

ENERGY AND WATER SERVICES REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA



# RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

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45<sup>th</sup> ECRB Meeting

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9 June 2020, 10:00-13:00 - web conference



# General information on COVID – 19 situation

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- On 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 kindergartens, schools and universities were closed.
- On 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 State of Emergency for 30 days was declared by the President of the country and was extended several times.
- One week after, a curfew was introduced every workday from 21:00-05:00 and from 16:00-05:00 on Sat and Sun. From 8<sup>th</sup> of April more rigorous curfew was introduced on every working day from 16:00-05:00 and from Fri at 16:00 till Mon at 05:00. For different age categories of citizens the prohibition for mobility was different.
- Currently there is no curfew, except for the national and religious holidays in order to prevent people from gathering.
- All employees with child below the age of 10 or the ones which are suffering from a chronic diseases are at home and released from work until further notice.
- All services providers such as restaurants (except food delivery), cafes, shopping malls (except supermarkets and pharmacies), sport activities centers, etc. were closed and now the opening is in stages.
- Everybody must work under recommendation of the Government concerning social distancing, hygiene issues, etc.

# Organization of the work in ERC

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- Minimum staff in ERC with concrete schedule were in the office until 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2020.
- All meetings with third parties were postponed and the internal meetings were organized with attendance of the minimum employees.
- Working from home (all staff is sufficiently equipped).
- No organization of the meetings with different purposes (appointments, public discussions, debate, preparatory session etc.)
- Public and interested parties are informed from the web site, on the e-mails and on the press releases.
- Organization of tele and video conferences for discussions on the different topics in the process of decision making.
- Travel restriction inside and outside of the country.

# ERC and Government Measures

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## ➤ ERC Measures:

- Recommendation to distribution system operators for electricity and heat and water utility companies not to disconnect the consumers in the period of proclaimed pandemic situation due to the unpaid invoices.
- Recommendation to electricity and heat suppliers not to ask the distribution system operators to disconnect their consumers due to the unpaid electricity invoices.
- Warning to the electricity suppliers not to abuse the situation and increase the electricity prices.

## ➤ Government measures:

- To expand the monthly social allowances eligible for the energy vulnerable consumers to those who were left without jobs (16 Eur/month).
- To apply for the usage of the economic measures established by the Government.

## ➤ Discussions between ERC and Stakeholders:

- Not to calculate interest on the unpaid invoices of the socially vulnerable consumers,
- To allow payment of the unpaid debt in several installments.

# SECONDARY LEGISLATION

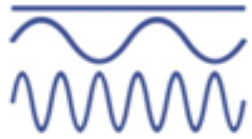
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- From the period of 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2019 - 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2020, ERC approved and adopted:
  - ✓ Plan for development of electricity transmission system for the period 2020-2029, approved by the ERC on 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.
  - ✓ Grid Code for distribution of electricity of JSC ESM, approved by the ERC on 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2020.
  - ✓ Annual report for implementation of the Compliance Program of Electricity TSO (JSC MEPSO), prepared by the Compliance Officer and approved by ERC on 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.
  - ✓ Annual report for implementation of the Compliance Program of Electricity DSO (LL ELEKTRODISTRIBUCIJA), prepared by the Compliance Officer and approved by ERC on 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2020.
  - ✓ Grid Code for distribution of thermal energy of LL DISTRIBUCIJA NA TOPLINA BALKAN ENERGY on 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2020.
  
  - ✓ ERC adopted new Rules for resolving appeals and disputes on 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.
  - ✓ ERC adopted new Rulebook and Methodology for setting highest retail prices for oil derivatives on 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.
  - ✓ ERC adopted Amendments of the Rulebook on licenses on 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.

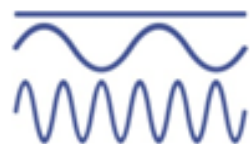
# CURRENTLY WORKING ON

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- Electricity Transmission Grid Code, submitted by Electricity TSO – JSC MEPSO on 25<sup>th</sup> of December 2019, implementing Network Codes.
- Plan for maintenance of the electricity distribution system of LL ELEKTRODISTRIBUCIJA, submitted to ERC on 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2020.
- Plan for maintenance of the electricity distribution system of JSC ESM - ENERGETIKA, submitted to ERC on 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2020.
- Setting the maximum regulated revenues and tariffs for the regulated electricity activities: transmission, organizing electricity market, distribution and universal supply.
- The Electricity Market Operator – LL MEMO, submitted to ERC an Application for issuing status of Organized Market Operator (OMO). On 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 the Government adopted Decree for the operation of the OMO, including the necessary technical, staffing and financial conditions. The Decree is in line with the Recommendation of ECRB on regulatory measures supporting early implementation of DA market-coupling in the CP. According to the Article 90 from the Energy Law, OMO is a company designated or selected by the Government. On 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 ERC submitted a proposal to the Government, along with the positive opinion given by the TSO (JSC MEPSO). The Government, might adopt a decision for designation of MO as OMO, or conduct tendering procedure with public call for selection of OMO. After the decision of the Government, ERC shall issue a license for performing MO setting the rights and obligations of the OMO.
- Setting the water services tariffs for the regulated period 2021-2023.



- Currently ERC has 7 Commissioners and 35 persons employed.
- The Parliament of the Republic of North Macedonia approved the Financial Plan of ERC for 2020. The budget is set at 1.397.731 Euro.
- The Annual Report for 2019 was submitted to the Parliament of the Republic of North Macedonia and published on [www.erc.org.mk](http://www.erc.org.mk) on 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.
- ERC adopted new internal bylaws: Rules on procedure, Ethic Code, Rules on financial operation and accounting, Rules on business secret data, Rules on office and archive operation.



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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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