

Exports of electricity from Bulgaria increased about 16 times to neighboring countries Serbia, Macedonia, Greece, Turkey and Romania in late September compared to early June, data of the Electricity System Operator (ESO) shows.

The reasons for the significant growth in the export of electricity are complex, experts commented. On the one hand, the energy consumption in Bulgaria's neighboring countries increased. But on the other hand, the reduction of the export tax of local electricity, proposed by the Oresharski cabinet, also had a significant contribution.

As a result of higher exports the installed capacities of the Bulgarian facilities are better utilised, which increases revenues of the individual energy companies and the state budget alike, while it also maintains jobs.

Between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on June 3, for example, the flow of current was of 75 MW from Bulgaria to Greece, while to Turkey - about 319 megawatts. At the same time, Bulgaria imported 105 MW from Serbia and nearly 188 MW from Romania. Most of the latter two was not consumed in Bulgaria but was rather transmitted to users in Greece and Turkey. If the transmission is removed from the total, it turns out that exports from Bulgaria amounted to only 100 MW for that 1 hour.

In comparison, Bulgaria exported a total of almost 1,620 MWh between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on October 1. Serbia received over 441 MWh from Bulgaria, while the electricity export to Macedonia amounted to 536 MWh in that given hour. The flow to Greece was 391 MWh and to Turkey it amounted to about 452 MWh. At the same time, around 201 MWh entered Bulgaria from Romania.

Compared to last year, the export of electricity has also significantly increased. In the same time interval of 28 September 2012 (the last business day of the month), exports from our country to Serbia, Macedonia, Greece and Turkey amounted to nearly 1560 MWh. After the removal of the import from Romania, the net energy exports of Bulgaria were nearly 1,194 MWh. This, however, is about 33% less than exports on September 30 in 2013.

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