

TPP Maritsa East 3, operated by US company ContourGlobal, said that coal consumption increased by 17 % in 2019, all of which has been supplied from the nearby Maritsa mining basin. Company also said that it has produced 4.547 million MWh of electricity in 2019, which is 19 % increase compared to the previous year, covering some 11 % of domestic consumption.

ContourGlobal Maritza East 3 owns and operates the first lignite coal-fired thermal power plant in southeastern Europe, which operates in full compliance with the highest European standards for occupational safety and environmental protection. The 908 MW plant generates 10 % of the electricity in Bulgaria, using local energy sources and thus contributes to guaranteeing the energy security and independence of the country. The shareholders are ContourGlobal with 73 % stake and the National Electricity Company (NEK) with 27 % stake.