

Serbia: EPS Power utility company, The loss of electricity theft 80 million euros

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Only on electricity theft Electric Power Industry of Serbia (EPS) is losing about 80 million euros.

From the EPS says that they require necessary investments in order to minimize the total losses of electricity, which annually amount to about 4.5 billion kilowatt-hours, or 15 percent of the total supplied electricity.

A quarter of the total lost 4.5 billion kilowatt-hours, or 1.2 billion kilowatt-hours, are so-called non-technical losses and theft and unauthorized connection to the network, and the rest are technical losses, they points out in EPS.

"The electricity is the most commonly theft by damaging of meters, placing magnets, illegal connection," it is said in the EPS, and added that during 2013 they discovered 10,000 power thieves.

Measures to prevent theft of electricity are displacement of meters' places, placing control meters, and tightening of penal policy.

Technical losses are reduced by investments in the distribution grid and metering infrastructure, but non-technical, as they say in EPS, primarily by detecting unauthorized using of electricity, theft and the unauthorized connection of facilities to the distribution grid.

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