

SERBIA

Electricity and Natural Gas Regulator (along with Petroleum, Oil Derivatives and Production of Heat in CHP plants)

Name	Агенција за енергетику (AERS) Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia
Website	www.aers.org.yu
Latest annual report	N/A
Legal basis	Energy Law http://www.aers.org.yu/FILES/EnergyLaw%20-%20unofficial%20translation.doc Statute of the Energy Agency of the Republic of Serbia
Legally established	June 2005
Operational	July 29 th 2005
Board	
Composition	<i>Council</i> : President and 4 members
Appointment	By National Assembly at the proposal of the Government
Term duration	5 years
Term characteristics	staggered (first term: president 5 y., two members 4 y., other two members 3 y.) and once renewable
Term revocation	Possible by the Parliament of the Republic of Serbia in the following cases: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) incapability to perform his/her duties for more than six months in a row, due to illness or some other reason; 2) non-appealable sentence to imprisonment for a period longer than six months or sentence for the crime of abuse of office, fraud, corruption, theft or any other similar criminal deed making him unworthy of his/her office; 3) if it is established that, in the procedure of proposing candidates for the Council, the candidate gave false data about himself/herself or failed to provide data about circumstances important for determining the proposal for his/her election; 4) if, without good reason, he/she refuses or fails to perform the duty of the President or member of the Council in the period of at least three months in a row or in the course of one year in the period of at least six months with interruptions; 5) if it is established that during his term of office he violated the rules of conflict of interest prescribed by law.
Staff	29 (August 2006)
Structure	<pre> graph TD subgraph COUNCIL President Member1[Member] Member2[Member] Member3[Member] Member4[Member] end COUNCIL --> Tech[Technical Department] COUNCIL --> Econ[Economics and Finance Department] COUNCIL --> Legal[Legal Department] COUNCIL --> Admin[Administrative and General Affairs Department] </pre>
Functions	
Generation / Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • issues electricity generation licences and licenses for production of heat in CHP plants
Import/Export	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • included in trading license issued by the regulator

	Wholesale/Trading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • issues licence for electricity market organisation • issues licences for electricity or gas trading, which also include the right to supply eligible customers and to carry out import/export activities • approves the Electricity Market Code
	Transmission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • issues licences for electricity transmission, electricity transmission system operation, gas transportation, gas transportation system operation, storage of gas, gas storage operation, pipeline transport of petroleum, and pipeline transport of oil derivatives. • approves grid codes (for electricity and gas) and the operation code for natural gas storage systems. • passes tariff systems for access to and use of the electricity transmission network, gas transportation network and gas storage facilities. • determines methodologies for connection cost calculation
	Balancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approves balancing rules via the approval of the grid codes and Electricity Market Code • passes tariff systems for the determination of tariffs rates for ancillary services
	Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • issues licences for electricity distribution, natural gas distribution, electricity distribution system operation, natural gas distribution system operation • passes tariff systems for access to and use of electricity and gas distribution networks • determines methodologies for connection cost calculation
	Supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • issues licences for retail supply of tariff customers, issues one license (for the territory of the Republic of Serbia) for (wholesale) trade for the supply of tariff customers • sets eligibility thresholds and keeps the register of eligible customers • passes tariff systems for electricity and natural gas delivered to tariff customers • sets methodologies for the calculation of tariff elements in regulated prices of electricity and gas for tariff customers.
	Cross-sectorial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Monitoring powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implementation of methodologies and tariff systems • licence compliance • unbundling of accounts • customer protection
	Settlement powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • decides upon appeals on network (or storage) access refusal and connection refusal (both types of appeals are appeals of customers against decisions of the respective licensees)
	Enforcement powers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suspends and revokes licences
	Financing	License and other regulatory fees, as well as part of access to and use of system tariffs (also donations are possible, except donations by energy entities and entities related to them). Approval of Financial Plan by the National Assembly (the Regulator is independent in terms of the proposal of the Financial Plan, both in size and allocation of funds).
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