

HEDNO's Management meets Rhodes local bodies to discuss energy matters

Representatives of HEDNO's Management met yesterday, during a visit to Rhodes, with the Regional Governor of South Aegean, Mr. G. Hatjimarkos, the Mayor of Rhodes, Mr. F. Hatzidiakos, the Regional Vice-Governor, Mr. G. Flevaris, and the Vice-Mayor for Development, Mr. G. Pokkias.

The purpose of the meeting between HEDNO's Management, specifically its Chairman and CEO, Mr. N. Hatziargyriou, the Vice Chairman, Mr. I. Margaris, the General Manager of Network Development and Operation, Mr. I. Menegatos, and other high-ranking executives with local bodies was to inform them about Rhodes energy matters.

Specifically, HEDNO's Management presented the conclusions of the special experts' committee on the power cuts of March.

As underlined by the Company's Chairman and CEO, these phenomena are attributed to technical matters and the rare conditions prevailing at that specific time period, in combination with low loads.

As he said, HEDNO is in the process of studying the above conclusions and will take all necessary measures, in cooperation with PPC/Generation services, to prevent the reoccurrence of the phenomenon, and also reassured them that there is no risk for power cuts due to the same causes during the tourist period.

Furthermore, the critical issue of strengthening the island's Distribution Network and the secure power supply of the city of Rhodes were discussed in detail in the framework of the scheduled construction of a new Distribution Center in the city.

Mr. Hatziargyriou stressed the pressing need to set up a new Distribution Center, stating characteristically that, unless it is built, a possible fault at the Network can lead to an extended power cut in the city.

"Not only will the new Distribution Center ensure the city's smooth power supply, but the necessary infrastructures for the new development works to be carried out on the island will also be established" he added.

"With regard to the new Distribution Center, the Municipality and the local bodies have proposed alternative areas to HEDNO, apart from Aghios Nikolaos, which have been technically examined in detail, both in the past and currently.



However, the area of Aghios Nikolaos is the most appropriate one, presenting a number of advantages, mainly from an environmental point of view, but also with a view to minimizing the residents' and visitors' disturbance resulting from the construction of the new projects.

The Chairman and CEO Mr. Hatziargyriou stated: HEDNO has all court decisions for the prompt construction of the Distribution Center in the specific area. Still, in the context of ensuring the sound cooperation with the Local Authorities and Bodies and in order to maintain a relationship of respect and consensus with the local community, it intends to present shortly to the representatives of all competent Local Authorities and Bodies the detailed studies and measurements performed in cooperation with independent national research organizations, such as Democritus, in order to prove that there is absolutely no need for concern about harmful impacts on the residents and the environment, impacts that would result from the new Distribution Center in the Aghios Nikolaos area”.

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