation, the TPP has produced 22 TWh of electricity and spent over 28 million tons of coal.

TPP Pljevlja is completely dependant on supply from mine Pljevlja. Supply of coal to TPP has been very irregular in past several years due to reduced production capacity of the mine. Due to reductions in coal supply TPP Pljevlja in 2005 produced only 890 GWh of electric energy what is for 17% below expected generation. During 2005 TPP has been out of operation for 6 times due to insufficient coal supplies. For generation of 890 GWh in 2005 TPP Pljevlja used 1200000 t of coal and 2247 t of liquid fuels. If there were no interruptions in coal supply TPP would produce 320 GWh more. With regular coal supply price of electricity generated in TPP would be 35.88 EUR/MWh, but for 2005 it was 38.2 EUR/GWh. Presently the biggest problems of TPP Pljevlja are irregular coal supply and problems with ash disposal. During cold winter days and unfavorable weather conditions mine is not able to supply TPP with sufficient amounts of coal. Sometimes it supplies only around 2000 tons per day. Daily coal consumption of TPP Pljevlja is around 5000 tons. Main reasons for insufficient production of coal mine Pljevlja are caused by old equipment and bad weather conditions like fog, low temperatures, rain and snow.

The cost of electricity production in TPP Pljevlja is some 4 times higher comparing to price of electricity produced by hydropower plants in Montenegro. Price of electricity produced in TPP Pljevlja is around 4.9 eurocents per kWh and in HPPs 1.2 eurocents/kWh.

Estimated worth of the TPP's assets is 115 million of euros, while the nominal value of the coal mine shares (31 % will be sold) is about 6,7 million euros. The investment plan implies modernization of existing production unit and a construction of new 200 MW unit, the exploitation of new mine fields and the construction of new cement factory (the area is rich of crude materials for cement production).

Lignite Mine:

Around 90% of coal production is used to supply TPP Pljevlja. Mine is opened in 1952 and presently has 1706 employees. Major exploitation of coal in Montenegro is performed on fields Potolica and Borivica that are operated by one company "Coal mine Pljevlja". Reserves of the mine can be increased with redirection of river Cehotina. This redirection will enable enlargement of coalmine for up to 55 million tons of coal. This amount of coal should be sufficient for 25 to 30 year of operation of 200 MW unit in TPP. The project includes construction of 26m high dam, 373m and 795m long tunnels, new 2.45km long river bottom and two new bridges. The cost of the project is estimated at 30 million euros. The coal company will provide 8 million euros, and the rest will come from loans.

Because of the coalfield's geology and the chosen methods of work, opencast coal mining in Montenegro has a much more difficult proposition than mines in other countries in the region but it is faced with similar difficulties. There was a considerable period during which there were not the resources needed to maintain and repair equipment or to replace that which had reached the end of its useful life.

The better quality of the Montenegrin deposits does offer the opportunity of supplying a wider market with a greater proportion of amount mined going to satisfy the non-generator market where prices would be better.

Town of Pljevlja is near the mine and TPP. It is located in a basin surrounded by mountains, so it is covered by fog for 5 months per year. Also, it has the lowest number of windy days in Montenegro. Air pollution is very emphasized in this town. The main pollutants are TPP Pljevlja, mine Pljevlja and local district heating facilities. After privatization of mine and TPP, new owner should have obligation to install new heating system for town that will be supplied by TPP Pljevlja. With such approach, air pollution in town will be significantly reduced during winter.

1st Privatization in 2005:

Agency of Montenegro for Economic Restructuring and Foreign Investments announced on May 30, 2005 public invitation for participation in a public tender process for the sale of Thermal Power Plant Termoelektrana Pljevlja as assets of Elektroprivreda Crne Gore a.d. Niksic and sale of 31.117 % shares in Coal Mine Rudnik uglja A.D., Pljevlja to sole purchaser. Offered stack of 31.117 % shares in Coal Mine represents the total amount of Republic Montenegro owned shares. Rest of shares of 66.8883 % is in possession of other private shareholders. Majority owners of the Coal Mine are workers and other physical persons with 59,95 % of shares. Monte Adria Broker owns 5,37 % of the Mine, Bergal Invest Korp owns 3,65 %, Tehno plus owns 1,17 %, and rest of the shareholders owns less 1 %.

The tender documentation for privatization tried in 2005 has been purchased by Russian companies: Salomon (subsidiary of RUSAL), BELON and RAO UES, Czech CEZ, Italian ENEL, Austrian VERBUND, Swiss UNIBALANCE, ABS Holding from Belgrade, American company Prizma and Holding of Slovenia's Power Plants (HSE). But privatization was unsuccessful.

Due to undeveloped electrical energy market and existing deficit in energy needs (35 % of energy imports) guaranteed annual price under which Power Utility of Montenegro will purchase all produced electrical energy in TPP will be determined according to the price of futures in Leipzig power exchange during the month November. Tender process was conducted by Austrian privatization investment advisor Raiffeisen Investment.

According to the tender proposal, offered price for the TPP brings 30 points, the highest price for the state shares in the coal mine brings 20 points, the worth of the investment program for the TPP and coal mine brings 10 points each, and the best business plan with social and environmental package will bring 30 points on the tender. The tender was earlier prolonged until September 30th

In October 2005, the tender for the sells of the TPP and Coal Mine Pljevlja was stopped. Reasons to repeat the procedure were the strong conditions issued by the bidders to the Montenegrin Government, although prices were acceptable. Very strong conditions were necessary to minimize the risk, and were including provisions such as increasing the price of electricity.

Czech CEZ, Belon Group and En Group Ltd. have submitted the final offers. CEZ has offered 15 million euros in cash and 11 million euros in investments for the TPP and 3 million euros in cash and 32,56 million euros in investments for the Coal mine. En plus company, owned by Oleg Deripaska, owner of the Aluminum factory in Podgorica and Bauxite mine in Niksic, has offered 40 million euros in cash and 6.5 millions to be invested in TPP, and 10 million euros in cash and 14 million euros of investments for the Coal mine. Belon group was willing to pay 8 million euros in cash and 45 million in investments for the TPP, and 1 euro in cash and 42,9 million euros of future investments in Coal mine. The long-term investments programs (for period of 10 to 45 years) ranged from 100 million to 800 million euros.

The tender failed and according to the tender commission, one bidder did not submit complete business report, and other ones did not filed the company's registration report. It was announced that there could be changes in a repeated tender procedure that should enable the participation of more potential buyers.

2nd Privatization in 2006:

Montenegro's Agency for restructuring of industry and foreign investments has published the second tender for the privatization of thermal power plant (TPP) Pljevlja and 31% of the state owned shares in Coal Mine Pljevlja. Tender commission has verified the rating system, which has decreased the number of points for the Coal Mine shares and it has increased the points for the investment program for the TPP. Companies had to meet following conditions:

1. The bidders should have managed the TPP's for three years at least, they electrical energy production in 2004th should be over 2,000 GWh and interested companies will need to have income of over 100 million euros in the same year.

2. In addition, bidders should have the experience in the Coal Mine management for three years at least, they should have produced over three million tons of coal, while the overall income should be over 70 million euros in this line of business in the same period.

3. Alternative condition is that the bidder has achieved the overall income of over 400 million euros in 2004th.

Also, future owner of TPP and coalmine is expected to solve all environmental problems in accordance to EU standards until 2012th.

Six companies have been qualified for the second phase of the privatization. Tender commission has selected Belon, En Plus Group, CEZ, HSE, Verbund and consortium of PPC and Contour Global to be final bidders. After prolongation of tender procedure and tender closure, bids were following:

1. EN plus (66 points), the majority owner of Rusal, which owns the largest industrial customer in the country (200 MW), the Aluminum factory (KAP) in Podgorica, has offered 45 million euros in cash (the highest offer) and 195 million euros of investments for TPP and 5 million euros in cash and 78 million euros investments for the coalmine.

2. HSE (57 points) has offered 16 million euros in cash and 572 million euros of investments (highest investment bid), and 4.6 million euros and 42.9 million euros of investments for coalmines.

3. Russian Belon group (39 points) has offered 11 million euros and 210 million euros of investments for TPP, and 1 million euros and 120 million euros of investments for coalmine.

Czech CEZ, Austrian Verbund and Greek-USA consortium PPC-Contour Global have also qualified in the final stage of the tender, but they did not submit final bids. CEZ officials explained in the letter sent just before the tender deadline, that they believed their previous offer was the highest offer CEZ was willing to pay for TPP and coalmine. According to CEZ, investment of several hundreds million euros could not be profitable for them in the reasonable period.

The cash offers for TPP Pljevlja was bringing overall number of 30 tender points; the offers for state-owned shares in coal mine 5 points, the investments bid, including construction of central heating system in city of Pljevlja and construction of second generator in TPP, 30 points. The offers for coalmine were bringing overall number of 10 tender points, and investment program 25 points.

EPCG expected that electricity purchase price, related to the Leipzig prices that are combination of prices from hydro, thermal, nuclear facilities, would be favorable, and 20 % lower than price produced in TPP Pljevlja.

No one of three bidders offered possible construction of cement factory, but all three bidders are willing to build new generation unit in the TPP. Certain non-governmental organizations have accused the government on favoring the EN plus, claiming that Russians have stipulated the takeover of KAP by

later takeover of TPP and coalmine Pljevlja. Government has strongly denied such accusations.

In June 2006 Privatization council has decided to invite first ranked bidder, the Russian EN plus Group, to start final negotiations for signing the privatization contract.

However, EN plus has offered considerable reduction in guaranteed purchase of electrical energy until 2009th and it has proposed an option for EPCG reduce guaranteed amount of purchase or to even cancel this condition. From 2010th, EN plus did not demand guaranteed purchase of electricity from TPP.

First talks regarding cancellation of tender procedure were in December 2006, but government denied these claims. EPCG's official said that TPP Pljevlja could deliver almost all contracted amount of electricity to KAP. In that case, EPCG would sign the contract for sale of TPP only if Russians agree EPCG to deliver only 100 GWh per year to KAP until 2009th, instead of 1.2 TWh per year. In the same time, KAP would be obliged to continue to import additional 600 GWh per year, as it was agreed in supply contract. Power supply agreement between KAP and EPCG was signed under assumption that TPP Pljevlja (200 MW) was property of EPCG. EPCG believes that Russian would realize importance of this issue, having in mind that TPP Pljevlja would produce electricity for KAP, and EPCG would be forced to import missing electricity for the KAP and for other customers or some two third of overall needs, which would be disaster for the country. Member of the board also announced resignations of entire board in case if power supply contract was not revised. Some sources said that government could cancel sale of TPP until 2011th, until the expiration of supply contract of KAP.

Experts believe that tender commission for sale of TPP and coalmine made a bad judgment when decided that TPP Pljevlja would sell electricity to EPCG at the prices on Leipzig power exchange. According to current prices of electricity and aluminum (which is used for calculation of electricity tariffs for KAP), EPCG would be forced to import expensive electricity and to sell it to KAP under lower prices.

In the beginning of February 2007, The government of Montenegro, officials from Power utility of Montenegro, thermal power plant (TPP) Pljevlja and coalmine Pljevlja have been preparing new strategy (called plan B) for continuation of investments in TPP and coalmine. New plan would be activated if negotiations with Russian EN Plus group, the winner in the tender for privatization of TPP and the coalmine, failed.

New plan implied urgent investment of 18.6 million euros in the coalmine. The funds would be invested for dislocation of River Cehotina, expropriation of land and purchase of new mining equipment. Sources said that TPP and coalmine could be merged into single company, which would be part of EPCG. In the same time, EPCG would sell 16 % of shares, where estimated worth of the package would be 100 million euros according to management of the company. The funds would be invested in revitalization of new company and construction of unit 2 in TPP Pljevlja through private – public partnership. Plan also implies that EPCG should buy the state-owned shares in coalmine. The plan is supported by the SDP, one of the ruling

parties in Montenegro. The overall investment of 290 million euros would provide 1.38 TWh of electricity, plan says. The funds for the project would be provided through international loans, EPCG proposed.

Harald Hirschhofer, International monetary fund (IMF) resident Representative in Montenegro confirmed that IMF does not approve plan presented by Power utility of Montenegro (EPCG), by which EPCG would revitalize alone thermal power plant (TPP) Pljevlja. IMF wants privatization procedure of TPP and coalmine to continue as soon as possible in fair and transparent manner.

According to press release issued by Tender commission for privatization of thermal power plant (TPP) Pljevlja and Coalmine Pljevlja in the beginning of March, the first ranked bidder in the tender, the Russian EN Plus, has accepted all new demands made by the government of Montenegro. But, in the beginning of July, Privatization council reached a decision and cancelled privatization procedure for TPP Pljevlja and coalmine Pljevlja. The management of EPCG, coalmine Pljevlja and SDP party were against the privatization of power complex in Pljevlja, while head of ruling DPS, major of Pljevlja and minister of economy were in favor of the privatization. The privatization procedure lasted for two and a half years, while negotiations with EN Plus lasted for a year.

In the same time, the government of Montenegro approved so-called plan B for revitalization of power complex in Pljevlja. Deputy minister of economy warned the management of EPCG they would be dismissed if the revitalization were not properly carried out. The media in Montenegro described this as the end of silent war between EPCG and ministry of economy.

3rd Privatization and Recent developments:

In November 2007 vice prime minister of Montenegro, Vujica Lazovic, announced that thermal power plant (TPP) Pljevlja and the coalmine Pljevlja should be very soon merged into one company, which should solve, in the long-term, the status of these companies. Lazovic confirmed this after the meeting with Power utility of Montenegro (EPCG), which operates the TPP, and the management of the coalmine.

In December 2007, The government of Montenegro said in the official information that privatization of energy complex in Pljevlja should be reconsidered once again if all political parties reached consensus over this issue. This was the first time that government officially announced potential restart of privatization procedure.

In January 2008, Chairman of the management board of EPCG, Radomir Milovic, confirmed that the company has been reconsidering to sign the agreement with CEZ for construction of second unit in TPP Pljevlja. That would be the easiest and the fastest way for Montenegro to build new source of electricity, he said. Sources also said that EPCG has been preparing tender procedure for selection of strategic partner in this project, where the most likely model should be establishment of joint venture. In that case, EPCG should invest existing unit and the equipment that will be used by future unit 2, which should be

built on the site of existing TPP. The cost of construction of 225 MW unit in TPP Pljevlja is estimated at 175 million euros

In May 2008, Power utility of Montenegro (EPCG) has published a public invitation for selection of the best Conceptual design and Pre-feasibility study for construction of unit 2 in TPP Pljevlja. The cost of the studies is estimated at 345,000 euros, while the deadline for preparing the project documentation is 7 months. The tender criteria are the best price (65 points) and the quality of the solutions (35 points). The bids could be submitted until July 3, while the best bidder will be selected by August 3.

It is expected that more details regarding private public partnership for 2nd unit of TPP Pljevlja would be known after Energy conference, which should take place in Kolasin (Montenegro) in July. The conference will be organized by United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). It is expected that conference will be attended by the most respectable energy companies as well as the representatives of World Bank, EBRD, EIB, and KfW Bank.

News:

Lukoil announced expansion plans (Region)

Russian Lukoil, the largest Russian private oil company, announced to invest some 18.6 million euros in Serbia and Montenegro.

So far, Lukoil invested 30 million euros in Montenegro. The company plans to invest another 15 million euros for construction of 15 new petrol stations. In April, Lukoil purchased six petrol stations in the country and four construction sites for new petrol stations from local company Roksped.

Executive director of Lukoil Montenegro, Robert Ferluga, said that Lukoil's expansion in Montenegro was a part of company's expansion strategy in Balkans.

In the same time, Lukoil's subsidiary in Serbia, Lukoil Beopetrol announced to invest 3.8 million euros in retail network by the mid 2008. During the first quarter of this year, the company's investments amounted to 0.6 million euros. Beopetrol plans to sell 142,000 tons of oil derivatives and to post 245 million euros of income during the first half of the year. The planned EBITDA in the same period should reach 4.2 million euros.

Recently, Lukoil entered Croatian market through purchase of local company Europa mil. The Lukoil Croatia announced that number of petrol stations in Croatia should reach between 75 and 100 in the next five years, while overall investments could reach 200 million euros.

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Meeting of NETS took place (Region)

The experts from the natural gas transmission companies Transgaz (Romania), BH Gas (Bosnia and Herzegovina), MOL Natural gas transmission, OMV Gas (Austria), Plinacro (Croatia) and Srbijagas (Serbia) had a meeting in Novi Sad, Serbia in order to continue initiative called New Europe Transmission System (NETS).

The initiative for establishment of regional company that should be in charge for management of integrated natural gas network in Central and Southeastern Europe was launched by MOL in the end of 2007.

The plenary meeting of NETS was held in Bucharest in March this year. During that meeting (which was also attended by Slovenian Geoplin) participants agreed on start of the feasibility study for establishment of new regional gas company.

The working meeting in Novi Sad, attended by high-level executive directors and experts, is considered as a new turning point in the project.

During the meeting, the gas companies decided to establish several working groups, which will be in charge for further development of the project. The main problems at this point are the significant differences between the companies in terms of level of development of natural gas networks and level of natural gas consumption.

The companies appointed their representatives that will be responsible for operational activities related to the NETS project and established the management board that will monitor all activities in the project.

The next meeting of the experts will take place in Budapest in June and the main topic will be feasibility study for the new company.

New regional gas company, with 27,000km long pipeline network, is aimed to increase safety and stability in supply.

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Russia negotiates with Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina regarding South stream project (Region)

Director of South stream project and vice chair of Italian Eni, Carlo Merggi confirmed that Russia has been negotiating with Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) regarding their participation in South stream project.

Merggi reminded that, starting from beginning of the year, Russia had successful negotiations with Bulgaria, Hungary, Serbia, Greece (cooperation contract with these countries have been signed), and Slovenia. He said that current negotiations with Croatia and BiH were progressing well.

Russian Gazprom and Italian Eni, two main partners in the project, have been analyzing eight different routes for the fu-

ture pipeline. The final decision regarding this issue should be reached by the end of the year.

In the related news, minister of foreign trade and economic affairs of BiH Slobodan Puhalic said that state of BiH has not been involved in negotiations related to South stream pipeline. The negotiations have been conducted by some local companies, minister said. He did not reveal the names of those companies.

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Prime minister willing to build NPP with Italian company (Albania)

Albanian prime minister Sali Berisha invited Italian investors to build nuclear power plant in Albania. "Our country is open to atomic energy. It is open to everyone", prime minister said. He also noted that Albania is still working with the International Atomic Energy Agency on the necessary regulatory work to start nuclear power generation. "As soon as we are ready, we will reach agreements with neighboring countries, first of all Italy. We will finance, together with the government in Rome, a nuclear plant to be built in Albania".

Prime minister did not revile the name of the Italian company who is interested to build a NPP, but he said that negotiations are undergoing.

"I have not yet talked to the Italian government, because the previous one was against nuclear power. But with Berlusconi everything changes", Sali Berisha said. "Tirana would offer Italy a deal to build a nuclear plant in Albania financed by the two governments. If state funds were not to be available, Tirana would turn to private investors"

Last week, Italian Minister for Development Mr. Claudio Scajola, said that Italy is aiming to begin construction of nuclear power plant by 2013.

In 1987, Italy voted in referendum against construction of NPPs in the country.

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US and Swiss consortium won the tender for AMRO (Albania)

A US and Swiss consortium headed by Texas Refinery Associates has won the tender that will grant it a controlling stake in ARMO. From four companies, this consortium offered the highest price, 129 million euros. For 85% stake in Albanian oil refinery, British Petrofac offered to pay 30 million euros for the refinery's stake, Czech Penta Investment offered 10 million euros, while Czech Vitol offered 100 million euros.

Albanian government has said that 129 million euros, collected from the sale of oil refinery AMRO, will be used to pay foreign debt and construction work on the Albania-Kosovo highway.

Deputy Minister of Finance Sherfedin Shehu told reporters that the sale price will be included in this year's supplementary budget.

The distribution branch of Albania's power utility, KESH, and the state-owned insurer, INSIG, will be offered later this year, according to the privatisation plan presented by Prime Minister Sali Berisha.

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Blackouts in Tirana - cat run into power station (Albania)

Parts of Tirana, capital of Albania, has suffered 72 hour blackout due to a cat chasing a mouse in the main power station, between high voltage cables. Power company workers said that they have never seen anything like this, showing pictures to media.

Albania is suffering frequent blackouts, due to insufficient generation capacity, lack of water for HPPs and old electricity grid.

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Albania looking for cooperation with Kosovo (Albania)

"Production of energy from Albania's hydropower stations would be well balanced with the production from Kosovo's power stations", said Albania's Economy and Trade Minister Genc Ruli. "In the very near future, we could have an efficient system," he added.

German KFW and the German government have financed a feasibility study on a 400KV interconnection line from Albania's Vau i Dejes hydropower plant to Prizren in Kosovo. This interconnection could deliver electricity from Kosovo to Albania in winter, and in spring, from Albania to Kosovo. Also, Albania's KESH and Kosovo's KEK have signed a memorandum to build lignite TPP in Kosovo. Also, a gas pipeline connecting Albania and Kosovo is an option.

Both Albania and Kosovo are suffering blackouts. Albania is mostly hydro oriented, while Kosovo is TPP based.

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Regulator approved new regulations for electricity supply (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Regulatory commission for electricity in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FERK) has adopted new General rules for electricity supply.

According to new regulations, starting from January 1, 2009, electricity distribution companies will become the owners of

entire grid, including the electricity meters, which is not the case in this moment.

In addition, electricity distributors will be obliged to harmonize the enlargement of the grid in accordance to spatial plans in order to enable connection of new customers.

The new regulations set the procedures for issuing of connection approvals (both for electricity consumers and for producers).

Among other things, the rules set the criteria for quality of electricity supply, criteria for imposing the limitation in electricity supply, methods for calculation and payment of electricity bills and rights for compensation in case of interruption in electricity supply.

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Privatization of Aluminum factory uncertain due to electricity prices (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Minister of energy of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (F BiH) Vahid Heco warned that privatization of Aluminum factory in Mostar could fail since government of F BiH could not guarantee electricity prices lower than those set by Regulatory commission of for electricity in F BiH (FERK).

FERK is the only institution that can set electricity prices, where any other option would represent breaching of the laws, Heco said. The government can only guarantee that the factory will have enough electricity, minister concluded.

FERK earlier warned the government of F BiH that there would be problems if government accepted the request of potential buyer of the factory (consortium of Glencor, Dalekovod and Feal) related to formula for calculation of electricity prices.

The consortium proposed that price of electricity for Aluminum factory in Mostar should be linked to price of aluminum on London Stock Exchange and the electricity prices set by FERK. According to this proposal, the electricity price for the factory could be between 38 and 41 euros/MWh.

On the other hand, chair of FERK, Risto Mandrapa said their recommendation was not aimed to prejudge the decision of the government. According to Mandrapa, the key issue is who will supply electricity to factory. In this moment, price of electricity delivered by two electricity producers in F BiH, the Power utility of BiH (EP BiH) and Power utility of Herzeg Bosnia (EP HZHB), are considerably different. In the same time, the government of F BiH owns both power companies and Aluminum factory. The price of electricity produced by EP HZHB (in which supply area is the factory) is cheaper, since it has been produced only in hydropower plants (HPPs). On the other hand, the company is forced to import some one third of its overall electricity needs.

In this moment, Aluminum factory, with hourly consumption of 215 MWh, pays 49 euros/MWh to EP HZHB. The most of this electricity is imported at much higher prices.

On the other hand, FERK said that, starting from 2012, all electricity customers, apart from households, would be obliged to purchase electricity on free market. This should be done gradually, so that companies will be obliged to purchase 75 % of missing electricity in 2010 and 90 % in 2011.

In the related news, the government of F BiH instructed EP BiH to provide 10 MWh/h of electricity from its own capacities for Aluminum factory via EP HZHB. In addition, EP BiH is obliged to provide additional amount of 30 MWh/h for the factory by changing the export agreements with its commercial partners. In this year, EP BiH signed commercial contracts with Atel and EFT, where contract with EFT has a clause for canceling the delivery.

This supply agreement between EP BiH and EP HZHB will be effective until October 1 this year. The electricity for the factory will be delivered at market prices, i.e. at 75 euros/MWh. Starting from October 1, the EP BiH will be obliged to provide 40 MWh/h through commercial contracts via EP HZHB. The management of EP BiH said the latest decision is in accordance to energy balance sheet of the country

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EP BiH presented plans for construction of new unit in TPP Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

In the end of May, general manager of Power utility of Bosnia and Herzegovina (EP BiH) Amer Jerlagic visited municipality of Tuzla and presented to head of the municipality plans for construction of three new thermal power plants (TPPs) and three new hydropower plants (HPPs) in Federation of BiH.

Two officials mostly discussed project for construction of unit 7 in TPP Tuzla. The main aim of presentation was to inform local community on benefits of new investment, which should be carried on in accordance to highest EU environmental standards.

The cost of construction of unit 7, with power output of 450 MW, is estimated at 495 million euros. The unit will produce 2.7 TWh of electricity per year, with coal consumption of 2.4 million tons. The unit should be put in service in 2016, and it will be a replacement capacity for old units in the TPP Tuzla. The project will be also important for providing heat energy for Tuzla, having in mind that units 3 and 4 in the TPP should be decommissioned in 2013 and 2018, respectively.

In November last year, the government of Federation BiH selected German EnBW to be strategic partner in this particular project. The parliament delayed reaching the final decision in this and other projects and decided to examine entire procedure after leading parties in the country argued over transparency issues.

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Brod refinery to start production in October (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

General Manager of oil refinery in Brod Alexander Litvinenko announced that the refinery could start fuel production in October.

The renewal of old processing line, which is currently in progress, will cost 26 million euros, where the funds are provided from loans. The capacity of the line is 1.2 million tons of oil per year.

Litvinenko said that renewal was delayed due to managerial changes in NefteGazInkor, the majority owner of refinery. In the same time, the line was damaged more than expected so that it was necessary to rebuild entirely new facilities. The reconstruction works are mostly carried out by local companies.

According to General Manager, the refinery will produce oil derivatives in accordance to EU standards, where products should be sold, beside in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in Montenegro, Serbia, Croatia and some other countries.

The company is also interested in oil researches in Posavina, having in mind that some earlier researches implied the area could have oil reserves.

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EFT started construction works in energy complex in Stanari (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

In the mid May, prime minister of Republic of Srpska (RS) Milorad Dodik laid a foundation stone for the administrative building, the first facility to be built in energy complex Stanari near Doboje. The project includes construction of thermal power plant (TPP) Stanari (400 MW) and coalmine Stanari.

The TPP Stanari is the first power plant in the RS and in the neighborhood, which will be built after 20 years. Dodik said that the start of construction showed that signing the concession contract with EFT was good move. Thanks to concession contract, coalmine Stanari became profitable company, after being non-profitable during longer period, he said. Dodik promised to support the project by providing the conditions for granting the necessary permits for the construction works.

President of EFT Group, Vuk Hamovic expressed its satisfaction with the development of the project. Hamovic said the Group has been negotiating with European bank for reconstruction and development (EBRD) and several other international financial institutions regarding funding the TPP Stanari and other projects in RS. The overall investments in the project should reach some 1 billion euros, Hamovic believes.

During the occasion, director of the coalmine and TPP Stanari, Stevan Loncar, said that construction of TPP should start in May next year. Some 3,000 people should be employed during the construction, while the TPP will employ 500 workers after it was put in service. Loncar reminded that future TPP would

be the most modern facility in the former Yugoslavia and the first of a kind in terms of environmental standards.

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Privatization agency reconsidering to speed up sale of TPP Bobov Dol (Bulgaria)

Local media reported that Privatization agency (PA) is reconsidering to speed up auction sale of thermal power plant (TPP) Bobov Dol.

The original deadline for the auction was set at June 26, where PA selected companies Minna Kompania EOOD and Energia MK as eligible bidders. The initial price for sale of 251 400 shares is set at 51 million euros, and the bidders will be allowed to place bids in increments of 500,000 euros.

According to executive director of PA, Todor Nikolov, there is no reason for wasting time since only two companies entered final phase of the auction, and all necessary checks and analyses could be carried on in very short time.

In the same time, both abovementioned companies are linked to local businessman Hristo Kovachki. Because of that, everybody expects that TPP would be sold at initial price.

Damco Energy (Greece), Sencap (Greece), and Electrabel (Belgium), also filed initial bids, but the PA did not approve their participation in the auction.

Nikolov explained that the fact the both bidders are linked to single owner was not a reason for canceling the procedure.

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E.ON started testing for new wind farms on Black Sea coast (Bulgaria)

In mid May, E.ON Bulgaria said it had started wind tests near Varna, on Black Sea coast, in order to find sites suitable for installation of wind farms.

The member of the Board of Directors, Reinhard Aschendorff, said the company had selected sites on the northern Black sea coast for construction of three wind farms. If the researches are favorable, the pilot projects will be developed into the wind farms, Aschendorff said. E.ON wants to become the largest wind power producer in Bulgaria.

In this moment, there are some 80 wind generators installed along the northern Black Sea coast, mostly in Dobrich region. The rest of wind farms are located in Kavarna, Shabla and Balchik.

According to National electric company (NEK), overall output in wind farms should reach 600-700 MW. Because of that, NEK should build two new transmission power lines in the region.

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Electrabel confirmed interest for NPP Belene (Bulgaria)

Minister of economy and energy Petar Dimitrov met the representatives of Electrabel, at their request, in the second half of May. Electrabel, along with RWE is the finalist in the tender for acquiring 51 % stake in nuclear power plant (NPP) Belene.

Electrabel confirmed its great interest for the project and the vice president of Electrabel for Central Europe, Jean Claude Dorcimont said the company would do everything to successfully complete Belene project. The company's analyses showed that Belene project has no flaws that could endanger the project. Electrabel is also interested in construction of other power plants (hydro, thermal, wind) in Bulgaria.

Minister Dimitrov said that Electrabel also expressed interest in Gornja Arda hydropower project and in construction of natural gas fired power plant. For this last subject, Dimitrov asked for concrete details having in mind necessary natural gas supplies.

A week before, minister Dimitrov met officials of RWE, who confirmed their interest in the Belene project after German papers published news that the RWE could withdraw from the project.

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Greek company to build 400 MW wind farm (Bulgaria)

Greek company Alpha Grissin Infotech announced plans for construction of 400 MW wind farm in Bulgaria, where the cost of the project is estimated at 400 million euros. This was said by CEO of the company, Vassilis Grissin.

Construction works should start this year, and CEO did not want to give more details on the project.

The Greek company is already present in Bulgaria in fields of residential and office buildings.

In 2007, Alpha Grissin Infotech and Germany's Deutsche Bank established joint venture Deutsche Aeolia. The venture is involved in renewable energy sources and it is currently developing three projects with overall power output of 52 MW and overall investments of 65 million euros.

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Final bids for NPP Belene to be submitted by June 23 (Bulgaria)

The finalists in a tender for acquiring 49 % stake in nuclear power plant (NPP) Belene, German RWE and Belgian Electrabel, are obliged to submit their binding bids until June 23. National electric company (NEK) will hold majority stake in the NPP Belene (2,000 MW).

The original deadline was extended by 24 days at the request of two finalists, NEK said. In the same time, Bulgarian minister of economy and energy Petar Dimitrov said two candidates had demanded two additional weeks, and they were given three.

It is believed that current government, which mandate expires in spring next year, will do its best to seal the deal by the end of the year before the start of election campaign.

Some earlier news said RWE and Electrabel have been reconsidering to submit joint bid. Minister Dimitrov said at the time that the state would sell minority stake only to one shareholder.

The construction works will be carried out by Russian Atom-StroyExport, with subcontractors Siemens and Areva. The cost of the project is estimated at 4 billion euros, but several recent analyses imply the cost could reach even 7 billion euros

CEO of NEK, Lyubomir Velkov said the inflation rate could result in 20 % increase in overall cost of the project. In the same time, the contract with future constructor envisages that construction costs could be only adjusted for average EU inflation.

Minister Dimitrov rejected recent claims said by Georgiou Kaschiev, an expert with the risk research institute of the Vienna University, who said the overall project costs could reach 9 billion euros. Kaschiev said that estimations of NEK did not take into consideration the increase in price of goods (concrete, steel, etc), price of nuclear fuel and adjacent electricity grid. In the same time, NEK will face additional financial costs related to repayment of the loan and advisory services, Kaschiev said.

On the other hand, NEK confirmed that construction costs do not include purchase of nuclear fuel and construction of NPP's electricity grid and substations.

There will be several options for purchase of electricity output from the NPP. The tender criteria predicted signing the 15-year contract, and the future strategic partner could be allowed to purchase entire output. Sources said there is also an option for reserving the part of the output for NEK or for selling the output to third parties. Also, there is an option for the owner of the NPP to establish trading company that will be responsible for sale of the plant's output

Director of Bulgaria's Nuclear Regulation Agency (NRA) Sergei Tsochev said the project would face detailed scrutinizing, despite expectations of some politicians and public that project would be approved in very short time.

The NRA will have nine months to review the project, so that the construction works most likely would not start before mid 2009. According to original plans, the units should be put in service in 2013 and 2014.

By June 4, NEK and French BNP Paribas should sign the contract for providing the loan for the project. The signing of the contract still was not confirmed by BNP Paribas, and if the contract was not signed on time, NEK could start negotiations with second ranked bank in the tender, the Societe Generale, or to launch new tender.

The state of Bulgaria has allocated 600 million euros of guarantees for the loan, while NEK announced to request additional guarantees.

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Record output of Maritsa Iztok mining company (Bulgaria)

The coalmine Maritsa Iztok produced some 9.5 million tons of coal in period January 1-May 28, which is the highest output in particular period for the last eight years, the company said. The amount is some 650,000 tons higher comparing to last year and 4 % higher than planned.

In May this year, coal production reached 1.28 million tons, which was 595,000 tons higher comparing to last year, and it was the highest ever production in May since 2000.

By the end of 2008, the company should produce 23.1 million tons, while overburden removal should reach 95 million cubic meters.

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18 % increase in electricity prices from July (Bulgaria)

State Energy and Water Regulatory Commission (SEWRC) believes that electricity prices for households will rise by more than 18 % from July 1 this year. The rise is inevitable due to rise in prices of energy sources on international markets, the regulator said.

It is estimated that operational costs of electricity producers in July will rise by 15-27 %, while only nuclear power plant (NPP) Kozloduy could be able to produce electricity under slightly lower prices. Because of that, National electric company (NEK) announced 25 % increase in wholesale electricity prices. Earlier, local electricity distributors demanded 9-12 % increase in electricity prices.

SEWRC should discuss new prices on the open session in the first week of June.

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Minister of economy to negotiate supply of natural gas from Azerbaijan (Bulgaria)

Minister of economy and energy Petar Dimitrov will travel to Azerbaijan in the beginning of June in order to negotiate natural gas supply for Bulgaria. Bulgarian minister will meet Azerbaijan minister of industry and the minister of economic development.

Dimitrov will also take part in 15th conference "Caspian Petrol and Gas" that will take place in Baku from on June 2-5.

The main aim of the visit is to sign cooperation protocol, which will include start of negotiations between natural gas compa-

nies of two countries. Bulgaria hopes that Azerbaijan could deliver 1 billion cbm of natural gas per year to Bulgaria and the region.

Two countries earlier agreed on establishment of working group in the energy sector and agreed in principle that Azerbaijan should provide natural gas within the Bulgarian share in Nabucco project.

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220 % increase in quarterly profit for INA (Croatia)

During the first quarter of 2008, Croatian oil industry (INA) reported net profit of 82.3 million euros, which was 220 % higher comparing to the same period last year.

The sales income reached 843 million euros (+25 %), while EBITDA stood at 111 million euros. The core income amounted to 53.6 million euros (+29.1 %).

In this year, INA reported profit from financial activities of 48 million euros, comparing to last year's loss of 7.7 million euros.

The analysts said INA's good business results were mostly the consequence of good performance of exploration and natural gas division, where net profit increased by 36.8 million euros. In the same time, refining and retail segments of the company posted losses of 15 million euros and 4.7 million euros, respectively. In the same time, the investments amounted to 84 million euros (+37.5 %).

INA said that results were affected by price cap on domestic oil market as well as by regulated natural gas prices for domestic customers despite the fact that price of imported natural gas increased.

In the related news, on the same day, during the presentation of its business results, Hungarian MOL, majority shareholder in INA announced that company is interested in acquisitions in the region, where the focus will be on increasing the share in INA.

The latest statement of MOL is considered as the announcement of the swap of shares between INA and MOL, despite the fact that Croatian side refused to comment the latest rumors regarding this transaction. MOL currently controls 25 % stake in INA.

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INA started second phase of modernization of Sisak refinery (Croatia)

In mid May, Croatian oil industry (INA) and Israeli company Galil Engineering Ltd signed the contract for delivery of isomerization facility. The contract is the part of the second phase of the modernization of Sisak oil refinery.

The isomerization facility will produce components necessary for reaching the high fuel quality in accordance to EU standards. The facility should be completed in period of two years.

By this contract, INA, with the support of its strategic partner MOL, signed all contracts envisaged during the first phase of the modernization of oil refinery in Sisak. The modernization will enable production of considerable amounts of fuel in accordance to Euro V standard.

In the same time, INA and CB&I Lummus s.r.o. from Czech Republic signed the contract for revision of the basic contract for hydrocracking facility, by which the second phase of modernization of the refinery was officially initiated.

The media statement of INA said that tight cooperation of INA and MOL, through transfer of experience and expertise, should transform Sisak refinery into one of the most competitive refineries in the region.

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New tariff system for natural gas prices from July 1 (Croatia)

Croatian oil industry (INA) announced that natural gas prices would be calculated in accordance to new formula starting from July 1. According to plans, domestic natural gas prices should reach 90 % of the imported natural gas prices by 2011.

After July 1, natural gas prices for privileged customers will be 40 % lower, while for tariff customers, the discount will reach 28 %. These percentages will be gradually lowered by 2011-2012, in order to harmonize prices in accordance to international prices.

INA did not want to comment the amount of price increases after July 1.

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HEP expects increase in electricity prices starting from July 1 (Croatia)

The head of the Management board of Croatian power utility (HEP) Ivan Mravak said the company expects that electricity prices should rise on July 1. The exact percentage of increase was not known yet, yet the sources imply it could reach between 10 and 20 %.

Mravak announced changes in electricity tariffs for eligible customers. HEP will try to sign contract with the clause for correction of prices in case of changes in price of energy sources. The head of HEP reminded that electricity prices in Croatia last time changed in 2005.

Despite the increase in fuel costs (between 150 and 200 %) and price of imported electricity (+173 %), HEP reported 3.6 million euros of profit in 2007, which was 89 % lower comparing to 2006. The positive business results were mostly the

consequence of increase in sales to domestic customers, reduction in transmission and distribution losses and cutting of personnel.

Since June 2005, variable expenses of HEP increased by 57 % i.e. by 280 million euros. In the same period, the personnel costs increased by 13 %. In 2007, electricity consumption increased by 2.6 % comparing to 2006.

The head of HEP believes that Croatia should also build new nuclear power plant (NPP) by 2020. The project should be initiated as soon as possible, Mravak said.

In 2008, HEP expects that fuel cost will increase by 55 million euros. Electricity import costs should rise by 41.5 million euros as well as maintenance costs, while other expenses should rise by 19.5 million euros.

Mravak said that HEP should invest some 2.1 billion euros in strategic projects by 2015. The investments will include construction of six power plants, a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal, interconnection power line Ernestinovo-Pecs (Hungary) and submarine power cable toward Italy.

The planned projects are aimed to cover the increase in electricity consumption, which is estimated at 3 % per year. In 2005, electricity consumption was 16.7 TWh, while this year, the consumption should rise up to 18.7 TWh, officials said.

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In this moment, the construction of two power plants is in progress, the new 100 MW unit in combined heat and power plant (CHP) Zagreb (which should be completed by the end of the year) and 42 MW hydropower plant (HPP) Lesce (to be operational in the next year). By 2015, the overall power output in new plants should reach 1,670 MW.

In the next four years, the main priorities of HEP will be reaching of annual income of 2 billion euros and net profit above 100 million euros, the management concluded.

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Government reconsiders swap of shares between INA and MOL (Croatia)

Local and international media reported that government of Croatia and Hungarian MOL have intensified talks regarding swap of shares between Croatian oil industry (INA) and MOL. Sources said that INA's majority owner MOL should acquire additional 14 % of shares in INA and thus increase its stake up to 39 %. In the same time, government's stake would be reduced from 44.84 % to 30.84 %.

In return, INA would acquire 1 % stake in MOL, by which the government of Croatia would become an owner of one foreign company for the first time.

Analysts believe that the swap of shares is the better option for MOL than purchase of shares, having in mind that MOL would have problems with providing necessary funds.

The government rejected to comment abovementioned claims. According to local press, Croatia is under pressure having in mind that, starting from October this year, MOL will not be obliged anymore to ask for government's consent for transactions with INA's shares. In the same time, the first contract between INA and MOL said that privatization contract should be renegotiated when government's stake in INA drops below 50 %.

Source from the government, quoted by Reuters, said the swap of shares would not take place before autumn. The sources also said the new deal would be good for both Croatia and MOL.

It is believed that swap of shares is the part of MOL's strategy against hostile takeover of OMV. MOL has already negotiating with several banks and CEZ regarding similar cooperation contracts in order to secure its shares.

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National nuclear society calls for construction of NPP (Croatia)

Croatian nuclear society (HND) said that nuclear power plant (NPP) in Croatia could be built by 2020. New NPP should have 1,000 MW output, while construction costs could reach 2 billion euros. The cost of construction would be favorable comparing to funds the Croatia would be paying for electricity import in the same period, HND says.

HND believes that NPP should be built by the company majority owned by the government or by Croatian power utility (HEP), while the rest of the stake would be offered to foreign strategic partners.

The construction site for new NPP has been analyzed already back in 1970s and 1980s when the ideas on construction of new plant first time emerged. The studies showed that most suitable sites would be Prevlaka near city of Sisak (30 km from capital Zagreb) and Dalj in Slavonia province (close to border with Serbia).

HND believes that nuclear energy has no alternative in Croatia, due to lack of electricity, high prices of conventional energy sources and insecurity in supply. The NPP would provide cheap and safe electricity for Croatia, HND said. The most important advantages of NPPs are cheap fuel source (only 5 % in final electricity price) and low emission of greenhouse gasses.

Experts from HND said that new modern NPPs are no longer dangerous facilities and that there were no serious incidents in NPPs in the past 20 years. They said it was the right time to include nuclear energy as an option for energy strategy of the country.

HND presented its ideas during the 7th international conference that take place in Dubrovnik in the end of May. The main topic of the conference is called The nuclear option in countries with small and medium electricity systems, and one of the subject was energy strategy of Croatia.

In the related news, ministry of economy of Croatia said that public debate on energy strategy of Croatia in period 2008-2013 should start in June. Sources said that strategy envisages possibilities for including nuclear energy in the strategy.

Although the decision for construction of NPP would be long lasting process, the vice prime minister of Croatia and minister of economy, Damir Polancec, several times said that nuclear option in Croatia is not a taboo anymore.

Croatian president Stjepan Mesic recently said that Croatia would certainly start to think over regarding construction of NPPs, having in mind they become safe and environmentally sound facilities.

Officials from HEP also said they have been thinking on construction of NPPs after 2020. If we want to build NPP by that time, the country should reach political consensus over nuclear energy, having in mind that construction of NPP could last up to ten year, experts from HEP said. According to HEP, with projected increase in consumption of 3.2 % per year and with construction of new power plants, Croatia would be missing some 4 TWh in 2020.

The ruling coalition party in Croatia still did not reach joint standpoint on nuclear energy. Some experts said that the main problem for Croatia is the fact that country does not have safe locations in case of the nuclear accident. In this moment, moratorium for construction of NPPs in Croatia is in effect until 2015.

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Report of the National Energy Strategy Council (Greece)

The report by the National Energy Strategy Council (SEES) envisages increased usage of natural gas, coal and renewable energy sources. Report excludes nuclear energy.

According to sources, report proposes exploitation of the Elasona lignite deposit, estimated at 170 million tons. Report also includes the withdrawal of old cars and air conditioners, the generalized use of fluorescent lamps, the heating insulation of all public buildings, incentives for the insulation of private homes, compulsory temperature limits in public buildings and installation of automatic sensors in street lighting. It is estimated that the application of these measures could potentially save between 400 MW and 1,050 MW. Report estimates that 6300 MW of capacity is needed, and that 2 large coal fired TPPs are needed. It proposes the creation of six natural gas-fired stations by PPC and private producers, and calls for the exploitation of domestic oil deposits which can cover about half of domestic demand.

According to SEEES Chairman, Mr. Rafail Moisis, this report is a "compass" which will guide Greece to solve its energy and environment problems.

Official version of the document is still to be published and according to officials, this is not a final version.

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PPC Q1 2008 profit lower for 27% than Q1 2007(Greece)

Public Power Corporation's (PPC) first-quarter profits fell for 27% comparing to first quarter of 2007, mostly by a long-term strike that forced the company to import more costly fuel.

Total Revenues amounted to 1.41 billion euros (1.24 bil Q1 2007). Electricity demand in Q1 2008 increased by approximately 3%. Lignite generation decreased by 847 GWH (-11.2%), mainly due to the strikes.

EBITDA amounted to 205.5 million euros in Q1 2008, compared to 235.6 million euros in Q1 2007, a decrease -12.8% decrease. Pre-tax profits in Q1 2008 amounted to 34.3 million euros which is almost 40% decrease comparing to 57 million euros in Q1 2007. Net income for Q1 2008 amounted to 30 million euros, which is 26.8% decrease comparing to 41 million euros in Q1 2007.

"The 18-day strike by our employees was a contributing factor to increased energy purchases and more expensive fuel generation. A number of board meetings were also disrupted by union members, resulting in an inability to take timely resolutions on the implementation of certain of our strategic priorities. The drastic fuel and energy purchase price increases offset all tariff increases that were granted to PPC since the first quarter of the previous year" PPC CEO Takis Athanassopoulos said.

In the related news, Greek Refiner Motor Oil Hellas Q1 net profit rose by 49.5% to 38.4 million euros, from 25.7 million euros in 2007. Sale in Q1 2008 grew for 65.2% to 1.33 billion euros from 808 million euros in Q1 2007.

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Elefsina refinery maintenance delayed (Greece)

Hellenic Petroleum has delayed the planned maintenance shutdown of its Elefsina refinery until September 2008, a company official said. The shutdown was postponed from the first quarter to 2nd quarter of 2008 and it is predicted to last for 2-3 weeks.

The Elefsina refinery can process 100 000 barrels of crude oil and it is mostly producing petrol

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Greek Alpha Grissin Infotech to build a 400 MW wind farm (Greece)

Greek company Alpha Grissin Infotech will commence the construction of wind farms with total capacity of 400 MW in Bulgaria by the end of 2008, said company's CEO, Vasilios Grissin. According to sources, the cost of the project is estimated to around 450 million euros.

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2MW solar power plant to be built (Greece)

Greek company Rokas has announced to build 2MW solar power plant in Tripoli, southern Greece. The construction of the unit will start in 2008 and is expected to cost around 11 million euros. The company has obtained a licenses for additional 4.5 MW in solar parks.

Rokas has 525 MW of installed capacity from renewable energy sources in Greece, which is 30% of entire installed capacity from renewable energy sources in Greece.

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New quantities of night energy for sale (Macedonia)

MEPSO has again offer a night energy (00:00-07:00), for the period of 1st till 8th of July. Company has offered 2 800 MWh. Starting price was set to 32.7 EUR/MWh. Deadline was set to 28.05.2008, til 14:00.

On a previous auctions, MEPSO has offered 2 450 MWh of night energy for the period of 19.5.2008 till 25.5.2008. Starting price is set to be 28.80 EUR/MWh, by Regulatory Commission for energy. Cement factory Usje was the only company who purchased the electricity, 490 MWh. Electricity was sold for 28.80 EUR/MWh.

For the period of 26.05.2008-31.05.2008, 1 260 MWh was offered by the price of 28.98 EUR/MWh. Cement factory Usje purchased 420 MWh, while Slovenian GEN-I purchased 126 MWh.

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Minister Tasikovik on AMBO topic (Macedonia)

"Answer to the question why the construction of AMBO is stalled is because of Russian PM, Vladimir Putin. He is controlling entire oil export from central Asia. For now, there are no approvals for needed oil quantities for AMBO and that is why construction has not begun", Macedonian minister for foreign investments, Gligor Tasikovik said.

According to ecological experts, construction of pipeline will have great impact on environment. According to them, there

are fears of oil spills in Bulgarian port. Also, route will go through protected zones. Environmentalists are against a route which will pass through Babuna glen.

Final route has not yet been determined. Pipeline should be 895 km long, and it will transfer 40 million tons of crude oil per year from Caspian region till Adriatic. Then, it should be transferred to Italy. Worth of this project is estimated to be 1.8 billion dollars. Macedonia should get 20 million dollars per year for transit revenues.

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Former director of ESM and ELEM arrested (Macedonia)

Macedonian police has arrested former director of ESM and ELEM. Mr. Pande Lazarov was a director of ESM (distribution company) until privatization of that company in 2005. After that, he was director of ELEM (production company), until september 2006.

Anti corruption commission has opened a file for Mr. Lazarov in April last year, regarding his bank account in Hungary. According to sources, Mr. Lazarov has received 700 000 euros from Chinese company Hainen, which delivered equipment for HPP Kozjak and German company, who delivered equipment for TPP Oslomej.

Minister of internal affairs, Mrs. Gordana Jankulovska said that he is charged for financial abuse, gaining 300 000 dollars and 95 000 euros in the period from 1996 till 1998.

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EVN invested 11 million euros in Q1 (Macedonia)

In Q1 2008, "EVN Macedonia" has invested 11 million euros in first quarter of 2008 in Macedonia. In last two years, EVN has invested over 67 million euros in distribution grid in Macedonia, according to EVN statement.

EVN (owner of ESM, distribution company in Macedonia) has constructed 200 new, and reconstructed 105 existing power stations. 203 km of middle voltage network has been built, and 103 km of low voltage network. 205 km of existing middle voltage network has been reconstructed, while 158 km of existing low voltage network has been reconstructed.

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Electrabel interested in construction of power plants (Montenegro)

Minister of economic development Branimir Gvozdenovic said that French companies are interested in investments in Montenegro, i.e. in energy sector, tourism, water management and waste management.

Minister Gvozdenovic was in two-day visit to France at the Forum on possible investments in Montenegro, which was attended by Movement of the French Enterprises (MEDEF), French Agency for international business development (UBI-FRANCE) and the officials from government of France.

Minister Gvozdenovic said that power company Electrabel was one of the companies that showed the most concrete interest in investments. Electrabel expressed interest in construction of power plants in Montenegro. In last year, Electrabel announced plans for investing of 1 billion euros in energy sectors in South Eastern Europe.

In March, Montenegro's press published news that Belgium-French company was seriously interested for large-scale investments in Montenegro through public private partnership. The officials from Electrabel have been in Montenegro several times and visited construction sites for new power plants.

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140 million euros needed to be invested in energy complex in Pljevlja (Montenegro)

The chair of the Experts council of the Board of Directors of coalmine Pljevlja Ratomir Stanic said that some 69 million euros needed to be invested in coalmine Pljevlja in order to revitalize the existing facilities. In the same time, some 70 million euros needs to be invested in increase in coal production for the future unit 2 in thermal power plant (TPP) Pljevlja, Stanic said.

According to plans, the coal production should be increased from 1.5 million tons up to 2.6 million tons in 2013.

In order to provide the part of the funds for investments, the management of the coalmine announced the coal prices should be market based, which will also affect final electricity prices in the country.

Stanic said the company was not satisfied with current price policy having in mind that national energy Strategy anticipated introduction of market based prices, which should provide profitable operations and development of energy companies.

The price of electricity should be market based, where the state should prepare the national program of subsidies for underprivileged citizens, Stanic concluded.

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Public invitation for conceptual design and pre- feasibility study for unit 2 in TPP Pljevlja (Montenegro)

Power utility of Montenegro (EPCG) published a public invitation for selection of the best Conceptual design and Pre-

feasibility study for construction of unit 2 in thermal power plant (TPP) Pljevlja.

The cost of the studies is estimated at 345,000 euros, while the deadline for preparing the project documentation is 7 months. The tender criteria are the best price (65 points) and the quality of the solutions (35 points). The bids could be submitted until July 3, while the best bidder will be selected by August 3.

According to the previous announcements, the cost of construction of new 225 MW coal fired unit is estimated at 175 million euros, and the construction works could be finished in 36 months. The annual production of the unit should reach 1.3 TWh. Experts from EPCG proposed that project should be carried out through public private partnership, where strategic partner would provide financial assets.

The construction of new unit is one of the top priorities named in the Strategy of energy development of Montenegro until 2025.

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Increase in electricity prices for households and reduction in prices for companies (Montenegro)

On May 30, Regulatory Energy Agency (REA) approved new electricity prices proposed by Power utility of Montenegro (EPCG). Earlier, on May 19, REA approved increase in annual regulatory income for EPCG. As a reminder, EPCG demanded 313 million euros of income, while REA approved 243 million euros for 2008.

The price of electricity for customers with two-tariff electricity meters will rise by 15.2 % up to 7.65 eurocents/kWh (no VAT), while single-tariff customers should pay 6.7 % higher prices, i.e. some 9.19 eurocents/kWh.

In the same time, electricity prices for small and medium companies will be decreased by 7-7.5 %, where the new price will be 15.2 eurocents/kWh (for larger companies) and 17.54 eurocents/kWh (for smaller companies).

The price of electricity for Railway Company, Steel factory, for other customers connected to 35 kV and for public lightning will remain the same, i.e. 6.44 eurocents/kWh, 5.68 eurocents/kWh, 6.34 eurocents/kWh and 13.88 eurocents/kWh, respectively.

The price of electricity for Aluminum factory (KAP) was increased up to 2.97 eurocents/kWh (+13.4 %), where this price will be used only if the subsidies granted by the government were calculated. The price of electricity delivered by EPCG to KAP is regulated through privatization contract, where the price of electricity is related to price of aluminum on international markets.

The latest increase in prices is the third one in the last 11 months.

During the same occasion, REA set a new price for electricity produced in small hydropower plants at 7.11 eurocents/kWh.

In the same time, the government of Montenegro should approve subsidy programme for some 100,000 households with monthly bill between 15- 60 euros (15-40 % subsidy).

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TPP Pljevlja finished regular maintenance (Montenegro)

The only thermal power plant (TPP) in the country, the TPP Pljevlja finished regular maintenance works in the end of May. The works started on April 10 and they were finished before the deadline.

Before the start of maintenance, the 200 MW TPP produced 410 GWh of electricity in this year, which was 20 % higher than planned. The coal reserves at the TPP's depot amounted to 60,000 tons, officials said.

Head of the TPP said that electro filters should be reconstructed in the next year, after which the emission of the harmful particles should be fewer than 50 mg/cbm.

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Distrigaz Sud calls once again for increase in natural gas prices (Romania)

Natural gas distributor, Distrigaz Sud, majority owned by Gaz de France, said that natural gas prices in Romania should be increased by 18 % from July 1. According to company's officials, the company will suffer some 250,000 euros of losses each day, if the price increase is not approved.

Commercial director of Distrigaz Sud Christian Dandu pointed out that natural gas prices on international market increased up to 270 euros/1,000 cbm. Dandu said the company reported 0.4 million euros loss per day during the first quarter of this year, while daily losses decreased to 0.3 million euros from April. Distrigaz Sud filed relevant data and documents that prove the price increase is necessary. The company is ready to submit additional documents by July 1, Dandu concluded.

The second major natural gas distributor, E.ON Gaz Romania earlier said that natural gas prices should have been increased by 12 % on April 1, while overall price increase should reach 20 % in this year. According to estimations at the time, the company should post 15 million euros of losses in the first quarter this year.

In this moment, household customers of Distrigaz Sud and E.ON Gaz Romania pay some 272 euros/1,000 cbm. Minister of economy and finance several times said the natural gas prices in Romania would not be increased.

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KazMunaiGaz to takeover the rest of 25 % stake in Rompetrol (Romania)

State owned Kazakhstan's oil company KazMunaiGaz is considering to purchase rest of the 25 % shares in Rompetrol, the second largest oil company in Romania.

In summer last year, owner of Rompetrol, Dinu Patriciu, sold 75 % of shares in the company to KazMunaiGaz at price of 2.7 billion dollars. By this acquisition, KazMunaiGaz entered European markets, having in mind that Rompetrol is present in 13 states, including Spain and France.

According to sale agreement, KazMunaiGaz is entitled to purchase the rest of the shares in the company by mid August. Spokesperson of the company, Arching Takachakov said that decision on purchasing the shares would be reached until the expiration of the deadline.

In this year, Kazakh's company announced to invest 340 million euros in Rompetrol.

Officials from Rompetrol did not comment the latest announcements. The local media reported the special report of potential transaction could be published on Bucharest Stock Exchange (BVB). Analysts said there would be no essential changes in Rompetrol's strategy if KazMunaiGaz took over all the shares in the company.

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MOL reached 13 % market share (Romania)

MOL Romania, subsidiary of Hungarian MOL, reported 3 % increase in sales during the first quarter this year. By this, company's market share increased up to 13 %, the financial report said.

The company operates 122 petrol stations. According to announcements, overall investments in 2008 should reach 20 million euros. The major oil companies in Romania, besides MOL, are Petrom, Rompetrol and Lukoil Romania.

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Lukoil to invest 75 million euros in premium petrol stations (Romania)

According to sources, Lukoil Romania should build new premium petrol stations called LukOil Lux. The cost of the project is estimated at 75 million euros, and the company is currently making the feasibility study for the project.

The company believes the new petrol stations would increase the number of clients. The exact number of petrol stations to be built was not known. Lukoil plans to have 350 petrol stations in Romania by 2009. In this moment, company operates 300 petrol stations and the oil refinery in Ploiesti.

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Government granted funds for feasibility study for second NPP (Romania)

Minister of economy and finance Varujan Vosganian confirmed that government had allocated funds for the feasibility study related to construction of the second nuclear power plant (NPP) in the country.

In the same time, minister announced that construction of units 3 and 4 in NPP Cernavoda should start in 2008. NPP Cernavoda, with two operational 700 MW units, provides some 18 % electricity in the country.

The cost of construction of units 3 and 4 is estimated at 2.2 billion euros, while the units should be operational between 2014-2105. Romania selected six companies interested in the project. Those companies are CEZ, Enel, Iberdrola, RWE, Arcelor Mittal and Electrabel.

General manager of Nuclearelectrica, the operator of NPP Cernavoda, Teodor Chirica, said in separate statement that Romania's second NPP will have between two and four units, where installed power output should be up to 2,400 MW. The first units in new NPP should be put in service in 2020, Chirica said.

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Transelectrica to reconsider privatization of its three subsidiaries (Romania)

The ministry of economy and finance, the majority owner of electricity transmission company Transelectrica will reconsider privatization of its three out of six subsidiaries, i.e. Icemenerg, Icemenerg Service and Formenerg during the general assembly scheduled on June 26.

The ministry will propose that Icemenerg should be restructured into National research and development institute, which will be subordinated to ministry. This was also confirmed by the general manager of Transelectrica, Stelian Gal.

The plans for privatization of three subsidiaries were announced back in 2006, but the process was delayed for many reasons, such as listing of 10 % of shares of Transelectrica on stock exchange in August 2006.

The Icemenerg is involved in the scientific researches, technological engineering and providing the technical assistance. Icemenerg Service is involved in production of electricity equipment, while Formenerg is involved in education and training of personnel in electricity sector.

The other three subsidiaries of Transelectrica are Opcom, Smart and Teletrans. The Opcom is responsible for administration of electricity market, Smart is responsible for maintenance services and repair works in electricity grid, while Teletrans is

responsible for IT and communication services for the management of electricity transmission network.

In the last year, Transelectrica reported consolidated net income of 723.2 million euros, which was 8 % lower comparing to 2006. In the same time, net profit decreased to 17.2 million euros (-360 %). The decrease in income was consequence of reduction of electricity consumption and depreciation of national currency.

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Up to 11 billion euros of investments needed in electricity sector until 2015 (Romania)

According to the study ordered by ministry of economy and finance and prepared by Arthur D. Little, the necessary investments in Romania's electricity sector should reach between 8 and 11 billion euros in period 2008-2015. The study analyzed five strategic sectors of national economy: energy, light industry, agriculture, construction and furniture industry.

The study was made in period from autumn last year until April this year, and it was financed by International finance corporation (IFC). Study underlined the need for modernization of existing power plants, upgrade of distribution network and increase of number of customers, and facilitation of electricity exchange with neighboring countries.

Authors said that emission of carbon dioxide of power plants in Romania was low, while in the same time, the country has better than expected potentials for increasing the demand in the future. The study did not take in account decision of European commission (EC) regarding 21 % reduction in carbon dioxide emissions, which could increase costs for electricity producers by 15 %.

The study showed that final costs of electricity are considerably higher comparing to those in Spain and Germany. The analyses suggested that possible reasons for higher costs could be inefficient usage of sources and losses in distribution network.

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Nine companies submitted bids for 17 small HPPs (Romania)

Hydropower producer Hidroelectrica confirmed that nine companies submitted bids in a tender for sale of 17 small hydropower plants (HPPs). General Manager Traian Oprea said he expects that overall sale price should reach 50 million euros.

The initial overall price for all HPPs is set at some 15 million euros. The HPPs are located in Suceava, Mures and Gorj counties.

The bids were submitted by local companies Romenergo, Holcim, ISPH, Electromagnetica, Italian companies CO-VER Energia and Consorzio Lavoro Energia, French company Maia Sonnier,

German company EnBW and Austrian Wienstrom. Hidroelectrica should shortlist bidders by June 3.

Hidroelectrica plans to offers for sale another 60 small HPPs in the second half of the year.

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Eviva Energy to start construction of three wind farms (Romania)

Eviva Energy, wholly owned by Portuguese energy holding Martifer, announced to start construction of three wind farms in September. Total power output in those farms will be 50 MW, general manager of the company Nuno Costa Alemao said.

Eviva Energy plans to build wind farms in Romania with overall power output of 400 MW by 2012, where the overall investments are estimated at 600 million euros.

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Transelectrica and Verbund signed cooperation agreement (Romania)

Transmission system operator Transelectrica and Austrian Verbund signed a cooperation contract in fields of electricity market and electricity transmission.

Two companies want to develop electricity transmission networks in Southeastern Europe and to establish centralized auction office for allocation of transmission capacities in South-eastern and Central Europe.

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37 million euros for maintenance works in Kolubara coalmine this year (Serbia)

In 2008, Power utility of Serbia (EPS) plans to invest some 37 million euros for regular maintenance of mining equipment in Kolubara coalmine (the largest coalmine in the country). In the same time, another 29 million euros will be invested for various activities.

Deputy Director of Kolubara mining company, Miodrag Joksimovic said that maintenance works are very important having in mind that most of the equipment is 20-30 years old. On the other hand, the company managed to increase coal production during several consecutive years. In 2007, the coal production reached 29.25 million tons, while in 2008 the amount should stand at 29.35 million tons.

Kolubara coalmine provides some 70 % of overall coal production in the country. 90 % of the amount is being delivered to thermal power plants (TPPs) Nikola Tesla A and B, Kolubara and Morava, which annual electricity production reaches 17 TWh

of electricity or some 50 % of overall electricity produced in Serbia.

According to the latest financial report, the coalmine Kolubara reported 130 million euros of losses in 2007. The main reason for losses was the low prices of coal and electricity, despite the fact the company reported record coal production in the last year.

The same trend will continue in this year, since the company should report 75 million euros of losses according to business plans.

In the last year, the company posted 5.1 million euros of income by exporting the coal to Macedonia (3.5 million euros, 62,000 tons), Montenegro (0.5 million euros, 11,500 tons) and Romania (1.1 million euros, 92,000 tons). In this year, the same export will be continued to Macedonia and Montenegro, while export to Romania should be tripled. The export income is estimated at 7.3 million euros.

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NIS to become one of the largest oil companies in Europe (Serbia)

The advisor of the chair of the management board of Gazpromneft, Dimitry Malishev said that Oil industry of Serbia (NIS), would become one of the largest oil companies in Europe after the modernization.

The fear of competition is the only reason why several other European oil companies, previously interested in privatization of NIS, spread rumors over the low sale price and transparency of sale of NIS to Gazprom, Malishev said. According to him, those companies see the countries of former Yugoslavia only as a market for sale of oil derivatives. They are against NIS to become new player in the oil market capable of preserving its market and reclaiming its traditional markets, Malishev concluded.

Malishev repeated that Gazpromneft, the future owner of NIS, would pay 400 million euros for 51 % stake and invest at least 500 million euros for modernization of the company. The exact amount of the investments should be published after signing the final sale contract.

High official believes that new Serbian parliament would ratify energy agreement between Serbia and Russia. The government of Serbia recently approved the agreement and sent it to parliament for approval.

In the related news, the management of Gazprom expressed hope the agreement for sale of majority stake in NIS should be signed by the end of summer. This was said by the deputy head of the company Boris Zilbermits in Paris. Zilbermits earlier said the exact amount of investments should be set, having in mind that necessary analyses had been made.

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Loading of the initial amount of natural gas in Banatski Dvor started (Serbia)

Public natural gas company Srbijagas announced that loading of underground storage facility in Banatski Dvor with the initial amount of natural gas started in the second half of May.

Director of the company, Sasa Ilic, said that some 0.75-1 million cbm of gas per day should be pumped into the facility in the incoming period. The storing of the gas started after company, with the support of the ministry of energy and mining, provided 40 million dollars for the project.

Half of the initial amount of gas will be provided from domestic natural gas fields, while the rest will be imported.

According to plans, some 140 million cbm of gas should be pumped into the facility, where 30 million cbm will be usable reserves that could be used during the next heating season.

The first phase of construction of the facility was recently completed. During this stage, the maximum storage capacity will be 300 million cbm.

The second phase of construction, which should last 5-6 years, will result in increasing the storage capacity at 800 million cbm. The overall cost of the second phase is estimated at several hundreds million dollars.

The new facility will enable to Srbijagas to purchase natural gas during summer, at lower prices, and to spend it during winter season. In the same time, Srbijagas will use idle transport capacity during summer, comparing to winter season when congestions in the network often occur. According to estimations, the company could save some 2.5 million euros by storing abovementioned amount of 30 million cbm before the winter season.

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8.2 million euros for environmental projects in TPPs (Serbia)

State environmental protection fund granted 8.2 million euros for environmental projects in thermal power plants (TPPs) in Obrenovac and Kostolac. This was confirmed by Power utility of Serbia (EPS).

In this year, some 2.9 million euros will be invested in projects in TPPs in Obrenovac, while 5.1 million euros will be invested during 2009. The rest of the funds will be invested in TPP Kostolac B.

The projects in which the funds will be invested are desulphurization project in TPP Kostolac B, reconstruction of coal ash transport system in TPP Kolubara, and reconstruction of electro filters on unit 5 in TPP Kolubara and in TPP Morava.

According to EPS, abovementioned funds represent just 6-7 % of overall funds that EPS plans to invest in ecological projects in the next several years. In 2008 and 2009, EPS should invest between 70 and 85 million euros for these projects. The part of

the funds should be provided from company's sources and the rest should be covered through loans and donations.

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EU to include PEOP pipeline into TEN (Serbia)

The Serbian media reported that European Commission (EC) should decide to include Pan European oil pipeline (PEOP) into the Trans-European Energy Networks (TEN). EC has started procedure for establishment of European oil network, where PEOP should be included in new system.

The news from Brussels has been confirmed by the deputy minister of energy and mining of Serbia, Slobodan Sokolovic, who is the future head of interstate committee for PEOP. The PEOP will enlarge and diversify existing network of oil pipelines in Europe, Sokolovic said. On June 4, interstate committee for PEOP will hold the session in Belgrade, during which the Serbia will take the presidency.

Deputy Minister announced that PEOP would be the topic of the meeting of EU Council of Energy Ministers in Luxemburg on June 6.

The PEOP project has been developed by Italy, Romania, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia. The pipeline should be some 1,400km long, where annual transport capacity should be 60-90 million tons. The pipeline should transport crude oil from Caspian region toward Europe. In the end of April in Bucharest, Croatia, Romania and Serbia signed the Agreement for establishment of joint company for development of PEOP.

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Tenders:

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Company / organization:	EPCG, related Montenegro
Feasibility study - 2nd unit of TPP Pljevlja	
Content:	For additional information, please contact Mr. Dobrilo Gacevic at +382 89 330 102.
Deadline:	03.07.2008, 11:30 hrs.
Contact:	Dobrilo Gačević; TE »Pljevlja« Tel. +382 89 330 102, Fax +38289 330 131 e-mail: epcgte@cg.yu Mr. Dobrilo Gačević Tel. +382 89 330-102, Mr. Vladimir Nikčević Tel. +38283 204-219

Company / organization:	MEPSO, related Macedonia
Transmission Interconnection Project, Four Substations	
Content:	<p>Lot 1: Procurement of eight 400 kV circuit breakers for SS 400/110 kV Skopje 4, Dubrovo and Bitola 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - design for the replacement of the eight circuit breakers, - manufacture, FAT, packing, transport, insurance, supply to the site and unloading of eight pieces 420 kV circuit breakers , - assembling at site, SAT and commissioning of two pieces of circuit breakers - Training for erection and maintenance <p>Lot 2: Procurement of protection systems for two 400/110 kV power transformers and the bus coupler bay in SS 400/110 kV Dubrovo and two 400/110 kV power transformers and the bus coupler bay in SS 400/110 kV Skopje 4</p> <p>Design for the replacement of six protection systems/relays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - manufacture, FAT, packing, transport, insurance, supply to the site and unloading of six protection systems, - perform the calculation of the setting parameters for the protection functions, setting and configuration of the six protection systems/relays, - Site Acceptance Test and start up of the equipment and put in to operation the six protection systems/relays - Training - Expand and adapt existing Design of the wiring diagrams and connection diagrams (drawings) for protection of the two autotransformers and bus coupler bays in S/S Dubrovo and two autotransformers and bus coupler bays in S/S Skopje 4.
Deadline:	16 .6.2008
Contact:	Sinisa Stancevski AD MEPSO bb Orce Nikolov Str. Tel: *389 2 3149 018 Fax: *389 2 3238 687

Company / organization:	EPCG, related Montenegro
Purchase of heavy oil	
Content:	Heavy oil purchase, for the needs of TPP Pljevlja, with value of 945 000 EUR
Deadline:	25.06.2008., 11:30 hrs
Contact:	Mr. Vemić Milorad Tel: +38289 330111 Mr. Radovan Radojević Tel. +38283 204 220 Fax +382(0)83 214 804

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Pernik District Heating Rehabilitation Project	
Content:	<p>Toplofikacija Pernik EAD, hereinafter referred to as "The Employer", intends using part of the proceeds of a Grant from the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund (KIDSF) administrated by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) towards the cost of "Pernik District Heating Rehabilitation Project". The project has accumulated savings of €180,000 which is intended to be used for Construction and Installation Works (CIW) needed for the rehabilitation of the heat transmission network.</p> <p>Contracts to be financed with the KIDSF grant will be subject to the Bank's Procurement Policies and Rules. Tendering for contracts to be financed with the proceeds of a grant administered by the Bank is now open to firms from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, all the so called PHARE and countries of EBRD operations.</p>
Deadline:	12 June 2008 at 24:00, Pernik time
Contact:	eng. Gergana Koleva Moshino, CHP Plant Republika 2303 Pernik, Bulgaria Tel./Fax.: +359 (076) 670 675

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant – General	
Content:	<p>The following notice refers to goods, works and services to be procured through open tendering for projects financed by the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund which is administered by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.</p> <p>For more information, please visit http://www.ebrd.com/oppor/procure/opps/goods/general/070803a.htm</p>
Deadline:	3 Aug 2008 at 24:00, Kozloduy time
Contact:	Mr. Daryll Jones Fax. + 359 973 7 4508 E-mail: kpmu@npp.bg

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Construction of wood biomass heating plant in town "Triavna"	
Content:	<p>The project announced within this procurement notice will be partially financed from the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund, established in 2001 for supporting the decommissioning of units 1-4 of the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant. One of the purposes of this Fund is to finance or co-finance the preparation and implementation of selected projects that aim the necessary restructuring, upgrading and modernisation in the energy sector and improving energy efficiency.</p> <p>This General Procurement Notice draws attention to the forthcoming tender for supply of goods and installation of equipment for the construction of a modern biomass fired heating plant and the related district heating network in town Triavna.</p> <p>The tendering includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supply of loading machine and specialised wood transporting track; 2. Supply of district heating network pipes; 3. Supply and installation of heating substations for customer sites. <p>Overall Budget for the project is EURO 4 million, from which EURO 0.8 million will be financed from the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund.</p> <p>The invitations for tenders are expected in the third quarter of 2008. The invitations will be open to firms that qualify under the Procurement Policies and Rules of the EBRD and the KIDSF. The eligible countries as of 1 May 2008 are: EU member states, Switzerland, all so-called PHARE countries and the EBRD's Countries of Operations.</p>
Deadline:	14 May 2009 at 00:00, Sofia time
Contact:	Mr. Svetlozar Todorov Investor's representative BioEnergia Triavna OOD 4 Trapezitsa str, entr. 4, fl. 4 Sofia 1000, Bulgaria Email: anton.ivanov@yahoo.co.uk Telephone/Telefax: +359 2 989 89 50

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bosnia and Herzegovina
Power Distribution Reconstruction-Substations 10(20)/0,4kV	
Content:	<p>JP Elektroprivreda BiH d.d. Sarajevo (hereinafter referred to as the Purchaser) intends to use part of the proceeds of a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) towards the cost of Power Distribution Reconstruction Project.</p> <p>The Purchaser now invites sealed tenders from Supplier for the following contract(s) to be funded from part of the proceeds of the loan:</p> <p>Procurement of Substations 10(20)/0,4 kV Lot 1 Prefabricated Transformer Substations 10(20)/0,4 kV Lot 2 Distribution Transformers 10(20)/0,4 kV Lot 3 MV Switchgears and Apparatus Lot 4 LV Distribution Board, Cabinets, Equipment for Power Factor Correction and Fuses Lot 5 Earthing Equipment Lot 6 Telemetry and Radio Equipment</p> <p>Tenders are invited for one or more lots. Each lot must be priced separately..</p>
Deadline:	2 Mar 2009 at 00:00, Sofia time
Contact:	Mr. Nedeljko Despotović, PIU Director Tel.+387 33 751 030; Fax.+387 33 751 033 e-mail: n.despotovic@elektroprivreda.ba

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Replacement of transformers for CEZ Razpredelenie Bulgaria	
Content:	<p>The project announced within this procurement notice will be partially financed from the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund, established in 2001 for supporting the decommissioning of units 1-4 of the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant. One of the purposes of this Fund is to finance or co-finance the preparation and implementation of selected projects that aim the necessary restructuring, upgrading and modernisation in the energy sector and improving energy efficiency.</p> <p>This General Procurement Notice draws attention to the forthcoming tender for supply of equipment for the replacement of outdated 20/0,4 kV power transformers with new transformers of higher efficiency.</p> <p>Overall Budget for the project is EURO 3,84 million from which EURO 0.76 million will be financed from the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund.</p> <p>The replacement of the power transformers is planned to start by the end of 2008.</p> <p>The invitation for tender is expected in the third quarter of 2008. The invitation will be open to firms that qualify under the Procurement Policies and Rules of the EBRD and the KIDSF. The eligible countries as of 1 February 2008 are: EU member states, Switzerland, all so-called PHARE countries and the EBRD's Countries of Operations.</p>
Deadline:	14 May 2009 at 00:00, Sofia time
Contact:	<p>Mr. Atanas Dandarov Director management of the company CEZ Razpredelenie Bulgaria AD 330, Tzar Simeon Street 1309 Sofia, Bulgaria Office tel: +35928053403 Fax: +35929862805 e-mail: atanas.dandarov@cez.bg</p>

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Metamodul CNG for the Etropole gas supply system	
Content:	<p>The Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund (KIDSF), administered by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), was established in 2001 for the support of the decommissioning of Units 1-4 of the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant. One of the purposes of this Fund is to finance or co-finance preparation and implementation of selected projects that aim the necessary restructuring, upgrading and modernisation in various Bulgarian industry sectors consequential to final shutdown of Units 1 - 4 of the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant.</p> <p>Metamodul Ltd intends to use grants from the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund for supply of sets of technology and equipment for compression of natural gas and refuelling of vehicles with compressed natural gas (CNG).</p> <p>The budget for the project is €1.28 million</p> <p>The tendering for the above contract is expected to begin in the second quarter of 2008.</p>
Deadline:	2 Mar 2009 at 00:00, Sofia time

Contact:	<p>Mr. Christo Petkov Tel. +359 2 818 00 10 Fax: +359 2 818 00 20 [fax:]</p>
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Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Ruse Integrated Energy Farm	
Content:	<p>. The Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund (KIDSF), administered by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), was established in 2001 for the support of the decommissioning of Units 1-4 of the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant. One of the purposes of this Fund is to finance or co-finance preparation and implementation of selected projects that aim the necessary restructuring, upgrading and modernisation in various Bulgarian industry sectors consequential to final shutdown of Units 1 - 4 of the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant.</p> <p>District administration Ruse intends to use the proceeds of the Grant from the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund for co-financing the establishment of an integrated energy farm, consisting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply and installation of Biomass gas generation reactor, gas cooling, gas washing and gas drying using straw • Supply and installation of CHP plant for production of electric and thermal energy • Supply and installation of biomass (straw) transport, handling and storage facilities • Up-grade of the existing heat only boiler (HOB) for the utilisation of biogas <p>The tendering includes design, engineering, procurement, delivery, construction, installation, pre-commissioning and commissioning of works and is expected to begin in the Q III 2008.</p> <p>The total expected budget of the project including the consultancy assignment is €3.4 million, from which the grant financing part is €1.56 million.</p> <p>Tendering for contracts to be financed from grants of the KIDSF, is open to firms from eligible countries as of 1 April 2008. These are: EU member states, Switzerland and the EBRD's countries of operation.</p>
Deadline:	9 May 2009 at 00:00, Ruse time
Contact:	<p>Dr. Todor Petrov Director District administration Ruse Bulgaria Fax : + 359 82 812 232 Email: T.Petrov@ruse.e-gov.bg</p>

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bosnia and Herzegovina
Supply of Equipment and Materials for Distribution Lines	
Content:	<p>JP Elektroprivreda BiH d.d. Sarajevo (hereinafter referred to as the Purchaser) intends using part of the proceeds of a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) towards the cost of Power Distribution Reconstruction Project.</p> <p>The Purchaser now invites sealed tenders from Supplier for the following contract[s] to be funded from part of the proceeds of the loan:</p> <p>Supply of Equipment and Materials for Distribution Lines</p> <p>Lot 1 Reinforced Concrete Poles, Concrete Tubes, Concrete Plates For Poles Foundation, Post Marks</p> <p>Lot 2 Steel Crossarms, Metering Cabinets, Steel Tubes, Clamping Rings, Supports, Hinges and Other Steel Elements, Signing and Marking Plates, Bolts and Steel Lattice Tower</p> <p>Lot 3 Low-Voltage Self-Supporting Cable Bundles (ABC Cables), Distribution Power Cables up to 35 Kv, Universal Cables and ACSR Conductors</p> <p>Lot 4 LV Cable Accessories, Composite Polimeric Insulators, Metal-Oxide Surge Arresters And Plastic Accessories</p> <p>Lot 5 Suspension And Jointing Equipment For MV Overhead Lines, Suspension and Jointing Equipment for LV ABC Overhead Lines, Cable Connection Equipment</p> <p>Lot 6 Optical Cable and Associated Equipment</p> <p>Tenders are invited for one or more lots.</p>
Deadline:	10 .6.2008 at 12:00, local time
Contact:	Mr. Nedeljko Despotović, PIU Director Tel.+387 33 751 030 Fax.+387 33 751 033 e-mail: n.despotovic@elektroprivreda.ba

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Romania
CFR Traction Energy Network Management LOT 1,2 - General	
Content:	<p>CFR Electricare is a Beneficiary of a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and intends to use its proceeds towards the cost of a project to continue modernisation and introduce cost-savings measures in management of its traction energy network. The proposed project, which has a total estimated cost of EUR 26 million equivalent (EUR 22m from the Bank and EUR 4m in VAT and other taxes), will require the procurement of the following goods, works and services:</p> <p>Lot 1: Supply and Installation of equipment sets for the Upgrading and Rehabilitation of 12 traction substations 110/25kV and the associated sectioning/subsectioning posts and disconnectors remote control</p> <p>Lot 2: Supply and Installation of equipment sets for the control and surveillance (SCADA) of four railway energy dispatchers: DEF Timisoara, DEF Caransebes, DEF Craiova and DEF Targu-Jiu.</p>
Deadline:	22 Oct 2008 at 00:00, Bucharest time.

Contact:	Mr I Truica; Technical Director S.C. Electricare SA B-dul D Golescu nr.38 Bucharest, Romania Tel: + 40 21 3192512; Email: ionel.truica@cfr.ro
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Company / organization:	EBRD, related Macedonia
Transmission Interconnection Project, Four Substations	
Content:	<p>Lot 1: Procurement of eight 400 kV circuit breakers for SS 400/110 kV Skopje 4, Dubrovo and Bitola 2</p> <p>Lot 2: Procurement of protection systems for two 400/110 kV power transformers and the bus coupler bay in SS 400/110 kV Dubrovo and two 400/110 kV power transformers and the bus coupler bay in SS 400/110 kV Skopje 4</p> <p>Macedonian Transmission System Operator (AD MEPSO) hereinafter referred to as the Purchaser, intends using part of the proceeds of a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) towards the cost of the Transmission Interconnection Project, Four Substations.</p> <p>Lot 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - design for the replacement of the eight circuit breakers, - manufacture, FAT, packing, transport, insurance, supply to the site and unloading of eight pieces 420 kV circuit breakers , - assembling at site, SAT and commissioning of two pieces of circuit breakers - Training for erection and maintenance <p>Lot 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design for the replacement of six protection systems/relays - manufacture, FAT, packing, transport, insurance, supply to the site and unloading of six protection systems, - perform the calculation of the setting parameters for the protection functions, setting and configuration of the six protection systems/relays, - Site Acceptance Test and start up of the equipment and put in to operation the six protection systems/relays - Training - Expand and adapt existing Design of the wiring diagrams and connection diagrams (drawings) for protection of the two autotransformers and bus coupler bays in S/S Dubrovo and two autotransformers and bus coupler bays in S/S Skopje 4.
Deadline:	16 June 2008
Contact:	Mr. Sinisa Stancevski AD MEPSO bb Orce Nikolov Str. Tel: *389 2 3149 018 Fax: *389 2 3238 687

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Enemona CNG project - General	
Content:	<p>The project announced within this procurement notice will be financed from the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund, established in 2001 for supporting the decommissioning of units 1- 4 of the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant. One of the purposes of this Fund is to finance or co-finance the preparation and implementation of selected projects that aim the necessary restructuring, upgrading and modernisation in the energy sector and improving energy efficiency.</p> <p>This General Procurement Notice draws attention to the forthcoming tender for Supply and installation of equipment for five Compressed Natural Gas vehicles in Bulgaria. The purpose is the development of a natural gas supply system in towns Svilengrad and Kardjali in South-East Bulgaria.</p> <p>The project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design, supply and installation of 5 vehicles for transportation of the natural gas from the compressed natural gas terminal on the high pressure distribution network to the terminals in the low pressure consumer distribution system. <p>Budget for the project: €650,000.</p> <p>The invitation for tenders for the implementation of the project is expected in the second quarter of 2008. The invitations will be open to firms that qualify under the Procurement Policies and Rules of the EBRD and the KIDSF.</p>
Deadline:	13 Feb 2009 at 00:00, Sofia time
Contact:	Mrs. Nadya Ivanova; Enemona Utilities EAD Balscha str. 1, bl. 5 1408 Sofia, Bulgaria Tel: +359 2 80 54 746; Fax: +359 2 91 79 873; e-mail: n.georgieva@enemona.com

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Sofia District Heating Rehabilitation	
Content:	<p>The Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund (KIDSF), administered by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), was established in 2001 for the support of the decommissioning of Units 1-4 of the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant. One of the purposes of this Fund is to finance or co-finance preparation and implementation of selected projects that aim the necessary restructuring, upgrading and modernisation in various Bulgarian industry sectors consequential to final shutdown of Units 1 - 4 of the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant.</p> <p>Toplofikacia Sofia AD, the joint stock district heating company serving the city of Sofia is carrying out the rehabilitation of the centralized district heating system in the city. The District Heating Rehabilitation Project comprises modernization of district heating substations, replacement of pipelines, compensators, thermal insulation of over-ground pipelines, conversion to variable flow of the Sofia district heating network.</p> <p>Toplofikacia Sofia AD intends to use grant funds of the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund (KIDSF) and own financial sources for delivery, installation, testing and commissioning of individual heating substations units for space heating and domestic hot water including heat exchangers, circulation pumps, control valves and automation devices. The budget for the project, subject of this GPN is about €2.5 million.</p>

Deadline:	13 Mar 2009 at 00:00, Sofia time
Contact:	Mrs. Anastasiya Markova PIU Manager 23 Jastrebetz St., 1680 Sofia, Bulgaria Tel: +359 2 8593171 Fax:+359 2 8599124 E-mail: amarkova@toplo.bg

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Macedonia
Transmission Interconnection Project, four substations - GPN	
Content:	<p>. The Macedonian Transmission System Operator (AD MEPSO) has received a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and intends to use a part of the proceeds to finance the Rehabilitation of four 400/110 kV Substations in the Power Transmission System of Macedonia in Skopje, Dubrovo and Bitola.</p> <p>The proposed project which has an estimated cost of EUR 5.65 million (excluding VAT) is intended to be implemented through three separate tender packages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Package I: Lot 1: Replacement of eight 400 kV circuit breakers in substations 400/110 kV Skopje 4, Dubrovo and Bitola 2 Lot 2: Replacement of the existing protection systems for two 400/110 kV power transformers and bus coupler bay in substation 400/110 kV Dubrovo and two 400/110 kV power transformers and bus coupler bay in substation 400/110 kV Skopje 4. • Package II: Rehabilitation of substations 400/110 kV Skopje 4 and Dubrovo with supply and installation of new bay control units in the substations • Package III: Lot1: Rehabilitation of substation 400/220/110 kV Skopje 1 with supply and installation of a new control system on 110 kV level and replacement of the existing 110 kV protection system Lot2: Rehabilitation of substation 400/110 kV Bitola 2 with supply and installation of a new control system and replacement of the existing 400 kV and 110 kV protection systems.
Deadline:	31 Dec 2008 at 00:00, Skopje time
Contact:	Sinisa Stancevski ; Project Manager AD MEPSO Tel: +389 2 3149 018 Fax: +389 2 3238 687

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Varna city heating network rehabilitation KIDSF	
Content:	<p>The projects announced within this procurement notice will be partially financed from the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund, established in 2001 for supporting the decommissioning of units 1-4 of the Kozloduy Nuclear Power Plant. One of the purposes of this Fund is to finance or co-finance the preparation and implementation of selected projects that aim the necessary restructuring, upgrading and modernisation in the energy sector and improving energy efficiency.</p> <p>This General Procurement Notice draws attention to the forthcoming tenders for technical specification, supply of the materials and work installation. The purpose of the project is improvement of the energy efficiency by rehabilitation of the 1/3 of the heating pipelines network, reducing energy losses. This includes the replacement of 11 km of over 20 years old steel pipes, insulated with glass wadding and laid in concrete ducts with pre-insulated steel pipes for direct bedding. The pipeline replacement concerns about 1/3 of the heat distribution network of the district heating network for heat transmission and distribution pipelines of DN 50 to DN 500.</p> <p>The rehabilitation process will be provided over three years, during spring and summer periods, in order to minimize the heat supply interruption in Varna city. The first phase is planned to start in 2008, with the renewal of 4 km of pipelines, in the area of Mladost. The main area to be tendered under the EBRD PPR for the KIDSF financing is the supply of the pre-insulated pipe and additional material.</p> <p>Overall Budget for the project is €2.0 million, from which €0.4 million will be funded from the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund.</p> <p>The invitation for tenders are expected in the first quarter of 2008. The invitations will be open to firms that qualify under the Procurement Policies and Rules of the EBRD and the KIDSF.</p>
Deadline:	22 Jan 2009 at 00:00, Varna time
Contact:	<p>Mr. Ilia Nikolaev Director of the board Tel: +359 52 500 670 Fax: +359 52 750 358 e-mail: inikolaev@dalkia.bg</p>

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Romania
CFR Traction Energy Network Management LOT 1,2 - General	
Content:	<p>This notice updates the General Procurement Notice published on EBRD Website dated 22nd July 2005 under reference 5104-GPN-36043 and updated on 24 July 2006.</p> <p>CFR Electricare is a Beneficiary of a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and intends to use its proceeds towards the cost of a project to continue modernisation and introduce cost-savings measures in management of its traction energy network. The proposed project, which has a total estimated cost of EUR 26 million equivalent (EUR 22m from the Bank and EUR 4m in VAT and other taxes), will require the procurement of the following goods, works and services:</p> <p>Lot 1: Supply and Installation of equipment sets for the Upgrading and Rehabilitation of 12 traction substations 110/25kV and the associated sectioning/subsectioning posts and disconnectors remote control</p> <p>Lot 2: Supply and Installation of equipment sets for the control and surveillance (SCADA) of four railway energy dispatchers: DEF Timisoara, DEF Caransebes, DEF Craiova and DEF Targu-Jiu. Tendering for the above contracts is expected to begin in the fourth quarter of 2007.</p> <p>Contracts to be financed with the proceeds of a loan from the Bank will be subject to the Bank's Procurement Policies and Rules and will be open to firms from any country. The proceeds of the Bank's loan will not be used for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations or under a law of official regulation of the Purchaser's country.</p>
Deadline:	22 Oct 2008 at 00:00, Bucharest time
Contact:	<p>Mr I Truica, Technical Director S.C. Electricare SA, B-dul D Golescu nr.38 Bucharest, Romania Tel: + 40 213192512 Email: ionel.truica@cfr.ro</p>

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Rehab and Extension of Power Transmission Network LOT 1,2,3	
Content:	<p>The National Electric Company – NEK-EAD (the “Employer”) intends using the proceeds of the grant funds provided by the “Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund” (the “KIDSF”), administered by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the “Bank”) and of its own financial sources towards the cost of the “Rehabilitation and Extension of the Power Transmission Network Project - substations Tzarevetz, Burgas, Metalurgichna”.</p> <p>The project, which has a total estimated cost of EUR 14.6 million, includes the implementation of the following three projects:</p> <p>(i) Project „Rehabilitation and extension of s/s Tzarevetz 400/110/31,5 kV” Procurement of equipment for the replacement and the extension of the 400 kV switchyard (400/110/31,5 kV equipment, shunt reactors, relay protections, control system); design works, procurement of materials, installation and erection works (foundations, steel structures, roads, cable channels, fences, commissioning and training).</p> <p>(ii) Project „Rehabilitation and extension of s/s Burgas 400/110/31,5 kV” Procurement of equipment for the replacement and the extension of the 400 kV switchyard (400/110/31,5 kV equipment, shunt reactors, relay protections, control system); design works, procurement of materials, installation and erection works (foundations, steel structures, roads, cable channels, fences, commissioning and training).</p> <p>(iii) Project „Rehabilitation of s/s Metalurgichna 400/110/31,5 kV” Procurement of equipment for the replacement of the 400 kV switchyard (400/110/31,5 kV equipment, shunt reactors, relay protections, control system); design works, procurement of materials, installation and erection works (foundations, steel structures, roads, cable channels, fences, commissioning and training).</p> <p>The Contracts in reference shall be awarded in compliance with the EBRD Procurement Policies and Rules and will be open to firms that qualify under the Rules of the KIDS Fund: The eligible countries as at 1 November 2007 are: EU member states, Switzerland, all so-called PHARE countries and the EBRD’s Countries of Operations.</p>
Deadline:	13 Nov 2008 at 00:00, Sofia time
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Oil and Gas

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Bulgartransgaz Silistra System Development	
Content:	<p>Bulgartransgaz EAD intends to use the proceeds of the Grant funds provided by the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Support Fund, administered by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and its own resources to finance the cost and complete the Project for delivery and construction of high pressure gas pipeline to, and gas regulation station in Silistra. The Project, which has a total estimated cost of EUR 10.7 million, will require the following deliveries and construction services:</p> <p>A. Delivery of steel pipes and fittings for a gas pipeline. Delivery of about 80 km of steel pipes for high pressure gas pipeline (PN 64), most of which are DN 300 (14”) and other pipes of smaller diameter as well as fittings, required for the construction of the gas pipeline.</p> <p>B. Delivery of gas valves. Delivery of gas valves for high pressure gas pipeline (PN 64), mainly DN 300 (14”) and others of smaller diameter.</p> <p>C. Overall delivery, supervision and commissioning of technological equipment for the Unattended Gas Regulation Station (UGRS). Delivery, Supervision and Commissioning of one complete set of technological equipment for the Construction of an Unattended Gas Regulation Station. Gas Regulation Station is a facility for regulation of gas pressure, equipped with commercial metering devices.</p> <p>D. Construction of high pressure gas pipeline to, and gas regulation station in Silistra. Construction and Commissioning of about 80 km gas transmission pipeline, optical fiber cable line within the gas pipeline easement and an UGRS (including the value of the used equipment and materials, except the delivered under the above Delivery Contracts A, B and C). The construction includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary construction and preparatory works; • Delivery of materials and equipment (except of those included in the Delivery Contracts (A, B and C) above); • Construction and installation; • Pre-commissioning and commissioning tests; • Getting Permission on Commissioning by the competent control authorities; • Remedy of defects within the warranty periods after the acceptance by the State Acceptance Commission and Permission for use of the constructed pipeline and UGRS. <p>The Contracts in reference shall be awarded in compliance with the EBRD Procurement Policies and Rules and will be open to firms that qualify under the Rules of the KIDS Fund: The eligible countries as at 1 November 2007 are: EU member states, Switzerland, all so-called PHARE countries and the EBRD’s Countries of Operations. The proceeds of the Grant shall not be used for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations or under a law or official regulation of the purchaser’s country.</p>
Deadline:	3 Nov 2008 at 00:00, Sofia time.
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