Energy Community offers assistance to oppressed shareholders of ERS

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TREBINJE – Energy Community Secretariat has offered assistance to minority shareholders of Elektroprivreda Republike Srpske, who believe to have suffered damage as big as tens of million marks during the process of separation of distribution and supply units.

Director of this international organization's Secretariat, Janez Kopac, says for the portal CAPITAL that it is possible to initiate investigation and misdemeanor proceedings with this organization.

"In case when small shareholders feel they have been deceived or damaged, and they can provide arguments for that, they can always approach us", says Kopac, reminding that separation of distribution and supply is an obligation towards Energy Community.

As a reminder, Tripko Krgović, a member of the Council of Association of the Republic of Srpska Energy Sector Minority Shareholders (UMEAS), has recently announced a suit against ERS due to 30-million-BAM-worth damage.

According to the calculation of this association, the total damage for all shareholders of distribution companies ranges between 100 and 150 million, which means from 20 to 30 million BAM for minority shareholders in proportion to their share.

Ministry of Energy and Mining of the Republic of Srpska, Petar Djokic, claims that any change causes certain disorders, which will also be the case in this process.

"I hope this will not be a long-turn disorder. I am assured that once we have adopted the Law on Electrical Power, this sector will be far-better defined and small shareholders will be able to protect their interests, while the entire sector will bring a much better profit than", says Djokic when answering the question raised by a CAPITAL journalist, during a break at the Energy Summit in Trebinje.

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