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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **First Session of the Board of Energy Regulatory Office in 2020**

Today, on 12 February 2020, the Board of Energy Regulatory Office held its first Session for this year. In this session, the Board reviewed several requests for extension of validity term of the Preliminary and Final Authorizations of companies that are in the process of obtaining Authorizations for construction of new capacities from Renewable Energy Sources (RES).

Initially, the Board reviewed the requests of "HYDRO - LINE" LLC for extension of validity term of the Final Authorizations for the projects "HPP Albaniku I" and "HPP Albaniku IV" with capacities of 1.86 MW and 1.119 MW which will be constructed in the Municipality of Mitrovica. Following the review, the Board decided that, based on the Rule on Authorization Procedure for construction of New Generation Capacities from Renewable Energy Sources, to approve the request and to allow the extension of the term of Final Authorizations for an additional period of twelve (12) months.

In addition to this, the Board also approved the request of "2 KORRIKU" LLC for extension of validity term of the FINAL Authorization for an additional period of one (1) year in order to enable the construction of generating capacities for generation of electricity from the hydro power plant HPP Saponica, with an installed capacity of 1.3 MW in the Municipality of Kacanik.

Part of review in this Session were also the requests of "MATKOS GROUP" LLC for extension of validity term of the Final Authorizations for construction of "HPP Sharri" and "HPP Shtërpce" with a capacity of 6.453 MW and 5.031 MW. These hydro power plants are expected to be constructed in the Municipality of Shtërpce. Following the review of the submitted evidence, the Board decided to extend the term of these Final Authorizations for another period of twelve (12) months.

The Board also approved the request of "DINO ENERGY" LLC for extending the term of Preliminary Authorization in order to complete the Application for obtaining the Final Authorization for developing the project for construction of new generation capacities for electricity generation from hydro power plant HPP Lepenci 2, with an installed capacity of 3.3 MW, in Municipality of Kacanik. The term of Preliminary Authorization for this project has been extended for an additional period of six (6) months, namely until 20 June 2020.

During this session, the Board also approved the Distribution System Operator (DSO) Compliance Program. The main purpose of the Compliance Program is that during the provision of services to ensure that the DSO's employees and management comply with the principles of objectivity, transparency and non-discrimination while providing equitable and transparent access to the electricity market participants.

The Board also reviewed a number of customer complaints as well as other issues related to regulation of the sector and management of the Energy Regulatory Office.

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