

Two units of coal-fired thermal power plant Nikola Tesla B (TENT B), operated by Serbian state-owned power utility EPS, are temporarily out of operation, following two minor incidents.

Namely, on Sunday, 26 December, unit B1 was shut down due to a fire incident, while a day after, unit B2 was also taken offline after the explosion at the coal pulverizer.

The capacity of each unit is 620 MW, but EPS said that there are no disruptions in electricity supply and the missing electricity from the thermal blocks will be substituted by increased production at hydropower plants. EPS also said that it expects that both units will be reconnected to the network by the end of Tuesday, 28 December.

In mid-December all six units of TPP Nikola Tesla (TENT A) and two units of TENT B were shut down for several days due to the issues with coal supply. Namely, low quality coal, mixed with mud due to the season's first snowfall, caused the forced shutdown of the units. In the following days EPS was forced to import about a quarter of the national consumption at extremely high prices.