



SERC – STRUCTURE, FUNCTIONS, AND KEY ACTIVITIES

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SERC is established on 10 of September 1999 by an
Order of the Council of Ministers N 181

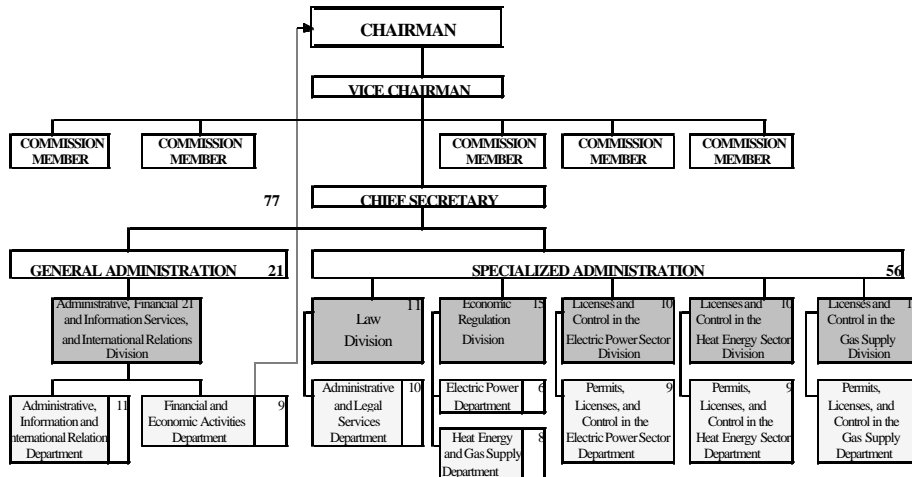
Structure:

- **7 Commissioners, including the chairman and vice-chairman;**
- **78 employees;**
- **6 Division, 5 Specialized Administration Divisions and 1 General Administration Division;**
- **Specialized Administration – 56 persons;**
- **11 jurists;**
- **15 economists;**
- **30 engineers;**
- **General Administration – 21 persons.**

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Authorities of the SERC

Issues, revokes and amends licenses for:

- heat and/or electric power generation
- transmission of heat, electric power and natural gas
- electric power and natural gas distribution
- natural gas distribution
- transit and storage of natural gas.

Issues and revokes permits for construction of new energy facilities.

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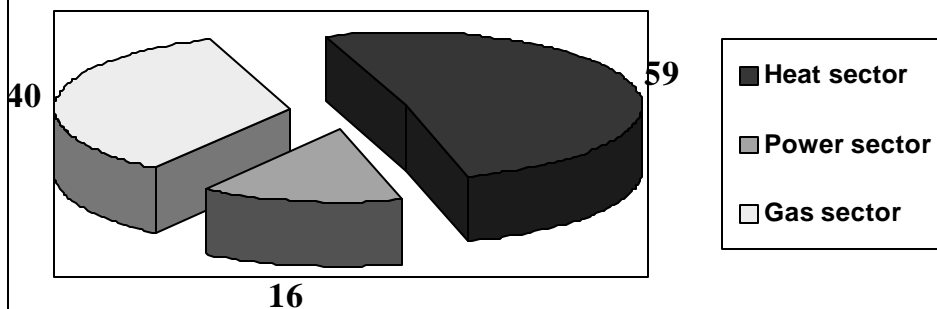
- Oversees compliance with the provisions of permits and licenses granted.
- Approves the energy prices set by the energy companies.
- Prepares the secondary energy legislation.
- Approves the General terms in the contracts for sale of electric power, heat and natural gas, proposed by the energy companies.

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Licenses

Licenses granted by the SERC – total 115



Licenses amended – 10

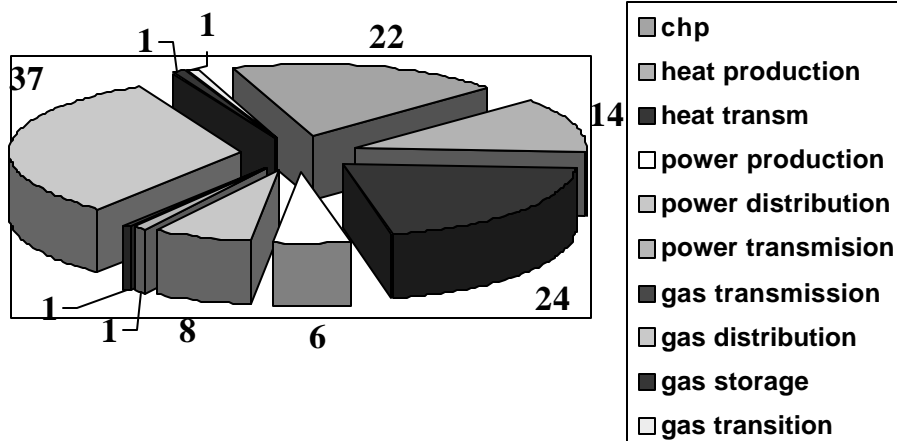
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Decisions for turning down license applications -11

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Licenses granted by the SERC for different activities



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Permits granted by the SERC - 3

- Permit for extension of *Maritsa East 3 TPP* with 64,4 MW, granted to *Maritsa East 3 Power Company* with main shareholders *Enterpy Power Development Corporation* and *NEK*;
- Permit for construction of a new TPP with an overall capacity of 670 MW (± 15 MW) on the site of *Maritsa East 1 plant*, granted to *AES – 3C Maritsa East 1 Ltd.*;
- Permit for construction of a new energy facility – CHP, granted to *Heat, Power, Gas, Ecology – 21 Ltd.*

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International Activities

Main Priorities

The SERC's foreign activities are focused on:

- Strengthening the position of the SERC as an operating regulatory body in the restructuring of the energy sector;
- Preparation for integration with the regional Balkan electricity market and the EU internal energy market.



International Activities

- **Co-operation with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), USA, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)**
- implementation of a Partnership Program between the SERC and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- **Active participation in the Energy Regulators Regional Association of the Central/Eastern European and Newly Independent States region (ERRA) and the Standing Committees**
- **European integration:**
 - a) **Programs: PHARE 2000, SARA 2 etc.;**
 - b) **Working group ¹ 14 Energy Sector – preparation for the EU accession**





International Activities

Funded Projects

- **PHARE 2000 project “Institution Building at the SERC” – expected to start in October 2002**
- **The World Bank’s project Development of Tender Procedures for Selection of Investors for Natural Gas Distribution Networks – launched in July 2002**
- **SERC’s experts’ involvement in the Stability Pact’s project “Southeastern Europe Electrical System Technical Support” (SEETEC) - funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)**
- **SERC’s experts’ involvement in the World Bank’s project Energy Service Quality Regulation**

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