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PRESS RELEASE

Certification of Transmission System Operator (TSO-KOSTT)

Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) was notified by the Energy Community Secretariat (EC) that it supports ERO's Decision on Certification of Transmission System Operator (TSO-KOSTT).

The Opinion of the Secretariat was provided as a response to the Preliminary Decision of ERO Board, issued on 24 September 2018, upon which the Board decided to certify KOSTT as an independent Operator for electricity transmission.

Certification of TSO-KOSTT is a process through which ERO confirms that there is a sufficient division of control over TSO on one side and production and/or supply on the other side and that the energy enterprise is in compliance with unbundling provisions, set in Chapters IV and V of the Directive 2009/72/EC1. These chapters were transposed in Kosovo's legislation, through Article 11 of Law on Electricity.

This process is required in order to verify that TSO, in a free market, carries out its functions independently from any other business in the energy sector and consequently provides free and non-discriminatory access to the Transmission network for all market operators in the country.

Following the provision of support through the Opinion from Energy Community Secretariat, ERO Board, in its next session, will issue a final decision on Certification of TSO-KOSTT.

Through this process, ERO is fulfilling one of the most challenging obligations deriving from Energy Community Treaty as well as verifying the full functioning of KOSTT, in line with EU Directives on Energy, within the territory of the Republic of Kosovo.