

Gazprom Energoholding announced that it has successfully completed the synchronization of two gas turbines at combined heat and power (CHP) plant in Pancevo, while the commissioning of the steam turbine is planned in January 2022.

The statement from the company said that the synchronization of the generators of the gas turbines is one of the phases of the commissioning of CHPP Pancevo, which enables moving on to the next phase, which entails activities on the preparation for putting the steam turbine into operation.

In 2015, Serbian oil company NIS, majority owned by Russian GazpromNeft, has signed an agreement with Gazprom Energoholding, a part of Gazprom Group, on the establishment of joint company for the construction of thermal power plant near Pancevo. In October 2017, NIS signed an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract on a turnkey basis worth 180 million euros with Shanghai Electric Group. It was initially expected that the construction of CHPP Pancevo will start in the second half of 2018 and be commissioned by the end of 2019.

The construction of CHPP Pancevo has officially started in March 2019. 200 MW power plant will be built within NIS' oil refinery complex in Pancevo, the project will cost 180 million euros and it is expected to be completed in mid-2020 and fully operational by the end of the year. However, the deadline was later moved to 2021. It should contribute to an increase in the stability of supply of electricity, thanks to directing up to 65 % of the power produced to the energy system of Serbia, while also covering the needs of Pancevo refinery for electricity and steam.