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- production and construction of TPP in Maoce basin
- » EPCG demanded direct negotiations with electricity suppliers
- » Electricity prices rose by 9.8 % from December 1

Romania:

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- » Termoelectrica and CEZ signed contract for modernization of TPP Galati
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- » Inter RAO to deliver electricity from Moldovan power plant
- » 28 million euros of profit for EC Turceni in nine-month period
- » Enel Distributie Muntenia to invest 8.3 million euros for new substations in Bucharest
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- » 5.9 million dollars of profit for Lukoil Beopetrol in H1
- » Negotiations for renewal of HPP Djerdap to continue on December 5
- » Srbijagas and Gazprom negotiate over supply contract for 2009
- » Sale of NIS to Gazprom to be completed by December 20

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

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1022	Slovenia	2008	11118	1027	891	953	850
1134		2010	12287	1083	991	1054	941
1077		2011	12590	955	1051	1127	987

Annual electricity consumption in GWh

Year	Sum	1	2	3	4
2007	11182	1027	891	953	850
2008	11570	1094	998	1012	911
2009	10994	1099	932	963	816
2010	11722	1074	979	1016	910
2011	12186	1155	1038	1075	938
2008	34506	3307	3185	3257	3187
2009	32721	3185	3272	3185	3272
2010	31954	3257	3185	3257	3187
2011	33452	3187	3185	3257	3187
2008	17842	1640	1648	1640	1648
2009	17507	1648	1648	1648	1648
2010	17507	1648	1648	1648	1648
2011	17507	1648	1648	1648	1648
2008	53504	4791	4652	4271	4401
2009	53504	4791	4652	4271	4401
2010	53504	4791	4652	4271	4401
2011	53504	4791	4652	4271	4401
2009	50636	4791	4652	4271	4401
2010	53365	4791	4652	4271	4401

Country Reports on Energy Business in South Eastern Europe

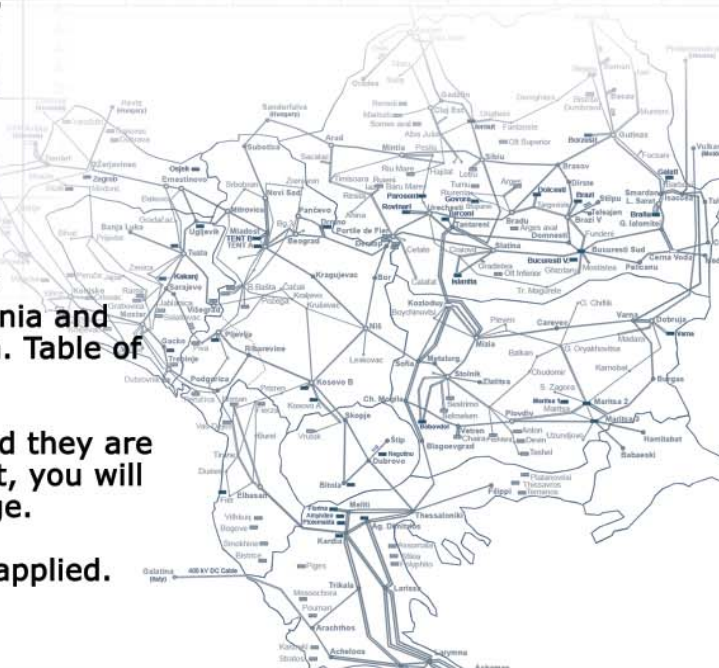
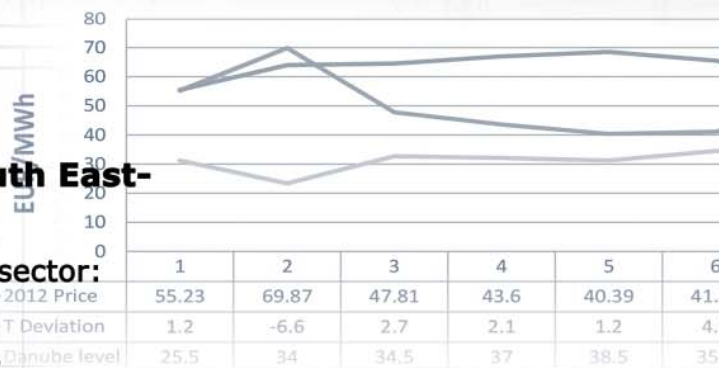
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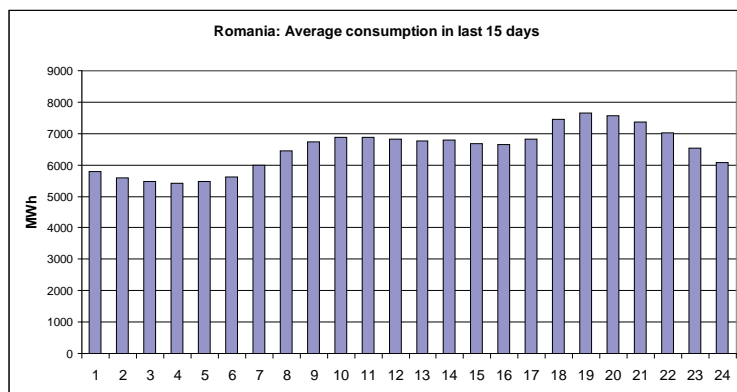
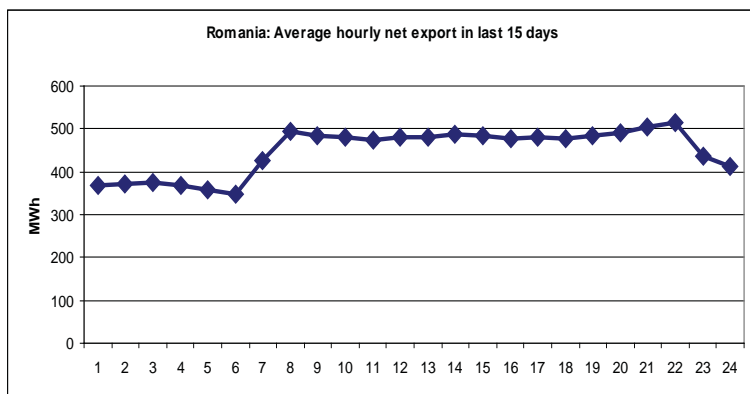
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Opcom, Romania: Traded energy in last 15 days (MWh)

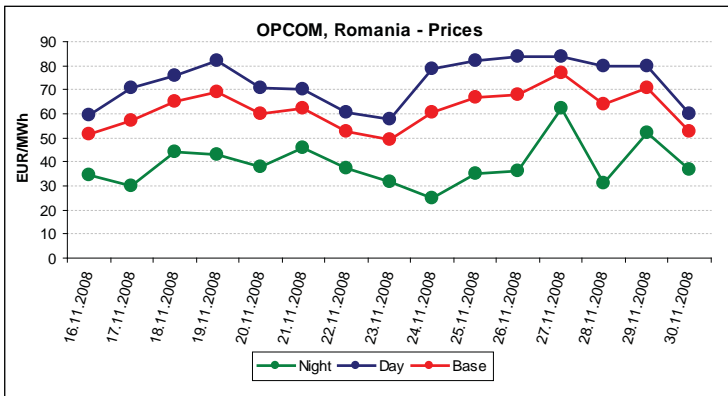
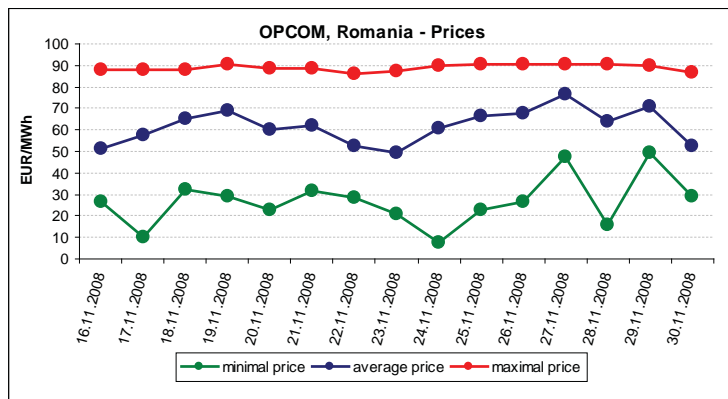
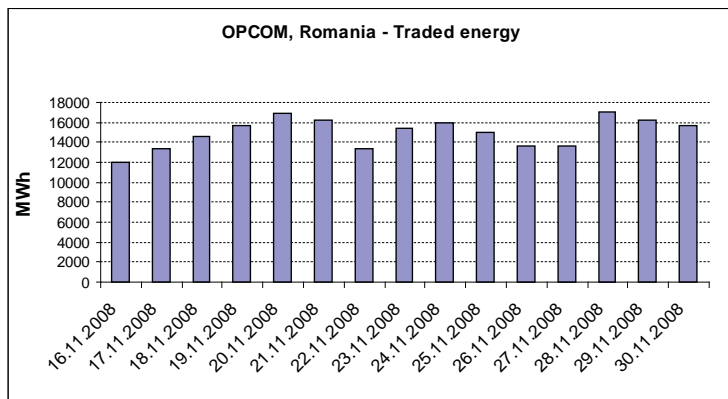
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
16.11.2008	463	429	436	423	430	422	409	414	440	463	485	488	502	492	493	479	495	609	605	603	614	672	635	519
17.11.2008	532	437	396	379	403	517	582	620	626	564	614	659	662	677	645	589	590	568	495	529	612	649	594	472
18.11.2008	598	499	452	453	440	503	623	742	652	622	656	703	680	690	725	724	717	606	551	534	589	619	664	483
19.11.2008	566	506	519	496	516	551	664	761	703	693	751	777	811	804	794	805	773	571	514	538	599	691	694	567
20.11.2008	562	548	487	470	496	518	635	753	714	786	803	883	865	867	831	858	835	695	637	660	726	750	748	753
21.11.2008	619	540	486	473	476	521	651	772	717	736	758	841	823	827	807	828	803	646	582	601	671	733	686	593
22.11.2008	452	398	376	391	402	411	432	539	567	623	626	656	666	642	676	648	728	620	589	600	636	617	578	491
23.11.2008	484	540	494	471	464	493	568	597	596	650	682	696	723	730	740	725	792	804	754	751	784	704	676	534
24.11.2008	668	632	618	595	613	647	725	812	652	649	693	731	720	733	728	722	683	559	581	570	650	780	699	510
25.11.2008	575	634	613	591	612	569	723	716	675	647	684	710	698	699	720	723	627	495	438	477	551	645	619	578
26.11.2008	510	551	569	574	548	488	686	623	564	551	596	633	652	646	636	632	593	511	434	441	524	637	574	516
27.11.2008	510	551	569	574	548	488	686	623	564	551	596	633	652	646	636	632	593	511	434	441	524	637	574	516
28.11.2008	562	619	582	572	589	647	780	865	783	735	747	787	833	838	864	895	825	647	571	588	660	730	699	600
29.11.2008	605	728	766	595	593	640	702	693	732	721	695	755	796	788	778	792	749	613	562	564	610	667	616	484
30.11.2008	524	475	465	442	447	474	475	509	589	664	704	712	700	684	721	736	760	876	829	824	862	873	773	604
Average:	549	539	522	500	505	526	623	669	638	644	673	711	719	718	720	719	704	622	572	581	641	694	655	548

Opcom, Romania: Prices in last 15 days (EUR/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
16.11.2008	40.13	31.30	29.43	26.75	26.75	29.43	31.30	31.84	40.13	52.44	52.70	52.70	52.70	52.44	51.72	48.16	50.83	87.48	87.96	87.96	87.76	85.61	53.24	40.13
17.11.2008	32.64	26.07	16.50	10.43	24.08	48.16	54.05	53.24	77.58	87.36	81.60	69.29	67.15	67.15	53.77	53.51	53.51	88.02	88.02	88.02	87.76	64.21	53.51	30.77
18.11.2008	51.90	48.16	32.37	32.37	32.64	48.16	52.70	54.85	77.59	87.48	87.36	80.26	68.22	80.26	67.15	67.15	88.28	88.28	88.28	87.96	67.15	58.86	50.83	50.83
19.11.2008	51.70	47.97	29.05	29.05	31.98	47.97	54.07	61.30	87.03	89.43	88.09	87.15	85.28	87.15	87.03	77.29	77.29	90.59	90.08	89.43	87.96	77.29	53.57	52.50
20.11.2008	46.89	28.39	23.88	22.66	28.39	46.89	51.31	59.91	85.18	85.18	85.18	75.54	57.04	57.04	57.04	52.36	52.36	88.58	88.58	88.30	85.65	65.12	52.36	52.10
21.11.2008	46.85	46.85	46.85	31.49	46.85	46.85	49.45	52.05	79.38	76.78	67.67	66.37	65.07	66.37	55.96	55.96	75.48	85.38	88.47	85.89	85.38	65.07	52.32	49.45
22.11.2008	47.05	47.05	31.37	28.75	28.75	31.37	47.05	50.97	52.28	52.28	52.28	52.28	52.28	52.28	52.28	52.28	52.28	85.74	86.26	86.26	85.74	54.63	47.05	39.21
23.11.2008	47.45	26.36	24.17	22.93	20.82	25.30	26.36	29.79	47.45	50.87	51.93	51.40	52.19	51.93	51.93	52.19	52.72	86.98	87.38	86.99	86.67	60.63	50.08	34.27
24.11.2008	31.89	25.68	7.91	7.91	13.18	32.16	47.45	53.24	84.35	86.46	86.19	84.35	84.35	76.44	76.44	76.44	76.97	89.89	89.89	89.76	87.19	65.90	53.51	26.70
25.11.2008	26.36	31.89	24.17	22.93	26.36	32.16	52.72	55.35	86.19	86.60	86.46	86.19	84.49	86.19	84.35	79.08	81.19	90.41	90.41	89.88	89.88	86.08	66.16	51.66
26.11.2008	26.88	31.59	27.64	26.33	26.85	32.38	52.65	66.35	86.36	86.88	86.88	86.36	86.10	86.36	86.36	84.92	86.61	90.56	90.30	89.77	89.77	86.36	66.08	51.60
27.11.2008	65.64	65.64	65.64	65.64	65.64	65.64	65.64	84.36	87.00	87.00	87.00	86.48	85.68	84.57	76.45	66.43	86.48	90.69	90.43	89.90	89.90	86.48	58.00	47.45
28.11.2008	47.21	20.72	19.54	15.74	20.72	23.34	49.83	53.76	83.14	86.03	86.03	83.92	82.67	84.13	76.05	66.09	86.03	90.22	89.96	89.43	89.43	83.92	53.76	47.21
29.11.2008	54.69	54.69	52.10	49.25	49.25	51.58	52.10	54.43	78.02	85.54	85.54	83.21	82.95	77.76	77.76	80.13	85.03	89.17	88.91	89.57	88.39	82.95	54.69	49.25
30.11.2008	47.63	30.96	29.11	29.11	29.11	29.63	37.04	37.04	51.33	52.92	52.92	52.92	52.92	52.92	52.65	52.92	53.18	86.80	86.80	86.80	86.80	65.88	52.92	47.63
Average:	44.33	37.55	30.65	28.09	31.42	39.40	48.25	53.23	73.53	76.88	75.86	73.23	70.61	70.87	67.13	64.33	69.14	88.59	88.78	88.42	87.75	73.15	55.07	44.72

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

	16.11.2008	17.11.2008	18.11.2008	19.11.2008	20.11.2008	21.11.2008	22.11.2008	23.11.2008	24.11.2008	25.11.2008	26.11.2008	27.11.2008	28.11.2008	29.11.2008	30.11.2008
Base Price	51.29	57.35	65.23	69.18	59.83	62.01	52.82	49.12	60.59	66.55	68.00	76.82	63.70	70.71	52.41
Base Quantity	12017	13411	14524	15664	16880	16192	13367	15451	15969	15021	13690	13690	17019	16244	15721
Day Price	59.61	70.89	75.63	82.28	70.90	70.05	60.45	57.96	78.46	82.22	83.91	84.03	80.04	80.09	60.12
Day Quantity	8261	9681	10433	11249	12299	11798	9867	11295	10987	10230	9360	9360	12149	11217	11518
Night Price	34.65	30.27	44.41	42.97	37.70	45.94	37.58	31.42	24.87	35.21	36.17	62.41	31.03	51.94	37.01
Night Quantity	3756	3729	4091	4416	4581	4394	3500	4156	4982	4791	4330	4330	4870	5027	4203



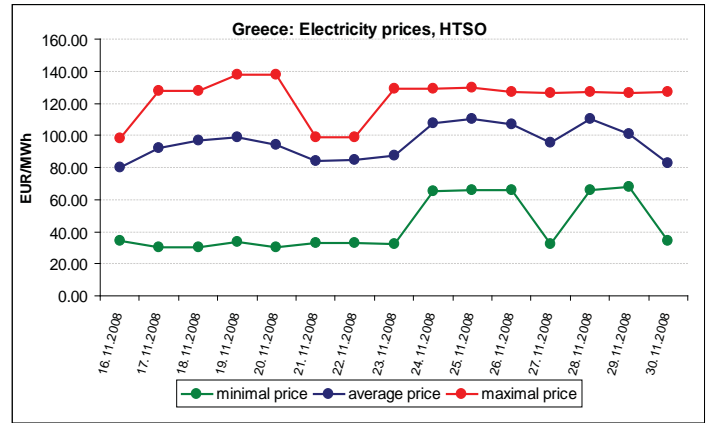
Day Energy (06-22h)
Base energy (00-24h)
Night energy (22-06h)

Greece: 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
16.11.2008	5025	4610	4444	4241	4101	4123	4112	4247	4633	5115	5583	5958	6082	5910	5449	5293	5477	6030	6536	6531	6429	6278	5789	5380
17.11.2008	4880	4470	4400	4270	4210	4360	4840	5700	6400	6850	6900	6950	7050	7050	6800	6600	6600	7100	7580	7600	7500	7100	6320	5830
18.11.2008	5150	4700	4640	4500	4370	4500	5000	5790	6400	6900	6980	7070	7100	7080	6850	6640	6730	7300	7750	7700	7600	7080	6350	5880
19.11.2008	5300	4830	4750	4630	4530	4600	5100	5960	6580	7100	7200	7260	7280	7220	6940	6730	6880	7380	7750	7730	7600	7230	6500	6000
20.11.2008	5420	4940	4880	4720	4620	4710	5200	6060	6700	7220	7260	7300	7320	7270	7000	6920	7040	7650	8020	7950	7840	7300	6580	6100
21.11.2008	5450	4970	4920	4760	4660	4730	5240	6060	6660	7150	7150	7200	7180	7150	6940	6800	6900	7600	8000	7950	7800	7280	6600	6150
22.11.2008	5500	5020	4950	4750	4630	4640	4800	5120	5680	6280	6700	6880	7030	7000	6680	6400	6600	7100	7680	7530	7250	6800	6270	5950
23.11.2008	5400	5000	4900	4700	4550	4470	4520	4620	4970	5480	5960	6360	6600	6320	5740	5550	5800	6400	7000	7150	7050	6720	6140	5940
24.11.2008	5140	4710	4650	4520	4420	4530	5040	5900	6600	7150	7250	7330	7400	7370	7120	6880	7040	7620	7920	7950	7840	7450	6730	6200
25.11.2008	5440	5000	4900	4760	4650	4750	5280	6100	6740	7220	7250	7310	7350	7240	6940	6740	6920	7500	8000	7950	7850	7300	6600	6140
26.11.2008	5350	4870	4820	4660	4550	4640	5120	6000	6500	6870	6900	6940	6950	6980	6750	6550	6850	7720	7750	7720	7550	7170	6500	6050
27.11.2008	5280	4870	4810	4680	4530	4600	5080	5830	6400	6880	6970	7070	7140	7100	6740	6520	6700	7430	7830	7800	7560	7030	6320	5900
28.11.2008	5350	4900	4830	4650	4560	4630	5100	5900	6450	6970	7020	7120	7200	7140	6720	6540	6700	7450	7870	7820	7600	7080	6350	5990
29.11.2008	5530	5070	5010	4810	4660	4600	4780	5070	5640	6260	6670	6870	6980	6920	6480	6300	6520	7070	7520	7470	7330	6800	6260	5920
30.11.2008	5360	4930	4830	4600	4430	4420	4460	4500	4810	5310	5800	6210	6330	6100	5580	5420	5630	6300	6840	6930	6900	6510	6030	5790
Average:	5305	4859	4782	4617	4498	4554	4911	5524	6078	6584	6773	6922	6999	6923	6582	6392	6559	7177	7603	7585	7447	7009	6356	5948

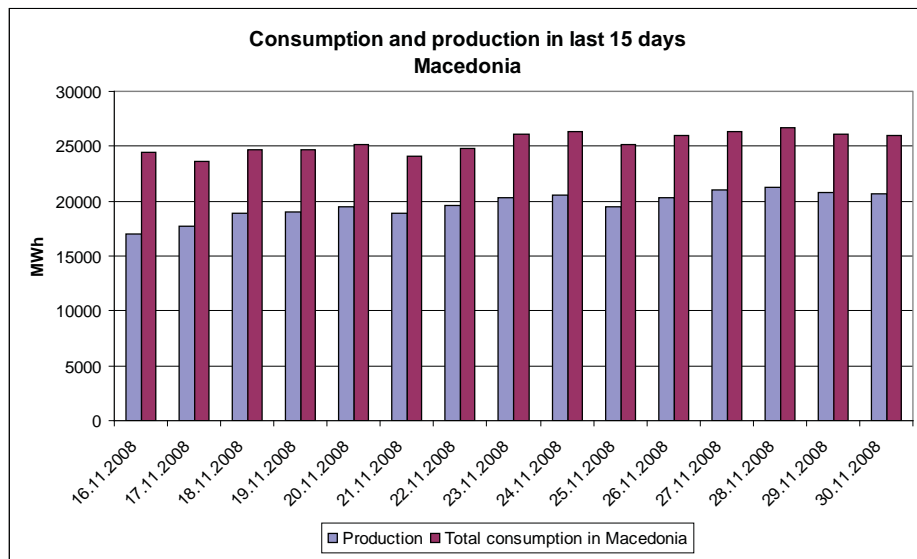
Greece: System Marginal Prices in last 15 days

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16.11.2008	36.30	84.84	68.24	68.20	36.36	34.61	34.55	68.16	36.34	90.76	98.29	98.38	98.38	98.38	98.36	90.77	98.37	98.38	98.46	98.46	98.41	98.39	98.34	90.76
17.11.2008	84.57	32.56	31.43	30.49	30.41	31.43	84.58	90.56	127.50	127.50	98.58	127.50	127.50	98.68	98.53	98.45	98.45	127.50	127.50	127.50	127.50	98.73	90.59	90.51
18.11.2008	83.06	33.37	32.62	30.68	30.45	30.60	65.98	89.49	97.25	127.50	127.25	127.29	127.31	126.37	126.30	127.22	127.22	127.50	127.50	127.50	127.50	127.30	97.25	82.82
19.11.2008	89.72	89.74	65.91	34.54	33.34	34.54	34.55	97.25	97.31	129.00	129.00	129.00	129.00	97.63	97.43	126.30	129.00	138.00	138.00	129.00	127.42	127.35	89.54	83.03
20.11.2008	81.70	80.46	34.66	32.63	30.48	30.62	83.27	81.53	127.22	127.35	138.00	129.00	127.35	97.61	97.51	97.45	97.55	138.00	129.00	127.99	97.66	97.61	89.54	89.52
21.11.2008	83.23	34.53	65.81	34.64	32.62	34.48	80.46	97.25	98.51	98.60	98.60	98.61	98.61	98.60	97.47	97.40	97.45	98.68	99.09	99.11	98.88	98.61	89.54	82.89
22.11.2008	89.64	89.72	81.73	66.14	34.59	32.62	32.64	66.24	89.53	97.25	98.51	98.51	98.56	98.54	97.35	89.55	97.32	97.59	98.71	98.65	98.61	98.51	97.25	89.47
23.11.2008	67.60	89.72	66.18	66.13	32.59	32.56	33.26	66.11	34.65	89.65	97.25	98.51	126.30	126.30	89.50	89.60	89.49	98.51	129.00	127.34	127.29	127.22	97.26	89.47
24.11.2008	81.72	81.78	81.80	81.81	65.39	65.42	81.72	97.25	98.51	126.50	126.50	126.50	126.50	126.58	126.50	126.50	126.50	126.58	129.00	128.00	126.58	126.44	97.38	97.25
25.11.2008	97.22	89.72	83.06	65.92	65.89	65.92	97.16	97.25	126.50	127.35	130.00	130.00	130.00	126.50	126.50	126.50	130.00	127.98	130.00	130.00	126.50	97.33	89.53	
26.11.2008	97.22	89.72	68.09	83.13	65.87	68.14	81.72	98.45	98.51	126.50	126.50	126.50	126.55	126.50	98.51	126.30	127.22	126.62	126.68	126.62	126.58	126.50	98.52	97.25
27.11.2008	89.72	81.73	35.19	32.62	32.58	32.61	66.46	97.22	97.25	126.50	126.34	126.50	126.50	98.58	98.51	98.51	126.50	126.50	126.50	126.50	126.50	98.56	97.25	89.45
28.11.2008	97.22	83.06	89.73	81.80	66.09	66.11	89.72	98.42	126.30	127.24	126.58	126.58	126.58	126.58	126.50	126.50	126.58	126.93	126.83	126.58	126.58	98.51	97.25	89.46
29.11.2008	97.19	89.72	89.72	83.29	68.13	89.81	83.09	97.02	97.15	98.51	126.50	126.50	126.50	98.51	97.27	97.25	97.30	98.57	126.50	126.50	98.52	97.26	89.46	89.46
30.11.2008	97.23	37.18	68.56	66.10	37.10	34.50	34.52	34.42	89.74	83.06	97.21	97.25	97.25	97.25	89.58	89.69	89.55	97.25	127.22	126.30	98.52	98.51	98.47	97.20
Average:	84.89	72.52	64.18	57.21	44.13	45.60	65.58	85.11	96.15	113.55	116.34	117.78	119.53	109.51	104.39	107.20	110.33	117.08	122.54	121.75	117.64	111.69	95.60	90.39



Mepso, Macedonia (MWh)

	16.11.2008	17.11.2008	18.11.2008	19.11.2008	20.11.2008	21.11.2008	22.11.2008	23.11.2008	24.11.2008	25.11.2008	26.11.2008	27.11.2008	28.11.2008	29.11.2008	30.11.2008
Production	17030	17724	18863	19027	19467	18922	19643	20346	20516	19436	20335	21061	21310	20791	20630
Import	7378	5876	5807	5662	5704	5222	5193	5773	5818	5693	5678	5313	5338	5321	5297
Total consumption in FYROM	24408	23600	24670	24689	25171	24144	24836	26119	26334	25129	26013	26374	26648	26112	25927



Tables with result of Allocated Available Transfer Capacities (AATC) in Balkan region for December 2008

NOS BIH - Bosnia & Herzegovina									December 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	
IMPORT									
Croatia > BIH	-	-	550	-	134	134	-	01.-31.12.2008.	
Montenegro > BIH	-	-	400	-	200	0	-	01.-31.12.2008.	
Serbia > BIH	-	-	230	-	115	42	-	01.-31.12.2008.	
EXPORT									
BIH > Croatia	-	-	700	-	350	130	-	01.-31.12.2008.	
BIH > Montenegro	-	-	400	-	179	179	-	01.-31.12.2008.	
BIH > Serbia	-	-	250	-	114	0	-	01.-31.12.2008.	

ESO - Bulgaria									December 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	
IMPORT									
Serbia > Bulgaria	-	-	150	-	150	150	0.28	01.-31.12.2008.	
Romania > Bulgaria	-	-	400	-	300	300	3.10	01.-31.12.2008.	
Greece > Bulgaria	-	-	300	-	300	40	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
EXPORT									
Bulgaria > Serbia	-	-	350	-	350	350	1.12	01.-31.12.2008.	
Bulgaria > Romania	-	-	100	-	0	0	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
Bulgaria > Greece	-	-	350	-	250	250	7.50	01.-31.12.2008.	

OPS HEP - Croatia									December 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	
IMPORT									
Hungary > Croatia	-	-	-	-	550*	545	0.40	01.-31.12.2008.	
Slovenia > Croatia	-	-	-	-	100	100	0.01	01.-31.12.2008.	
Serbia > Croatia	-	-	-	-	65	63	1.05	01.-31.12.2008.	
BIH > Croatia	-	-	-	-	175	160	0.01	01.-31.12.2008.	
EXPORT									
Croatia > Hungary	-	-	-	-	200*	200	0.63	01.-31.12.2008.	
Croatia > Slovenia	-	-	-	-	100	100	0.50	01.-31.12.2008.	
Croatia > Serbia	-	-	-	-	75	75	0.49	01.-31.12.2008.	
Croatia > BIH	-	-	-	-	100	100	0.62	01.-31.12.2008.	

* Common auction conducted by MAVIR

MAVIR - Hungary									December 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	
IMPORT									
Croatia > Hungary	600	200	400	200	200	200	0.63	01.-31.12.2008.	
Romania > Hungary	300	100	200	150	50	50	6.68	01.-31.12.2008.	
Serbia > Hungary	500	100	400	250	150	145	0.56	01.-31.12.2008.	
EXPORT									
Hungary > Croatia	1200	200	1000	450	550	545	0.40	01.-31.12.2008.	
Hungary > Romania	200	100	100	75	25	25	0.37	01.-31.12.2008.	
Hungary > Serbia	600	100	500	275	225	216	1.27	01.-31.12.2008.	

MEPSO - Macedonia									December 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	
IMPORT									
Serbia > Macedonia	450	100	350	148	27	27	3.08	01.-31.12.2008.	
Greece > Macedonia	370	100	270	0	0	0	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
EXPORT									
Macedonia > Serbia	240	100	140	0	70	0	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
Macedonia > Greece	150	100	50	0	0	0	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	

TSO EPCG - Montenegro									December 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	
IMPORT									
Albania > Montenegro	-	-	-	-	100	0	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
BIH > Montenegro	-	-	-	-	100	95	0.15	01.-31.12.2008.	
Serbia > Montenegro	-	-	-	-	50	12	0.16	01.-31.12.2008.	
EXPORT									
Montenegro > Albania	-	-	-	-	50	50	1.05	01.-31.12.2008.	
Montenegro > BIH	-	-	-	-	125	70	0.15	01.-31.12.2008.	
Montenegro > Serbia	-	-	-	-	110	110	0.15	01.-31.12.2008.	

Transelectrica - Romania									December 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	
IMPORT									
Bulgaria > Romania	200	100	100	100	0	0	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
Serbia > Romania	200	100	100	100	0	0	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
Hungary > Romania	200	100	100	50	50	50	0.25	01.-31.12.2008.	
Ukraine > Romania	200	100	100	100	0	0	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
EXPORT									
Romania > Bulgaria	500	100	400	100	300	300	0.07	01.-31.12.2008.	
Romania > Serbia	500	100	400	100	300	300	2.84	01.-31.12.2008.	
Romania > Hungary	300	100	200	100	100	100	3.31	01.-31.12.2008.	
Romania > Ukraine	120	100	20	0	20	20	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	

EMS - Serbia									December 2008.
Border+Direction	TTC	TRM	NTC	AAC	ATC	AATC	Price	Validity period:	
IMPORT									
Hungary > Serbia	-	-	-	-	250	250	1.10	01.-31.12.2008.	
Romania > Serbia	-	-	-	-	0	0	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
Bulgaria > Serbia	-	-	-	-	75	75	4.31	01.-31.12.2008.	
Macedonia > Serbia	-	-	-	-	70	50	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
Albania > Serbia	-	-	-	-	105	0	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
Montenegro > Serbia	-	-	-	-	180	30	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
BiH > Serbia	-	-	-	-	125	105	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
Croatia > Serbia	-	-	-	-	125	125	0.33	01.-31.12.2008.	
EXPORT									
Serbia > Hungary	-	-	-	-	200	70	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
Serbia > Romania	-	-	-	-	50	50	0.21	01.-31.12.2008.	
Serbia > Bulgaria	-	-	-	-	75	0	0.00	01.-31.12.2008.	
Serbia > Macedonia	-	-	-	-	175	175	1.19	01.-31.12.2008.	
Serbia > Albania	-	-	-	-	100	100	1.57	01.-31.12.2008.	
Serbia > Montenegro	-	-	-	-	105	105	0.36	01.-31.12.2008.	
Serbia > BiH	-	-	-	-	115	115	0.15	01.-31.12.2008.	
Serbia > Croatia	-	-	-	-	115	115	0.33	01.-31.12.2008.	

* - No information available

- 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:

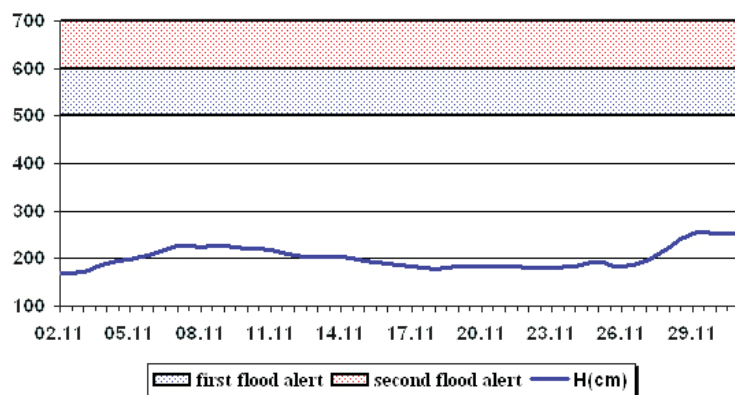
HPP Portile de Fier I, 1167 MW, Romania

HPP Portile de Fier II, 270 MW, Romania

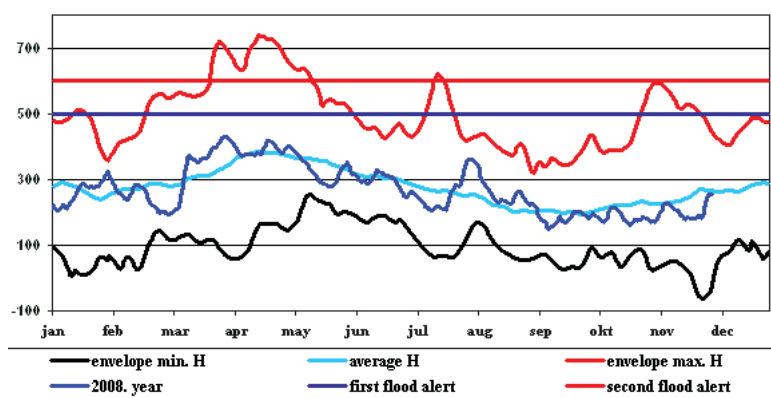
HPP Djerdap I, 1058 MW, Serbia

HPP Djerdap II, 270 MW Serbia

(source: Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia)



Characteristic water stages (in cm)



Forecasted weather conditions for the following period

	3.12.	4.12.	5.12.	6.12.	7.12.	8.12.	9.12.	10.12.	11.12.	December averages.
Albania <i>Tirana</i>	T: 13-17 W: SE 13 R: 25	T: 13-13 W: SW 19 R: 50	T: 6-13 W: SW 30 R: 12	T: 9-16 W: S 25 R: 15	T: 10-14 W: SW 22 R: 29	T: 4-9 W: NW 14 R: YES	T: 1-9 W: N 18 R: -	T: -1-7 W: NW 4 R: -	T: -1-9 W: NE 18 R: -	Temperature: 3-12 Amount of rain: 140 Number of rain days: -
Bosnia and Herzegovina <i>Sarajevo</i>	T: 3-11 W: E 4 R: 25	T: -2-7 W: W 13 R: -	T: 3-8 W: SW 24 R: 7	T: 2-9 W: SW 20 R: -	T: 1-1 W: NE 9 S: -23	T: -2-0 W: NW 9 R: -	T: -3- -1 W: NW 19 S: YES	T: -5- -1 W: W 7 S: YES	T: -3- -1 W: NE 10 S: YES	Temperature: -2.8-3.5 Amount of rain: 85 Number of rain days: 11
Bulgaria <i>Sofia</i>	T: 5-16 W: SE 16 R: -	T: 8-15 W: S 28 R: 2	T: 4-13 W: SW 17 R: -	T: 2-11 W: SW 14 R: 7	T: 4-12 W: SW 8 R: -	T: 4-13 W: NW 14 R: YES	T: 5-15 W: NW 14 R: YES	T: 6-13 W: NW 6 R: -	T: 4-6 W: NE 6 R: -	Temperature: -2.7-4.1 Amount of rain: 40 Number of rain days: 11
Croatia <i>Zagreb</i>	T: 2-3 W: N 10 R: 2	T: -1-9 W: W 10 R: 1	T: 4-11 W: SW 11 R: -	T: 2-2 W: L-V R: 14	T: -1-1 W: W 4 R: -	T: -3-1 W: NW 9 R: -	T: -4-1 W: NW 13 R: -	T: -4-1 W: NW 6 R: -	T: -6- -1 W: N 12 R: -	Temperature: -1.9-4.4 Amount of rain: 63 Number of rain days: 12
Greece <i>Athens</i>	T: 14-19 W: SE 30 R: -	T: 15-19 W: SW 39 R: -	T: 12-17 W: SW 14 R: -	T: 4-21 W: SW 10 R: -	T: 14-19 W: SW 12 R: -	T: 13-18 W: W 19 R: YES	T: 13-14 W: NW 16 R: YES	T: 11-13 W: NE 9 R: YES	T: 10-13 W: W 11 R: -	Temperature: 6.8-14.1 Amount of rain: 69 Number of rain days: 12
Macedonia <i>Skopje</i>	T: 6-12 W: SE 17 R: 6	T: 7-14 W: SE 24 R: 7	T: 0-9 W: S 19 R: -	T: 1-9 W: S 14 R: 2	T: 5-12 W: W 10 R: 5	T: 4-5 W: NW 15 R: YES	T: -1-2 W: NW 16 R: -	T: -1-2 W: NW 6 R: -	T: 0-4 W: NE 9 R: -	Temperature: -2.2-5.3 Amount of rain: 51 Number of rain days: 11
Montenegro <i>Podgorica</i>	T: 9-15 W: SE 12 R: 40	T: 8-14 W: SW 19 R: 44	T: 4-13 W: SW 35 R: 103	T: 5-13 W: SW 27 R: 41	T: 8-13 W: SE 11 R: 65	T: 7-12 W: NE 14 R: YES	T: 4-7 W: N 17 R: -	T: 1-9 W: NW 6 R: YES	T: 2-8 W: NE 19 R: -	Temperature: 2.9-11.1 Amount of rain: 217 Number of rain days: 13
Romania <i>Bucharest</i>	T: 6-15 W: SE 12 R: 1	T: 8-15 W: SE 16 R: -	T: 5-9 W: SW 12 R: 4	T: 4-10 W: SW 12 R: -	T: 5-11 W: NW 7 R: -	T: 3-3 W: N 11 R: -	T: -3- -1 W: N 14 R: -	T: -6- -1 W: NW 6 R: -	T: -7- -1 W: L-V R: -	Temperature: -2.6-3.8 Amount of rain: 43 Number of rain days: 6
Serbia <i>Belgrade</i>	T: 6-16 W: W 4 R: 28	T: 4-8 W: SE 12 R: 5	T: 4-12 W: SE 22 R: 10	T: 4-9 W: SW 12 R: 25	T: 3-4 W: NW 12 R: 8	T: 1-2 W: NW 11 R: YES	T: -2-0 W: NW 17 R: -	T: -2-0 W: SW 10 R: -	T: -1-2 W: NW 8 R: -	Temperature: -0.2-5.3 Amount of rain: 58 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

Analysis:**Energy complexes Tuceni, Rovinari and Craiova****Basic**

Energy Complexes Turceni, Rovinari and Craiova were initially branches of Termoelectrica, without being a separate legal entity. The major change occurred in 2004, when through the merger of the three subsidiaries of Termoelectrica S.A. and parts of the patrimony of the National Corporation of Lignite Oltenia S.A. (SNLO), three new state-owned companies have been set up. Through the Government Decision No. 102/2004 the "Strategy of accelerating the investment inflow and privatization in the electricity and heat sector" was approved. In parallel move the Government issued in the same period the Decision No. 103/2004 regarding the setting up of the following state-owned companies:

- 1) Energy Complex Rovinari,
- 2) Energy Complex Turceni, and
- 3) Energy Complex Craiova.

These public joint stock companies were under administration of Ministry and Commerce until March 31st 2007, when administration was transferred to Authority responsible for State Assets Resolution (AVAS), by special government decree.

According to Romanian officials, urgent privatization of these energy complexes is needed, since, according to estimation, 2 billion euros needs to be invested for installation of desulphurization equipment in those companies. If not, the power complexes should be shutdown by 2012th, according to EU environmental standards.

Energy Complex Turceni

Energy complex Turceni is located between the cities of Craiova and Targu Jiu, in South-West Romania. TPP Turceni is the largest power plant in Romania with an installed capacity of 2310 MW. TPP has five 330 MW units, while one unit is out of operation. Each unit can deliver 285 MW to the system. First unit was introduced into system in 1978, while last in 1987. TPP uses lignite with a low heat value of 1400-1800 kcal/kg, supplied by rail. The plant is also supplied by rail with heavy fuel oil (startup fuel). The main support fuel is gas extracted from a well belonging to Petrom and with a direct pipeline to the plant.

In the first half of 2008, the company reported net profit of 25.8 million euros (+100 %), and overall revenues of 162 million euros (+23 %).

In September 2008, European bank for reconstruction and development (EBRD) approved a 300 million euros loan for renewal of units 3 and 6 in thermal power plant Turceni. The renewal of units 3 and 6 will include installation of flue gas desulphurization (FGD) equipment. Overall cost of the project is estimated at 534 million euros.

Energy Complex Craiova.

Craiova Energy Complex main activities are production and sale of electric and thermal energy and extraction of lignite.

Craiova Energy Complex has three branches:

- Thermal Power Plant Isalnita,
- Cogeneration Thermal Power Plant Craiova II,
- Prigoria-Seciuri Coal Mine.

The two power plants were parts of Termoelectrica S.A., while the coal mine was branch of former CNLO Targu-Jiu.

TPP Isalnita has 4 units. First two units are gas fired, and used for production of thermal energy. Newest unit has been introduced into system in 2001, and has production capacity of 30 tons/hour of steam. Older unit was introduced into system in 1970, and produces 10 tons/hour of steam.

Both electricity producing units were finished in 1967, and use lignite. Each of them has 315 MW of production capacity.

TPP Craiova II is also cogeneration power plant. It has four units for production of thermal energy, amounting 260 tons/hour of steam. Two smaller (30 t/h) are heavy oil fired and constructed in 1980, while two newer (1984) have production capacity of 100 t/h of steam and can be run on either lignite or heavy oil.

TPP has two electricity production units, each having 150 MW. They were introduced into system in 1987-1989, and can be run on either lignite or heavy oil.

Extraction of lignite in Prigoria-Seciuri mine has started in 1989. Until merging with the two thermal power plants into the Craiova Energy Complex, the Prigoria-Seciuri Coal Mine was under the ownership and administration of the Oltenia National Lignite Coal Company SNLO. Mine is located 80 kilometers north from two power plants. The average production capacity at prigoria Coal Mine is in the range of 600.000 - 700.000 tones per year

In 2008, energy complex in Craiova should post 3.3 million euros of profit comparing to 2.4 million euros reported in the last year. Overall income in this year should reach some 260 million euros, while investments should reach some 400 million euros until 2011.

Energy Complex Rovinari,

Rovinari Energy complex consist of of lignite mines Rovinari East, Garla, Tismana 1, Tismana 2 and Pinoasa and Rovinari TPP.

Rovinari TPP has 6 units, two 220 MW and four 330 MW, totaling 1760 MW. They are all lignite fired. Construction of TPP Rovinari has started in 1968, and first 220 MW unit was introduced into system in 1972, while last, 330 MW unit was put in operation in 1979. Since start of the operation, TPP Rovinari annually produces around 5.5 GWh of electricity.

Privatization

Since separation of these energy complexes, government of Romania is trying to carry out tender procedure for their privatization. According to Romanian officials, urgent privatization of these energy complexes is needed, since, according to estimation, 2 billion euros needs to be invested for installation of desulphurization equipment in those companies. If not, the power complexes should be shutdown by 2012th, according to EU environmental standards. Privatization process of these 3 Energy Complexes has been marked with constant delays and standpoint changes.

In July 2006, Romania's ministry of economy and commerce asked for government's approval regarding privatization of power complex in Turceni through direct sale of shares on stock exchange. The direct sale should be followed by the capital stake increase, by which strategic partner would acquire 51 % of shares in the company.

According to the ministry's plan, the capital stake increase should be made by issuing new shares, which should represent 35 % of capital of the company at the end of the procedure. The state of Romania should also sell the necessary stake in the company so that future strategic investor would control 51 % of the shares. The amount of the government shares to be sold will depend on the participation of other shareholders during the capital stake increase.

During next phase of privatization, and at least one year after transfer of ownership, ministry should sell at least 5 % of share through public secondary offering procedure.

The privatization advisor of TPP Turceni is the consortium of Deloitte Central Europe Limited and the Romanian-American Investment Fund.

According to privatization terms, strategic partner should invest 356 million euros for the renewal of power plant, another 400 million euros for introduction of new environmental standards and between 140 and 240 million euros for other purposes.

In March 2007, Minister of economy and commerce, Varujan Vosganian, announced that privatization procedure for TPPs Craiova, Turceni and Rovinari would start after preparing the energy strategy, i.e. in period May –June 2007. Interest was expressed by officials from RWE, Iberdrola, CEZ and Endesa.

Minister Vosganian said that privatization of those three power producers in the last three months has been delayed particularly due to their undefined institutional status. TPPs have been transferred to the Authority responsible for State Assets Resolution (AVAS) by the special government decree, but the plants would be under administration of ministry of economy and commerce until March 31st. President of AVAS has recently confirmed that aforementioned TPPs would be privatized by the end of the year.

Head of AVAS said that energy units have strategic significance so that restructuring and reorganization as well as privatization strategy has to be discussed with social partners.

The aforementioned proposal was supported by head of PSD, the Mircea Geoana. He demanded from the government to postpone the privatization of aforementioned power complexes, until the energy strategy was adopted.

In July 2008, sources from the Craiova Energy Complex announced that privatization model for this company should be completely different compared to privatizations previously carried out in Romanian energy sector. According to Romanian media, energy complex should be privatized both by finding the strategic investor and by listing the shares on stock exchange. The privatization should start by increasing the capital stake through listing the share package on stock exchange in November 2008. After this, the majority stake in the company should be offered to strategic investor. This was confirmed by the general manager of Craiova Ion Dinulescu, who said that this decision was not final.

Dinulescu said that models for privatization of energy complex would be discussed with majority owner, the Authority for State Assets Recovery (AVAS) and the privatization consultant, the consortium Deloitte Romania and RAEF (Romanian-American Fund for Investments). The privatization strategy should be approved by the shareholders assembly and it should be later approved by the government, sources said. Proprietatea Fund, which owns 25 % stake in the complex, should be given preemptive rights for keeping its stake in the company.

In September 2008, president of AVAS, Teodor Atanasiu, announced that AVAS should sell its stake in Energy complex Craiova by the end of November. The state owns 73 % of shares in EC Craiova.

The head of AVAS confirmed that privatization advisor, consortium of Deloitte and Romanian-American Enterprise Fund (RAEF), had prepared privatization strategy. According to strategy, privatization will be carried out in two phases. The first phase will imply preliminary selection of strategic partners, while final negotiations will be made during the second stage. The future strategic partner will be chosen in accordance to business plan, investment program and cash offer for the shares, Atanasiu said.

News:

Partners in PEOP to appoint director and to choose development strategy (Region)

According to press in Croatia, the project for construction of Pan European oil pipeline (PEOP) came to the decisive point after two candidates for the director of the project company presented their development strategy during the meeting in Belgrade. The appointment of the director should take place soon.

Croatian press reported that candidates for the director are Davor Stern, which was proposed by Croatian Janaf, and Brian Minty, proposed by Romanian Conpet. Two other partners in the project are Serbian Transnafta and Romanian Oil terminal Constanta.

The PEOP is aimed to transport crude oil from Caspian region to Romania, across Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia toward Italy. The estimated annual capacity stands between 40 and 90 million tons, while construction costs vary between 1.9 and 3.4 billion dollars.

Sources said that Stern was in favor of conservative option for transport of 20 million tons of oil per year, while another 20 million tons should be transported during second stage of the project. On the other hand, Minty is in favor of building the pipeline with 90 million tons capacity.

Croatian side in the project is worried over supplies and users of the pipeline as well as on political implications. According to Croatian officials, without proper preparations, the PEOP could meet Janaf's destiny of being able to transport maximum 7.5 million tons of oil instead of planned amount of 30 million tons.

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Increase in import of oil derivatives in the nine-month period (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

In the first nine months of the year, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) imported some 667,000 tons of oil derivatives, which was 26 % higher compared to the same period last year.

The most of the import came from Croatia (62.7 %), followed by Turkey (22.4 %), and Hungary (8.4 %). The largest fuel suppliers in the Federation of BiH were Holdina (22.52 %), Hifa oil (17.5 %), Energopetrol (12.34 %), Petrol BH Oil Company Sarajevo (12 %) and Antunovic (12 %).

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Government proposed recapitalization of TPP Gacko by CEZ (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Czech CEZ could invest funds for recapitalization of Coalmine and thermal power plant (TPP) Gacko in the next year. This was said by the draft Energy balance of Republic of Srpska (RS) in 2009.

According to the document, CEZ would be obliged to deliver 1.1 TWh of electricity from TPP Gacko in 2009, where the electricity would be delivered to tariff customers.

General manager of Power utility of RS (ERS) Branislava Milekic said that recapitalization of TPP Gacko was not agreed with CEZ. According to her, the increase of capital in TPP would be just another option for joint projects with CEZ.

The option for recapitalization to TPP Gacko instead of establishment of joint venture company was announced by prime minister of RS Milorad Dodik in September this year. He announced this after minority shareholders in TPP filed lawsuit against the government claiming that joint venture company New power plants of RS (NERS) had violated their rights.

According to the agreement signed in May last year, NERS will be involved in construction of new 660 MW unit, reconstruction of existing unit and opening of new coalmine. CEZ owns 51 % stake in NERS. The worth of the project is estimated at 1.4 billion euros.

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Geological researches for TPP Bugojno to start (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

The management of Power utility of Bosnia and Herzegovina (EP BiH) and municipality of Bugojno announced that geological research project related to construction of thermal power plant (TPP) Bugojno should start by January 2009 and it should last until the end of 2009. After the project is completed, the project for making the general design of the future TPP will be initiated.

The geological research project should evaluate the amount and quality of coal reserves in the area of Bugojno. The project will be carried out by local company Geo-projekt.

TPP Bugojno should have two 300 MW units, where, according to EP BiH, the first unit should be operational in 2017. In 2007, the company selected EnBW to be strategic partner in this project.

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EP HZHB demanded increase in electricity prices in 2009 (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Power utility of Herzeg Bosnia (EP HZHB) demanded in official letter approval for increase in electricity prices in the next year. The company demanded 5 % increase for households and 15 % increase for industrial customers.

EP HZHB's request came after similar one submitted by second power utility in Federation of BiH, the Power utility of Bosnia and Herzegovina (EP BiH). The minister of energy of Federation of BiH, Vahid Heco, said that electricity prices should rise in the beginning of the next year due to increase in coal prices.

The management of EP HZHB said the increase was inevitable having in mind that company will import 1.2 TWh of electricity in the next year, mostly for large industrial customers, Aluminum factory from Mostar and Elektrobosna.

General manager of EP HZHB Matan Zaric said that company provided 400 GWh of electricity in the next year from EP BiH at price of 69 euros/MWh, while another 400 GWh was purchased in a tender at the price of 75 euros/MWh. The company still needs to provide 400 GWh for the next year, where there is an option for Aluminum factory to import electricity by itself.

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No increase in electricity prices in RS at the moment, government approved electricity balance sheet for 2009-2011 (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

In the end of November, the government of Republic of Srpska (RS) decided there would be no increase in electricity prices at the moment.

General manager of Power utility of RS (ERS), Branislava Milekic, said after the meeting with the government that latest decision was reached despite the fact that current electricity prices would not provide successful operation of the company in the long-term.

Milekic reminded that electricity prices for households in RS are the lowest in the region. She added that the latest decision do not imply that government would not approve increase in prices if that was justified.

During the same session, the government approved electricity balance sheet for period 2009-2011. According to plans, electricity production should reach 5.3 TWh in 2009, 5.2 TWh in 2010, and 5.3 TWh in 2011. The production of 2010 will be lower due to 100-day reconstruction of boiler in TPP Ugljevik

In 2010, gross consumption in RS should reach 3.57 TWh, in 2010 3.63 TWh, while in 2011, gross consumption should reach 3.7 TWh. In the same years, electricity export should reach 1.29 TWh, 0.95 TWh and 1.17 TWh, respectively. The losses in distribution network are estimated at 14 %.

Head of ERS said the company would cover entire domestic needs in abovementioned period, where considerable amount of electricity would be exported.

In the first ten months of the year, ERS posted 71 million euros of income from electricity export, where this income should reach some 90 million euros by the end of the year. The company's profit should reach some 13 million euros.

In the next three years, ERS should invest 300 million euros, where 70 % will be provided from company's income.

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Oil refinery in Brod started fuel production (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

In the end of November, the oil refinery in Brod was officially put in service after three-year standstill. The official ceremony was attended by president of Republic of Srpska (RS) Rajko Kuzmanovic, prime minister of RS Milorad Dodik, general manager of Zarubezneft Nikolai Brunich, and general manager of the refinery Aleksandar Litvinenko.

The refinery was put in service after finishing privatization procedure and after completing the reconstruction of old processing line. The cost of the reconstruction reached 26 million euros, and the line will be able to refine 1.2 million tons of oil per year. In the beginning, daily output should stand at 1,500 tons and it should reach 3,600 tons.

According to Nikolai Brunich, in 2010, by completing the reconstruction of new processing line, the refinery will process 4.2 million tons of oil per year.

Prime minister Dodik believes that start of operation of the Brod refinery showed that the privatization contract would be fully met, and that the company would be a brand name of RS and Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH).

Zarubezneft also purchased fuel distributor Petrol. According to plans, the first fuel from the refinery should be distributed on 78 petrol stations of Petrol in the first week of December. After reconstruction of Petrol was completed, the company would be able to distribute some 10,000 tons of oil derivatives to customers in BiH.

At this point, only diesel from the refinery will have higher percentage of sulfur, because of which it will be sold only in BiH and its price will be 10 % lower. The refinery should start to produce diesel in accordance to EU standards in March 2009.

The crude oil has been delivered to the refinery through the Adriatic pipeline (Janaf). General manager of the refinery believes the company would be able to seize the market, having in mind that refinery will have lower transport costs and thus lower fuel prices.

The current consumption of oil derivatives in BiH is some 1.2 million tons, i.e. it is equal to output of old processing line. The reconstruction of new processing line, with 3 million tons capacity, should be completed next year.

The refinery in Brod has hydro cracking facility, the only facility of such kind in former Yugoslavia, which is necessary for production of high-quality euro diesel and high-quality motor oils.

As a reminder, oil refinery in Brod, fuel distributor Petrol and Motor oil refinery in Modrica were sold to Russian Zarubezneft, i.e. its subsidiary NefteGazInkor in February 2007.

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TPP Tuzla posted record production (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

In the end of November, the largest thermal power plant (TPP) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), the TPP Tuzla, produced 3.25 TWh of electricity, by which the plant met its production target for this year. The result was 12 % higher compared to plans, while estimated annual production should be 24 % higher compared to the same period last year, i.e. it should reach 3.55-3.6 TWh.

The achieved production in this year is the highest since 1991, and the estimated annual production in this year should be among the ten highest results in plant's history.

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Technor Energy continues hydropower projects, overall investments to reach 200 million euros (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Prime minister of Republic of Srpska (RS) Milorad Dodik expressed its satisfaction with the plans of Norway's Technor Energy to invest some 200 million euros in hydropower project on Bosnia River, between cities of Doboj and Modrica.

In the end of November, Dodik met the chair of the management board of Technor Energy, Knut Paulsen and company's CEO Geir-Inge Sivertsen. Two sides agreed that the first phase of the project has been successfully carried out.

The project includes regulation of flow of Bosnia River as well as construction of six hydropower plants (HPPs) with overall output of 76 MW and annual output of 420 GWh. The government of RS earlier approved concession contracts for HPPs.

Officials from Technor Energy announced that construction works should start in mid 2009. They also expressed interest in other hydropower projects in RS.

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NEK to revise investment program due to financial crisis (Bulgaria)

National electric company (NEK) has been involved in analyses of business plans for the next year and it is possible that investment programs should be revised due to global financial crisis. This was said by CEO of NEK Lyubomir Velkov.

On the other hand, the investments related to the project for construction of nuclear power plant (NPP) Belene will not be affected, Velkov said.

Velkov also confirmed that negotiations with future strategic partner in Belene project, the German RWE, should be final-

ized soon and that the agreement should be signed by the end of the year.

There is an option to include into the project the second ranked bidder in tender for 49 % stake in NPP Belene, the Electrabel. However, this could happen only after reaching the agreement between NEK and RWE and if Electrabel meets agreed conditions, Velkov explained.

By signing the shareholders' agreement, the new company in charge for NPP Belene will be established. Its task will be to provide funds for the project, through its own sources or through loans, Velkov said. He also confirmed that contract with BNP Paribas, the bank selected to be financial advisor in arranging the loan for the project, is in power and that arranging of the loan should be finalized by the end of the next year.

Commenting the recent announcement of EVN regarding the interest in Gorna Arda project, Velkov said the project should be certainly restarted after political issues were resolved. The hydropower project Gorna Arda was the part of power-for-infrastructure agreement signed by Bulgaria and Turkey in 1998.

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Bulgargaz increased natural gas deliveries to Sofia heating company (Bulgaria)

State-owned natural gas company Bulgargaz announced it would provide sufficient amount of natural gas for the Sofia heating company (Toplofikacia). Deliveries of Bulgargaz to Toplofikacia, with 400,000 households' customers, amount to some 30-35 % of overall Bulgargaz's deliveries on local market.

In mid November, natural gas deliveries were sufficient to cover production of only 30 % of necessary heat energy in Sofia, because of which Toplofikacia delivered heat only to privileged customers (schools, hospitals...) and customers that paid their bills on time. Bulgargaz earlier reduced deliveries due to unpaid bills by Toplofikacia.

The increase in natural gas supply took place after Council of Sofia municipality voted in favor of transferring its stake (58 %) in Toplofikacia to the state, while state decided to provide funds to Bulgarian energy holding (BEH), part of which is Bulgargaz, in order to enable continuous natural gas supply.

The deputy energy minister and acting director of BEH, Galina Tosheva, said the problems needed to be resolved through BEH having in mind that unstable heat supply in Sofia could endanger stability of entire energy system in the country. Tosheva added that increase of capital in BEH should reach at least 40 million euros.

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Bulgargaz to demand 26 % increase in natural gas prices in Q1 2009 (Bulgaria)

Natural gas supplier Bulgargaz announced it would demand 26 % increase in natural gas prices up to 350 euros/1,000 cbm (no VAT) in the first quarter of 2009. The final request will be submitted to energy regulator, SEWRC, by mid December.

The rise in prices was needed despite the recent announcements from Gazprom that it would reduce price of natural gas for its customers in Europe. Bulgargaz explained that the latest increase in prices, approved by the energy regulator in October, was only 24 % compared to Bulgargaz's request of 36 %. Another reason for increase in prices is the appreciation of US dollar.

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Toplofikacia to become part of national energy holding (Bulgaria)

The ministry of economy and energy is reconsidering a possibility for Sofia heating company (Toplofikacia) to become a member of Bulgarian energy holding (BEH).

The option was discussed with Deloitte Bulgaria, which was the advisor in the process of establishment of BEH. The option would depend on transferring 58 % stake in the company, owned by municipality of Sofia, to the state, which owns the rest of the stake in the company.

According to the ministry, they have been analyzing various options in order to restructure company and to secure heat supply for the customers. The government recently announced it should soon approve loan for the Bulgargaz in order to provide funds for import of natural gas.

The inclusion of Toplofikacia in BEH could resolve debts problems for the company that owes some 100 million euros to natural gas supplier Bulgargaz, which is also part of BEH. In the same time, Toplofikacia would contribute to BEH with its assets, the worth of which is estimated at some 350 million euros.

According to ministry, the privatization of Toplofikacia in this moment would be very difficult to achieve. In the same time, officials from BEH said that privatization of Sofia heating company was not technically feasible in short-term.

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1.5 billion euros for energy efficiency projects in period 2012-2020 (Bulgaria)

The minister of European Affairs Gergana Grancharova said that EU could grant 1.5 billion euros for energy efficiency projects in Bulgaria in period 2012-2020.

The minister said that Bulgaria should meet its target for production of electricity from renewable energy sources (RES) by 2016.

According to Grancharova, in this moment, the investors are not interested in construction of RES power plants in Bulgaria since they not assured they could make profit.

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AtomStroyExport signed subcontracts for construction of NPP Belene (Bulgaria)

Russian AtomStroyExport, the leader of the consortium that would deliver and install equipment for nuclear power plant (NPP) Belene signed contract with two other members of the consortium, the French Areva and German Siemens. The contract is related to designing the plant's control system and delivering the equipment for electric, heating and air conditioning systems.

The cost of construction of two 1,000 MW units is estimated at 4 billion euros. The project will be 51 % owned by National electric company (NEK), while the rest will be owned by the strategic partner RWE, who is yet to sign shareholders' agreement. The Bulgarian officials recently called RWE to sign the agreement for the project.

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RWE invited Electrabel to take part in Belene project (Bulgaria)

The strategic partner in the project for construction of nuclear power plant (NPP) Belene, German RWE, invited second ranked bidder in the tender, the Electrabel, to take part in the project. French GDF SUEZ, majority owner of Electrabel, announced it would analyze the RWE's proposal by the end of November. The news was confirmed by both RWE and GDF SUEZ.

Senior vice president of GDF SUEZ in charge for nuclear activities, Paul Rorive said the company has been still interested in Belene project in principle. The official said that GDF SUEZ is still to be presented the terms of the agreement that should be signed by RWE and National electric company (NEK), after which the company would reach its decision.

As a reminder, in the beginning of October, RWE won in the tender for strategic partner in Belene project. German company offered to invest 1.275 billion euros in new company, to pay 550 million euros as a premium to the majority owner of the NPP, the NEK, and to provide 300 million euros loan for ordering the equipment for the NPP.

In the same time, the government approved an option for including the Electrabel in the project, but only after signing the agreement between RWE and NEK.

In mid November, CEO of NEK, Lyubomir Velkov said the agreement between NEK and RWE should be signed by the end of

the year. Several weeks before, deputy minister of economy and energy said the state would wait for RWE to sign the agreement by spring next year.

According to Bulgarian press, the main reason why RWE still did not sign the agreement was the protests of environmentalists in Germany. Sources said that RWE could delay its decision until the project's safety was proven.

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IAEA said the modernization of NPP Kozloduy was successful (Bulgaria)

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) confirmed that units 5 and 6 in nuclear power plant (NPP) Kozloduy were successfully modernized and, thus safe. The cost of the project reached 500 million dollars.

According to director of NPP, Ivan Genov, the IAEA should soon issue official report that will be submitted to Bulgaria's National nuclear agency (NRA).

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Italian –Chinese consortium to build FGD units in TPP Maritsa Iztok 2 (Bulgaria)

The consortium of Italian Idreco and Chinese Insigma Technology won in the tender for construction of two flue gas desulfurization (FGD) units in thermal power plant (TPP) Maritsa Iztok 2, the largest coal-fired power plant in the country. The units will be installed on units 5 and 6.

The cost of the project is 86.5 million euros and it will be funded by EU (under ISPA program) and by European bank for reconstruction and development (EBRD).

Italian-Chinese consortium outbid consortium of Alstom and Rafako, who announced they could challenge the results of the tender.

According to Alstom, the company had launched legal procedure against Insigma for planning to use technology, the usage of which was only allowed in Singapore. The court decision should be reached in spring 2009.

According to original deadline, the project should be completed by 2010, but this would be hardly to meet having in mind that procedure was already delayed for one year. The first tender procedure was launched in 2007 and later cancelled due to high prices offered by Alstom, Rafako and Austrian Energy & Environment.

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51.2 % reduction of profit for INA in nine-month period (Croatia)

In the first nine months of the year, Croatian oil industry (INA) posted 3.13 billion euros of net sales, which was 24 % higher compared to the same period last year.

According to the consolidated report published on Zagreb Stock Exchange, the increase in income was the consequence of higher price of oil, oil derivatives and natural gas. The oil sales were increased by 16 %, while sales of oil derivatives and natural gas were reduced by 8 % and 5 %, respectively.

In the same period, Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA) increased up to 337 million euros (+20 %).

Nine-month profit of INA reduced to 50 million euros (-51.2 %), mostly due to financial losses caused by appreciation of US dollar in the third quarter of 2008. The financial loss reached 63 million euros, compared to financial profit of 10 million euros last year. On the other hand, INA's core profit reached 125 million euros (+1 %).

The loss related to the imposed price cap reached 30.5 million euros (+105 %). Overall expenses for raw materials and energy were increased by 22 %.

Overall investments reached some 393 million euros (+86 %). The most of the funds were invested for modernization projects in oil refineries (the second phase of modernization in Sisak refinery) and in projects in North Adriatic and Syria.

On September 30, 2008, overall assets of INA Group stood at 3.97 billion euros, which was 13 % higher compared to the December 31, 2007.

In the same time, overall liabilities of INA Group amounted to 2.05 billion euros (+30 %) due to increase in both long-term and short-term loans. The loans increased up to 1.15 billion euros, comparing to 670 million euros reported on December 31, 2007.

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Natural gas import increased by 18 % in nine-month period (Croatia)

In the first nine months of the year, Croatian oil industry (INA) has imported 860 million cbm of natural gas from Russian Gazprom, which was 18 % higher compared to the same period last year. The highest increase in import was reported in the first quarter of this year.

In the third quarter of this year, natural gas import reached 280 million cbm, which was close to the last year.

Despite the fact that import prices are higher compared to domestic retail prices, vice prime minister Damir Polancec explained that INA had no losses in natural gas sector having in mind that natural gas from domestic fields (which cover some

60 % of national consumption) was considerably cheaper compared to retail prices.

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23 million euros of losses for HEP in nine-month period (Croatia)

In the first nine months of this year, Croatian power utility (HEP) posted net loss of 23 million euros.

According to the report published on Zagreb Stock Exchange, overall incomes of HEP Group increased to 1.18 billion euros, which was 8.55 % higher compared to the same period last year. The core incomes amounted to 1.16 billion euros (+8.63 %).

In the same period, overall expenses reached 1.2 billion euros (+11 %), while core expenses reached 1.17 billion euros (10.22 %),

Spokesperson of HEP said the business environment was extremely unfavorable during the nine-month period having in mind higher fuel prices and higher costs for electricity import.

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Plinacro secured investments until 2011 (Croatia)

The ongoing financial crisis will not affect planned investments of Croatia's natural gas transmission company Plinacro until 2011, having in mind that planned funds of 443 million euros had been already secured. This was said by the head of Plinacro Branko Radosevic.

The abovementioned funds will be provided from company's own funds and through 190 million euros loan of European investment bank (EIB).

However, Radosevic admitted that crisis could affect long-term development projects of the company. He said the company has been carefully analyzing the development on financial markets.

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7 % increase in electricity prices for eligible customers in October (Croatia)

Croatian power utility (HEP) said that electricity prices for some 2,000 eligible customers were increased by 7 % in October.

HEP explained that particular customers, mostly medium and large companies, signed bilateral electricity supply contracts, which envisaged quarterly adjustment of electricity prices in case of changes in fuel costs (higher or lower than 5 %).

HEP said that rise in overall fuel costs in period July-October reached 12 %. In the same time, network access fee did not change, HEP said. The next price adjustment should take place on January 1, 2009.

Since July 2008, 2050 companies have become eligible customers, where they signed electricity supply contracts with HEP Supply Division as well as contracts for usage of electricity grid with HEP Distribution Division or HEP Transmission Division.

HEP also said that electricity prices for 2 million households, for small companies (up to 50 employees) and for state institutions remained the same.

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Qatar interested in construction of LNG terminal near Ploce (Croatia)

In the end of November in Doha, president of Croatia Stjepan Mesic had a meeting with Qatar's emir Hamad bin Kalifa al Tani.

During the meeting, the emir confirmed that Qatar is interested in export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Eastern Europe, where Croatia would be the most suitable transit point. Emir al Tani announced it would visit Croatia in May next year, where two sides would discuss potential construction of LNG terminal in Ploce Port.

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Greece to introduce 28 more wind mills (Greece)

Greek division of company "Vestas" has received an order to deliver 29 units of the 2 MW wind turbines. The project have a total installed capacity of 58 MW, and the turbines for the projects will be delivered during 2009. No info regarding purchaser or location have been revealed.

"We are very satisfied that we have signed this new contract for the Greek market," says Juan Araluce, President of Vestas Mediterranean A/S. "This contract marks an important step in maintaining Vestas' strong position as No. 1 in Modern Energy in Greece, and furthermore, it is important in relation to securing the wind industry development in the market and reaching the 2020 targets established for Greece."

Vestas has been present in the Greek market since 1985 and was among the first wind turbine companies supplying wind turbines in Greece. By the end of June 2008, Vestas had a cumulative installed capacity of more than 500 MW in Greece.

The capacity targets for wind energy in Greece are: 3 648 MW by 2010 and 10 GW by 2020. In order to comply with the European targets, Greece has to reach a share of renewable energy sources of 18% by 2020.

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PPC 9 month losses exceeded forecast (Greece)

Greek Public Power Corporation posted net losses of 244.6 million euros in the first nine-months compared to profits of 60.2 million euros in the respective period of 2007. Analysts had expected losses of 224 million euros for the period.

Revenues amounted to 4.42 billion euros compared to 3.84 billion euros, while earning before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization stood at 280.8 million euros versus 610.8 million euros in 2007.

The company said that, increased generation from natural gas and oil, as well as higher energy purchases coupled with the "unprecedented" rise in fuel prices, resulted in an increase in the relevant expenditure by 713.4 million euros. Also, company was struck by a provision of 108.7 million euros for CO2 emission rights.

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PPC plans tariff hike to gain investment funds (Greece)

During the presentation of PPC business plan in the period 2009-2014, the company said that it examines the possibility of an equity increase if the proposed tariff hikes are not approved. PPC aims to finance its 11.5 billion euros investment plan through a combination of tariff increases and cost cuts.

Raising tariffs 5 percent above the inflation rate for the next six years, as well as savings of 500 million euros annually in personnel costs, would allow the company to finance its investment plan, company said in the presentation. "If the proposed tariff increases are not realized, alternative options will have to be examined," the company stated. It said an equity increase or asset disposals were options but gave no further details. The plan involves 2.2 billion euros cost cuttings through primarily a reduction in headcount.

PPCs 11.5 billion euros investment scheme targets modern operations, expansion abroad and profit boost.

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Kazakhstan wish to acquire stake in Burgas-Alexandroupolis pipeline (Greece)

Klara Rakhmetova, director at Kazakh state oil and gas firm KazMunayGas, said that the company is examining the viability of acquiring a stake in the project. Kazakhstan is interested in acquiring a stake in the Burgas-to-Alexandroupolis pipeline, a deal that would allow it to pump its oil to the Mediterranean. The pipeline, scheduled to transport Russian crude oil from the Bulgarian port of Burgas to northeastern Greek Alexandroupolis, is being constructed by Greece, Russia and Bulgaria. Each country holds a stake in the project, with the majority going to Russia. According to director of KazMunayGas, Kazakhstan would not only be a supplier of petrol but would also take part in the construction of the project.

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Refineries asked to boost transparency (Greece)

Two largest Greek refineries, Hellenic Petroleum and Motor Oil, have been instructed to boost the transparency of costs ultimately passed on to traders and end customers. The proposals were put forth by the country Competition Commission, which presented series of measures aimed at making the sector more efficient and also, boost of transparency would help promotion of competitiveness in the industry.

Sources said that Greeks refineries and fuel traders are expected to heavily oppose the measures proposed in the report of Competition Commission, which requires refineries Hellenic Petroleum and Motor Oil to make public storage-related costs that are passed on to fuel traders and large final customers. Additionally, the report requires that refineries price their products in a manner that allows independent petrol retailers to directly obtain supplies.

The commission, which is supervised by the Development Ministry, launched an investigation into the fuel market after claims that competition in the sector had been distorted. As a reminder, in August, the Development Ministry imposed a ceiling on the price of fuel on several islands in a bid to force price reductions.

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7-day blockade of OKTA refinery (Macedonia)

People living near refinery OKTA have organized protest and blocked entrance into refinery after a news regarding pollution from this refinery has been published. Blockade has lasted one week. Government has promised to find solution and immediately start with cleaning of draining channels and offer free medical examines to local inhabitants.

This blockade resulted a deficit in heavy oil supply, used for district heating, since reserves lasted only for one day. Makpetrol has delivered their last reserves of heavy oil to hospitals and schools, and they were to last one week. Also, petrol stations across the country were hit by this blockade.

Instead of announced 20 000 euros fee, OKTA might be forced to pay 100 000 euros as a pollution penalty. This will be decided soon by the government.

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Bulgaria: Macedonia cannot become shareholder of NPP Belene (Macedonia)

Bulgarian vice economy minister, Ms. Galina Toseva, said that Macedonia has missed an opportunity to become shareholder in nuclear power plant Belene, but, with investments during the construction of NPP, Macedonia could gain better energy contract for purchase of energy from NPP Belene. According to Ms. Toseva, an option for Macedonia to gain a share stake is now closed. It is up to Macedonia to present a investment

possibility in NPP Belene to Bulgaria. According to current estimation, energy produced in NPP Belene should not be higher than 35 euros per MWh, and part in Belene project could be a solution for emerging energy crisis in Macedonia.

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93% profit loss for Toplifikacija in first 9 months 2008 (Macedonia)

Macedonian heating company, Toplifikacija, has recorded 93% profit loss in first 9 months in 2008, comparing to respective period in 2007. Reasons for that are, according to company, cancelation of request for 13% price increase. Profit will be increased in Q4, since regulatory commission has approved 60% price increase.

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Spanish company to build 50 wind mills (Macedonia)

According to sources, Spanish company „Inval“ has announced to build 50 wind mills near Stip. Each mill will have 3 MW, totaling 150 MW. Total investment is estimated to 200 million euros. Company has set meeting equipments during this summer.

As a reminder, EIG Renewables, company from Israel, has also announced construction of wind mills in town “Sveti Nikola”, in Macedonia. Company has also announced construction of solar power plant. Regarding solar power plant, company still awaits permit and location from Government. Overall amount to be invested in wind mills in Macedonia by EIG Renewables is set to 350 million euros. Company has already made an agreement with local company “Metalec”, in which it plans to invest 10 million euros.

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Lukoil to open five petrol stations in next year (Montenegro)

Russian Lukoil announced it would open five new petrol stations in Montenegro in 2009, which will increase company's market share up to 20 %. New petrol stations should be opened in Podgorica, Bijelo Polje, Niksic, Danilovgrad and Herceg Novi. In this moment, Lukoil operates six petrol stations in the country.

By the end of the year, company's investments in Montenegro will amount to 54 million euros. This was said by the regional manager of Lukoil, Valentin Zlatev. He said that opening of new stations would depend on the approval of government of Montenegro, which is very strict in this area. Zlatev said that Lukoil would offer high quality products instead of imposing lower fuel prices in order to takeover local market.

Lukoil has been active in Montenegro since 2006. In the beginning of April, Lukoil acquired six petrol stations from local oil distributor Roksped by paying 26.5 million euros.

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Balkan Energy wants EPCG to buy output from future power plant near Berane (Montenegro)

According to local press, Balkan Energy (BE), the owner of Berane coalmine, demanded from the government of Montenegro that electricity from the future thermal power plant (TPP) Berane should be purchased by Power utility of Montenegro (EPCG) in period of five years.

The Greek based company said they were satisfied with the government's support in this project and that electricity sale agreement should be signed very soon.

BE purchased Berane coalmine in the tender and acquired 20-year concession for coal production. The company is obliged to build thermal power plant with output of 110 MW in the next four years.

BE recently said it had started coal research project. If the research shows the coal reserves are at least 15 million tons, BE will initiate construction of the TPP. The BE believes that coal reserves in Berane are far greater than 15 million tons, i.e. some 30 million tons. The government demanded that research project should be completed by May next year.

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Government published public invitation for coal production and construction of TPP in Maoce basin (Montenegro)

On November 21, ministry of economic development published public invitation for expression of interest for coal production in Maoce basin near Pljevlja and construction of new thermal power plant (TPP).

The coalmine is spread over 15 square kilometers, where exploitable coal reserves are estimated at 93 million tons according to the researches conducted in 1980s.

According to official analysis, the opening of coalmine Maoce would take some 7-8 years, where cost of the project should reach 120 million euros (if the TPP was not built) or 1 billion euros (if the TPP was built). The annual concession fee, according to terms for coalmine Pljevlja, should reach some 2 million euros.

The interested companies will be allowed to submit letters of interest until December 25. The next stage of the tender will be prequalification procedure.

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EPCG demanded direct negotiations with electricity suppliers (Montenegro)

Power utility of Montenegro (EPCG) demanded from Public procurement department to approve direct negotiations between EPCG and suppliers that submitted bids in the tender for import of electricity in 2009. EPCG said the direct negotiations are aimed to reduce price of electricity.

According to official sources, the average price offered in the tender for base load deliveries was some 80 euros/MWh. In mid October, EPCG published tender for import of some 1 TWh of electricity in the next year and offered 96 million euros for the procurement.

After having the unofficial contacts with several bidders, EPCG believes there is a room for price adjustment. The electricity prices considerably dropped on global markets due to financial crisis, EPCG said.

EPCG has an option to cancel the tender, but company wants to avoid new procedure. EPCG selected ten out of 13 companies that submitted bids. According to earlier news, only EFT and Rudnap submitted bids for entire requested amount.

The planned electricity import in the next year should be 21 % higher compared to this year, mostly due to large-scale overhaul of thermal power plant Pljevlja and hydropower plant Perucica. The electricity consumption in Montenegro in the next year is estimated at some 4.8 TWh.

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Electricity prices rose by 9.8 % from December 1 (Montenegro)

Regulatory energy agency (REA) decided that electricity prices for households should rise by 9.8 % starting from December 1. The last time, electricity prices increased in June this year.

According to new tariffs, households with two-tariff meters will pay 8.46 eurocents/kWh during high tariff (instead of 7.7 eurocents/kWh), while single-tariff customers will pay 10.1 eurocents/kWh (instead of 9.19 eurocents/kWh).

The electricity prices were also increased for Aluminum factory (KAP) up to 3.55 eurocents/kWh (+5.3 %), for Steel factory up to 5.77 eurocents/kWh (+1.5 %), and for Railway company up to 6.73 eurocents/kWh (+4.5 %).

The electricity prices for two categories of small and medium companies will remain the same, i.e. 15.2 eurocents/kWh and 17.5 eurocents/kWh, respectively.

The electricity prices for customers connected to 35kV grid are set at 6.83 eurocents/kWh (+7.9 %), while customers connected to 10kV grid will pay electricity at price of 8.1 eurocents/kWh (+4.8 %).

By the latest decision, REA accepted the part of EPCG's request. REA said that if all EPCG's requests had been accepted, the

prices would have been drastically increased for all customers, where households' tariffs should have been increased by even 63 %.

RAE said it had approved only costs related to municipality taxes and costs related to increased coal consumption in TPP Pljevlja. Overall worth of approved costs is some 8.5 million euros. However, new electricity prices will be in power only by the end of the year.

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Nuclearelectrica and strategic investors signed contract for units 3 and 4 in NPP Cernavoda (Romania)

On November 20, state owned operator of nuclear power plant (NPP) Cernavoda, Nuclearelectrica, and strategic partners RWE, Enel, CEZ, Iberdrola, Electrabel and ArcelorMittal Romania signed the contract for establishment of joint venture company that will be in charge for construction and operation of units 3 and 4 (700 MW each) in NPP Cernavoda. The agreement should be approved by the government of Romania. According to official release, the project company should be established in March next year.

In summer this year, the government decided to increase its stake in the project from 20 % up to 51 %, which required new round of negotiations with selected partners.

According to the latest agreement, Nuclearelectrica will own 51 % stake in the venture, CEZ, ENEL, Electrabel and RWE will control 9.15 % each, and finally, ArcelorMittal and Iberdrola will control 6.2 % each.

The initial estimations said the cost of the project should reach 2.2 billion euros, but the latest analyses of the government showed the costs could reach even 4 billion euros. Two new units should be operational in 2014 and 2015, respectively. The project should be approved by European Commission.

In this moment, NPP Cernavoda, with two 700 MW units, has been providing 18 % of overall electricity production in Romania.

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Termoelectrica and CEZ signed contract for modernization of TPP Galati (Romania)

The state owned electricity and heat producer Termoelectrica and Czech CEZ signed the agreement for modernization of old and construction of new units in thermal power plant (TPP) Galati (535 MW).

CEZ won in the tender for strategic partner in September this year. The project includes construction of new natural gas fired 400 MW unit. The cost of the construction is estimated at some 300-400 million euros.

According to the general manager of Termoelectrica, Ioan Ungureanu, the feasibility study for the project should be completed in the first quarter of the next year.

The head of CEZ, Martin Roman, said in a press conference that CEZ would be able to provide funds for all of its current and future investments in Romania. He said that financial crisis would not affect CEZ, having in mind the company's low indebtedness.

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Termoelectrica and GDF SUEZ signed memorandum for modernization of TPP Borzesti (Romania)

In the end of November, electricity and heat producer Termoelectrica and GDF SUEZ, i.e. its subsidiary Electrabel signed memorandum for construction of 400-500 MW unit in thermal power plant (TPP) Borzesti.

According to general manager of Termoelectrica, Ioan Ungureanu, the cost of this Greenfield project will reach some 400 million euros and it should be completed in period of 36 months. The unit should be put in operation in 2012.

GDF SUEZ will have majority stake in the project, where Termoelectrica will invest fixed assets in the project, Ungureanu said. The feasibility study for the plant should be completed by mid 2009, when the exact output of new unit and necessary funds for the project should be known.

In Romania, GDF SUEZ plans to have 2,000 MW in power plants, which would require investments of some 2.6 billion euros, local experts estimated.

GDF SUEZ is the majority owner of natural gas distributor, Dis-trigaz Sud. The company recently signed agreement for construction of units 3 and 4 (700 MW each) in nuclear power plant (NPP) Cernavoda, where company will own 9.15 % stake.

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Inter RAO to deliver electricity from Moldovan power plant (Romania)

In mid November, Russian electricity producer Inter RAO signed the agreement with Moldovan state-owned electricity company Moldelectrica regarding electricity export to Romania. The agreement was signed in presence of Russian prime minister Vladimir Putin and his Moldovan counterpart Zinaida Greceanai.

According to the agreement, the units from power plant Cuchurgan will be separated from power system of Moldova and connected to Romanian power system through 400kV line Vulcanesti-Isaccea. The separation of units in power plant was necessary having in mind that Romanian and Moldovan power systems operate in different synchronous zones. The agreement will enable export of some 400 MWh/h of electricity to Romania.

The power plant Cuchurgan is the part of Moldavskaya GRES, the subsidiary of Inter RAO.

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28 million euros of profit for EC Turceni in nine-month period (Romania)

Energy complex (EC) Turceni, the third largest electricity producer in the country, posted 28.5 million euros of net profit in the first nine months in this year, which was 33 % higher comparing to the same period last year.

In the same period, overall electricity production reached 5.93 TWh, which was 18 % higher compared to the same period last year. Overall income also increased up to 370 million euros (+25 %).

EC Turceni is controlled by the Authority for State Assets Recovery (AVAS). The company provides some 11 % of overall electricity production in Romania.

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Enel Distributie Muntenia to invest 8.3 million euros for new substations in Bucharest (Romania)

Enel Distributie Muntenia, the former Electrica Muntenia Sud, will invest 8.3 million euros for modernization of 110kv substations Jilava and Dudesti, in capital Bucharest.

Enel will launch separate tender procedures for replacement of equipment in substation Jilava (5.3 million euros cost) and substation Dudesti (3 million euros cost). The projects should be completed in ten and eight months, respectively. The deadline for submitting the bids in the tender is December 16.

Italian Enel plans to invest over 220 million euros in period 2009-2011, while the long-term investments in the next 15 years should reach 1 billion euros.

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ELCEN might cut heat supply in Bucharest due to debts toward suppliers (Romania)

Electricity and heat producer Electrocentrale Bucuresti (ELCEN), the part of Termoelectrica, announced it could reduce heat supply to capital Bucharest due to unpaid debts for the natural gas.

ELCEN said that natural gas supplier WIEE warned that natural gas supply would be reduced due to debts that amounted to tens of millions of dollars.

In this year, ELCEN should post some 120 million euros of losses. In 2007, the company, which is the largest heat producer

in the country, produced 6.662 million giga-calories (40 % of overall heat production in Romania) and some 6.75 TWh of electricity (some 13 % of overall production). ELCEN has seven power plants (five in Bucharest and one in Mures and one in Constanta) with overall installed capacity of 2,000 MW.

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Blue Group Investments to build 35 MW wind farm in Baia (Romania)

Blue Group Investments announced it would invest 60 million euros for construction of 35 MW wind farm near city of Baia in Tulcea County. The farm should be completed by the end of 2009. The project should be carried out by Blue Planet, the part of Blue Investments. According to the official registry, Blue Planet is controlled by Montbel Cyprus.

According to local press, Blue Group Investments has in its portfolio the 12 wind farm projects, with overall output of 500 MW.

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Srbijagas approved deferred payments for natural gas distributors and end customers (Serbia)

State-owned natural gas company Srbijagas confirmed it had approved deferred payments for delivered natural gas to local distributors. They would be allowed to pay 62.5 % of the October bill immediately, while the rest of the bill should be paid after six months.

Srbijagas, who also directly supplies 60,000 households' customers, said it had issued the same invoices for households as for natural gas distributors.

Srbijagas said the distributors now are able to issue two invoices for their customers too, which would be in accordance to the recommendation of the government of Serbia. The government's recommendation came after sharp increase in natural gas prices in the last quarter of the year.

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5.9 million dollars of profit for Lukoil Beopetrol in H1 (Serbia)

The subsidiary of Lukoil, the Lukoil Beopetrol, posted 5.9 million dollars of operational profit in the first half of 2008, which was 10.6 % lower than planned.

The planned profit was affected by slower development of retail network, which was the consequence of time-consuming procedures for acquiring the necessary permits and strict market regulations in Serbia, the company said.

Until June this year, Lukoil Beopetrol sold 115,000 tons of oil derivatives, which was 27,000 tons lower than planned. By this, the company seized 21 % market share in Serbia.

According to company's plans, the Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) should reach 8.7 million dollars in the second half of the year, while half-year sales should reach 145,000 tons of oil derivatives. Overall income in the second half of the year should reach 389 million dollars.

Lukoil Beopetrol invested 4.15 million dollars in retail network, which was 1.75 million dollars lower than planned. The company said it would invest 13 million dollars in petrol stations in Serbia.

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Negotiations for renewal of HPP Djerdap to continue on December 5 (Serbia)

Minister of energy and mining Petar Skundric announced that representatives of Russian company Silovie Mashini will be visiting Serbia on December 4 and 5 in order to finalize the negotiations for renewal of hydropower plant (HPP) Djerdap (1,050 MW), the largest HPP in Serbia.

During the meeting in Moscow in the end of November, Serbian and Russian side preliminary agreed on the cost of the project.

As a reminder, two sides have been arguing for quite some time on the actual cost of the project. The original contract for renewal of HPP Djerdap was signed in 2005 as a part of the agreement on settlement of clearing debt of Russia toward Serbia. Original contract price was set at 100 million dollars, while Russians demanded 150-200 million dollars, mostly due to increase in steel and copper prices. According to the latest news, the contract price should be 150 million dollars.

So far, Russian company, which installed original equipment in the HPP, manufactured one new and 50 % of the second turbine. It would take some four years until all six turbines are completed, the minister said.

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Srbijagas and Gazprom negotiate over supply contract for 2009 (Serbia)

Director of natural gas company Srbijagas, Dusan Bajatovic, confirmed that the company started negotiations with Gazprom regarding the natural gas supply contract for 2009. The new supply contract should be signed by mid December, Bajatovic said.

The negotiations should also decide whether the natural gas would be imported by intermediary Jugorosgas, the joint venture company of Gazprom and Serbia (Gazprom owns 75 % stake).

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Sale of NIS to Gazprom to be completed by December 20 (Serbia)

Sergey Shoigu, Russian minister of emergencies and Ivica Dacic, deputy prime minister of Serbia, signed a protocol regarding implementation of Energy agreement between two countries. Two officials are co-chairmen of the Serbian-Russian committee for economic cooperation, the meeting of which took place in Moscow on November 24-25.

According to Shoigu, the contract for sale of 51 % stake in Oil industry of Serbia (NIS) to Gazprom should be finalized by December 20. Deputy prime minister Dacic said that protocol once again confirmed that all three parts of the Energy agreement would be realized.

During the meeting, two sides also agreed on exact dates related to two other projects stemming from the Energy agreement, i.e. the construction of South stream pipeline across Serbia and construction of underground natural gas storage facility in Banatski Dvor.

According to protocol, the feasibility study for the pipeline should be completed in the second quarter of 2010, after which the exact deadlines for the Serbian part of the project would be known. The preliminary estimations said the pipeline across Serbia should be completed by December 31, 2015. In the same time, the feasibility study for Banatski Dvor should be completed in the second quarter of 2009.

According to Russian news agency Interfax, the signing of the agreements should take place in Belgrade on December 5. On the other hand, the sources from Serbian government said Russian delegation would visit Serbia on December 5, but the signing of the agreements would depend on the outcome of new round of negotiations.

Few days after the meeting of interstate committee, director of Serbian gas company Srbijagas, Dusan Bajatovic and chair of the management board of Gazprom, Alexei Miller, met in Moscow and discussed on feasibility study for the South stream pipeline, preparations for establishment of joint venture companies and reconstruction of storage facility in Banatski Dvor.

According to original agreement signed in January this year, Gazprom should pay 400 million euros in cash and 500 million euros in investments for 51 % stake in NIS. In the same time, Gazprom will be majority owner in joint venture companies in charge for the pipeline and storage facility.

The negotiations in Moscow were preceded by negotiations in Belgrade in mid November. During the negotiations in Belgrade, behind closed doors, Gazprom only accepted demands of trade unions in NIS related to social package and collective agreement. According to those agreements, Gazprom will not dismiss any of workers until 2012, while those who apply for voluntarily leave will be entitled to 750 euros per each year of employment period.

The negotiations in Belgrade came after the requests of Serbia that particular contracts in the Energy agreement should be mutually dependent. Serbia also demanded increasing the investments in NIS up to 700 million euros, and sale of additional 19.5 % stake in NIS for 500 million euros. In addition, Serbia demanded additional guarantees for construction of pipeline and demanded that pipeline's capacity should be doubled to 20 billion cbm per year.

In the related news, the official from Gazprom, Sergey Kupriyanov, said that exact cost of the South stream pipeline should be known in third quarter of 2009. Commenting the rumors that financial problems of one of the European partners would delay the project, Kupriyanov said that Gazprom was currently involved in technical and economic analyses of the project.

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Tenders:

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Company / organization:	EBRD, related Macedonia
Content:	<p>Supply and Installation of new Bay Control Units in S/S 400/110 kV "Dubrovo" and S/S 400/110 kV "Skopje"</p> <p>Macedonian Transmission System Operator (AD MEPSO) hereinafter referred as the Employer has received a loan from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) towards the cost of Transmission Interconnection Project, Four Substation.</p> <p>The Employer now invites sealed tenders from contractors for the following contracts to be funded from part of the proceeds of the loan:</p> <p>Supply and Installation of new BCUs in S/S 400/110 kV "Dubrovo" and S/S 400/110 kV "Skopje 4" which consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design, Supply and Installation of Bay Control Units, hardware and software for six 400kV bays, Alarms Annunciator Panels and Local Control Panels in S/S Dubrovo; • Design, Supply and Installation of Bay Control Units, hardware and software for six 400kV bays, Alarms Annunciator Panels and Local Control Panels in S/S Skopje 4; • Connection to the existing local SCADA systems; • Data exchange with the Protection Units; • System services (testing, training, documentation)
Deadline:	15 Jan 2009 at 12:00, Skopje time
Contact:	<p>Anton Petrovski AD MEPSO -Skopje Orce Nikolov bb, 1000 Skopje, Republic of Macedonia Tel:*389 2 3149049 Fax:*389 2 3110323 E-mail: anton@mepso.com.mk</p>

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Cooling Pump Station at Units 1 to 4 of Thermal Power Plant "Maritza East 2" EAD	
Content:	<p>The project for reconstruction (design, delivery, installation, testing and commissioning) of Cooling Pump Station at Units 1 to 4 of TPP "Maritza East 2" EAD, Bulgaria includes design, engineering, procurement, delivery, construction, installation, pre-commissioning and commissioning of 6 new pump units, 6 sets of shut-off and non-return valves and 6 scroll fine bar screens together with the electricity supply and control systems. The scope of work includes design and construction of a shelter for accommodation of the above mentioned plant and equipment, as well as survey and engineering for selection of optimum head and flow rate required for proper cooling of power unit 1 to 4 turbine condensers and water for technical needs.</p> <p>Tenders are invited for the whole project scope only. Tenders for parts of the scope of supply of goods, services and works shall not be considered.</p> <p>Procurement for the Contract in reference will be carried out according to the EBRD Procurement Policies and Rules. The contract conditions will be FIDIC "Conditions of Contract for Plant and Design-Build, First Edition 1999" (Yellow Book).</p> <p>Tendering for the Contract in reference is open to Tenderers from eligible countries as of 7 November 2008: The EU member-states, Switzerland and the EBRD's countries of operation.</p>
Deadline:	14 Jan 2009 at 14:00, Kovachevo time
Contact:	<p>Mr. Georgi Hristozov Chief Executive Director TPP Maritza East 2 EAD 6265 Kovachevo Stara Zagora distr. Bulgaria Tel.: + 359 42 662 214 Fax : + 359 42 662 000</p>

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:	<p>Mr. Nedeljko Despotović, PIU Director Tel.+387 33 751 030; Fax.+387 33 751 033 e-mail: n.despotovic@elektroprivreda.ba</p>

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bosnia and Herzegovina
Consulting services	
Content:	<p>The Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA), and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for consulting services.</p> <p>The services include:</p> <p>1) Technical assistance to the Project Implementation Unit of JP Elektroprivreda Bosne and Hercegovine d.d.- Sarajevo (PIU of JPEPBiH) in procurement activities and supervision of the following components of IDA-financed contracts: TPP Kakanj</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reconstruction of the electrostatic precipitator of Unit 5 • The reconstruction of the waste water treatment system • The re-cultivate the ash and slag waste dump • The replacement of environmental monitoring equipment <p>TPP Tuzla</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernization of coal handling system <p>2) Studies to develop the design for reduction of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emission at TPP Kakanj</p> <p>For the services quoted under item 2), eligible consultants besides the information listed in previous paragraph, should also provide description of similar projects realized in the similar units with the similar fuel type used like in the TPP Kakanj undertaken in previous five years including their location.</p> <p>Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.</p> <p>A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (current edition).</p>
Deadline:	05.12.2008
Contact:	<p>JP Elektroprivreda Bosne i Hercegovine d.d.-Sarajevo Ms. Sabaheta Sadikovic, Director of PIU Address: Vilsonovo šetalište 15 71 0000 Sarajevo Bosnia and Herzegovina Phone: +387 33 751 041 Fax: +387 33 751 033 e-mail: ssadikov@elektroprivreda.ba</p>

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:	<p>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</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
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 Romania
CFR Traction Energy Network Management LOT 1,2 - General	
Content:	CFR Electrificare 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: 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 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.
Deadline:	22 Oct 2008 at 00:00, Bucharest time.
Contact:	Mr I Truica; Technical Director S.C. Electrificare SA B-dul D Golescu nr.38 Bucharest, Romania Tel: + 40 21 3192512; Email: ionel.truica@cfr.ro

Company / organization:	EBRD, related Macedonia
Transmission Interconnection Project, four substations - GPN	
Content:	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. 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: • 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

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Company / organization:	EBRD, related Bulgaria
Ruse Integrated Energy Farm	
Content:	. 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. 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: • 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 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. 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. 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.
Deadline:	9 May 2009 at 00:00, Ruse time
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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 us 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
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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. 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>
Deadline:	13 Feb 2009 at 00:00, Sofia time

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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. 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
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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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