

The Joint Concessions Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) should adopt a decision regarding the construction of hydropower plant Buk Bijela by early May.

Last July, the Constitutional Court, deciding on a petition signed by 24 members of the BiH Parliament's House of Representatives to resolve a dispute between BiH and RS over the HPP project, which will be developed in cooperation with neighboring Serbia, issued a partial decision on admissibility. The Commission was instructed, in its capacity as a joint concessions commission, to resolve any disputes arising in connection with the award of concessions no later than three months from the date of delivery of this decision.

Unofficially, the position of the Republic of Srpska on this issue is quite clear - no one can forbid RS to build a hydropower plant on its territory, and members of the RS Commission will represent such position in talks with the Joint Commission.

The foundation stone for the HPP Buk Bijela project has been laid in May 2021.