

Bulgarian state-owned coal-fired thermal power plant Maritsa East 2 has launched a tender for upgrading flue gas desulfurization system at its units 1 and 4, worth around 2.2 million euros.

According to tender documentation, the upgraded system should have a recovery rate of at least 97 %. The deadline for submitting expressions of interest is 26 November, after which selected candidates will be invited to submit binding offers as of December 16.

TPP Maritsa East 2 recorded a net loss of 74.1 million euros in the first half of 2019, compared to 63.6 million euros loss in the same period last year. The company's operating revenues increased by 23.15 % in the first six months of the year to 181.2 million euros. Operating expenses increased to 241.5 million euros in January-June period from last year's 201.5 million euros, due to a rise in expenses for emission allowances, which increased to 98.2 million euros, compared to 59 million euros in the first half of 2018. TPP Maritsa East 2 is the largest thermal power plant in Bulgaria with total power output of 1,450 MW in eight units. First units were commissioned during the period 1963-1969, while 215 MW units 7 and 8 were commissioned in 1990-1995.