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I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Develop the Central/Eastern European and Eurasian regions' energy regulatory authorities and their networking opportunities; strengthen the regulators and their efforts to establish a stable, efficient, and competitive energy industry.

II. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Task 1. Regulatory Capacity & Association Institutional Development

1.A. Training/Capacity Development

NARUC provided partial support for the pilot of ERRA's online Renewable Energy Regulation training (held October – December 2010) modeled after ERRA's classroom training course that focused on various aspects of environmental regulation including cost-efficiency of major environmental policy instruments, analytical and regulatory tools related to renewable energy issues, and the operation of emission markets and the European carbon-dioxide market. The course was facilitated by the academic staff of the Regional Center for Energy Policy Research (REKK).

http://www.erranet.org/Training/E_Learning_Courses/Renewable

A NARUC member served as an instructor for two sessions at the ERRA summer school course, July 11-15, 2011, in Budapest, Hungary. The 5-day training course combined "classic" regulation under the traditional vertically integrated industry structure with up-to-date issues of regulation in developing a competitive industry environment.

<http://www.erranet.org/Training/SummerSchool/2011>

1.B. Association Development

ERRA Committee Meetings, Working Group Meetings, Conferences, Workshops

NARUC members wrote an annex on US practices for the ERRA Licensing Committee's Issue Paper on Regulatory Aspects of Smart Metering (published in January 2011), providing insight into the key aspects of smart metering, taking a closer look at the fundamental

characteristics of smart metering, the potential benefits and barriers of its implementation and the role of regulation for a successful smart metering deployment.

http://www.erranet.org/Library/ERRA_Issue_Papers

NARUC's President David Coen participated in the ERRA Chairmen's Session and the ERE/Albania 10th Anniversary and Investment Workshop on Oct. 7-8, 2010 in Tirana, Albania. Commissioner Coen, Vermont, presented on energy efficiency, smart metering, and lead a roundtable discussion on investor and consumer interests.

http://www.erranet.org/Events/ERRA/2010/Chairmen_Tirana

Three U.S. commission staff members participated as expert speakers in the Joint Tariff/Pricing and Licensing/Competition Committee Meetings (Feb. 14-15, 2011, Istanbul, Turkey).

http://www.erranet.org/Events/ERRA/2011/Licensing_Tbilisi_February

Five U.S. commissioners, including two members of leadership, participated in ERRA's 10th Investment and Energy Regulation Conference and Annual Meetings, May 16-19, 2011, St. Petersburg, Russia. The commissioners shared best US regulatory practices with other participants. The U.S. commissioners served as moderators, panelists and speakers throughout the four-day meeting and shared their views about US regulatory

issues, regulatory goals for the ERRA region, a look to future issues, including market integration.

<http://www.erranet.org/InvestmentConferences/2011>

A NARUC member participated in the ERRA Tariff Committee Meeting that was held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Sep 22-23, 2011. NARUC also supported the participation of consultant Peter Kaderjak, Regional Center for Energy Policy Research, Hungary, who was hired by NARUC to prepare an issue paper on renewables in the ERRA region as a joint ERRA-NARUC project.

http://www.erranet.org/Events/ERRA/2011/Tariff_Baku_September

Task 2. Regulatory Reporting, Monitoring & Transparency

Select issues related to regulatory reporting, monitoring and transparency were addressed through bilateral partnerships (task 4).

Task 3. Regional Regulatory Cooperation

3.A.The Black Sea – OMS Regional Regulatory Initiative

<http://www.naruc.org/International/program.cfm?page=27>

Major Accomplishments

- Advancing dialogue on renewable energy development and cross-border trade through a first multi-stakeholder regional workshop focused on the enabling regulatory environment, various legislative drivers and technological aspects of RES integration
- Raised the value of a coordinated multi-state regulatory dialogue through the involvement of the Organization of MISO States (OMS) in the areas of regional transmission planning, resource optimization and complementarity, and cost allocation in transmission upgrades.
- The six Black Sea regulators provided significant input to Dr. Kaderjak from the Regional Center for Energy Policy Research (REKK) who was hired as a consultant to prepare several working drafts of the 'Principles of Regulation to Promote the Development of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) in the Black Sea region'. The Principles are intended to support the work of energy regulatory authorities, national governments, various state agencies and other institutions with significant authorities over the renewable energy sector.

Summary of Activities

NARUC implemented the first regional study tour for the Black Sea regulators (Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Turkey; Azerbaijan did not participate) and the Organization of MISO States (OMS), in Carmel, IN, October 18-22, 2010. The complex set of meetings featured regional partnership development discussions and national status reports on the transmission planning and infrastructure development as well as participation in the Midwest ISO/OMS stakeholder process to gain more understanding about the regional consensus-building on issues related to Midwest ISO market operations, transmission cost allocation and the system reliability. Wind integration and related transmission planning were also discussed among regulators and the MISO planners to gain perspectives on similar functions the Black Sea regulators are starting to employ with unprecedented development of the wind resources in their countries. The Black Sea partners had a chance to observe the MISO Stakeholder process through the work of its advisory and market committees. Additionally, the MISO Independent Market Monitor, Potomac Economics, presented its state of the market report for the third quarter, focusing on reliability, load and market seam issues.

On March 8-9, 2011, NARUC co-organized, jointly with the U.S. Energy Association (USEA), the “Transmission System Operator – Utility Regulator Workshop on Integration and Cross Border Trade of Renewable Energy Resources in Regional Transmission Networks,” in Istanbul. Separately, NARUC also held its Black Sea Regulatory Initiative meetings with regulators from Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Turkey, and Georgia, as well as their counterparts from the Organization of MISO States. The Black Sea partners presented national status reports on the integration of renewable energy resources and potential for the development of market and cross-border arrangements. Mr. Nenad Stefanovic, representing the Energy Community (ECSEE) process, provided perspectives on the regulatory issues of the renewable energy sources in the select ECSEE member states (Ukraine, Moldova), as well prospective issues for consideration in coordinated electricity exchanges, similar to the Southeast Europe model. Dr. Peter Kaderjak of the Regional Energy Policy Research (REKK) served as a consultant, drawing on initial information to develop a process for establishing guidelines encouraging regional/sub-regional mechanisms in electricity exchanges and RES in the Black Sea region. NARUC’s Black Sea project meetings in Istanbul featured 18 regulators from six Black Sea countries, Organization of MISO States (represented by regulators from Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota) and the Energy Community. The joint workshop featured approximately 90 participants, including transmission system operators, European and Black Sea regulators, international financial institutions, project developers and electricity traders.

On May 20, 2011, in St. Petersburg, NARUC convened a one-day project meeting with partners from Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, and Turkey, as well as the Organization of MISO States’ counterparts. The Black Sea-OMS regulatory group held formative discussions on drafting internal RES-E Regulatory Guidelines to facilitate the process of converging and integrating regulatory practices on renewable resources in the national electricity networks.

Following the St. Petersburg workshop, the Black Sea and OMS partners agreed to meet in the fall 2011 to review the RES-E Regulatory Guidelines, renamed as RES-E Regulatory Principles, to facilitate the process of converging and integrating regulatory practices on renewable resources in the national electricity networks. The Principles will discuss coordinated regulatory action in several areas, incorporating the policy formation and regulation, tariff development, certification process, grid access and integration, licensing, promoting cross-border resource utilization, and monitoring of markets. NARUC will engage Dr. Peter Kaderjak to guide the drafting and review process. The Guidelines will prospectively serve to demonstrate the potential for more integrated approaches to renewable energy development in the individual countries’ national frameworks and cross-border arrangements, and also serve as a valuable internal resource for regulators to coordinate their national strategies with high-level policymakers and other stakeholders.

Constraints Encountered

Regulators from Georgia (GNERC) were unable participate in the St. Petersburg May 2011 meeting but were engaged in the on-site consultative process for drafting of the Guidelines.

Task 4. Promotion of Energy Security

4.A. Regulatory Partnerships

i. Georgia-Kentucky

<http://www.naruc.org/International/program.cfm?page=28>

Major Accomplishments

The Georgian Energy and Water Regulatory Commission (GNERC) has used the Kentucky PSC experience to

- Adopt an Amendment to the Law on Electricity and Natural Gas effectively granting GNERC an authority to initiate rate reviews
- Elaborate on the following new rules/methodologies:
 - Network access for new customers
 - Expanded definitions of electricity losses in the transmission and distribution networks
- Conduct on-site verification of licensees' assets (based on Kentucky practice)
- Elaborate a new tariff methodology, cost allocation and identification of several market performance indicators
- Review disputes between utilities and customers with additional data and information

Summary of Activities

The Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC) and Kentucky Public Service Commission (KPSC) met in Kutaisi, Georgia, Sept. 27-Oct. 1, 2010, focusing their discussions on tariffs, legal foundations of regulation, monitoring, and external relations. After learning of the practice from the Kentucky Commission, the Georgian agency started accounting for real estate owned by utilities in the regulated asset base.

The third partnership exchange between GNERC and KPSC took place on March 21-25, 2011. The Georgian delegation was represented by Commissioner Sergi Meskhi, Giorgi Pangani (Head of Methodology Department), Zakharia Meskhishvili (Head of Division, Natural Gas Licensing Department) and Levani Gendzekhadze (Leading Specialist of Tariff Department). As part of the partnership program, NARUC organized two days of meetings in D.C. with Washington Gas, DC Public Service Commission, FERC and USAID/NARUC. Discussions with the Kentucky PSC colleagues focused mainly on natural gas issues. The Georgians were interested in the U.S. experience in calculating technical losses; methodology, operating regimes and rates for underground storage facilities; reporting issues, dispute resolution and service quality issues. They had an informative site visit to DeltaGas storage facility. Partners agreed to pursue water issues at their next meeting.

The Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC) and five staff members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (KPSC) met in Batumi, Georgia, on August 15-19, 2011. The fourth partnership exchange was developed from the GNERC ToR and focused on rate regulation, regulation of power distribution, consumer protection, public information, water system standards and development, and other timely issues. Partners also visited a hydro power plant "Ac-Hesi", and water reservoirs and water pumping station in Batumi.

One GNERC staff person participated in the ERRA training on Principles of Natural Gas Regulation, January 31 - February 3, 2011 in Budapest. NARUC also supported the

participation of one GNERC staff to ERRA Summer School in Budapest, July 11-15, 2011.

Constraints Encountered

None.

ii. Kosovo Energy Regulatory Partnership Program

<http://www.naruc.org/International/program.cfm?page=19>

Major Accomplishments

As a result of regulatory capacities assessments conducted in Prishtina, the Energy Regulatory Office (ERO) of Kosovo has been able to

- Review current consumer protections and dispute resolution process to consider improvements in its complaints handling procedures, separating more elaborate formal cases from informal routine inquiries
- Analyze in detail a NARUC utility rate manual which has allowed the ERO to include hitherto missing elements in its rate review process, including initial cost of service studies to better allocate costs to consumer categories
- US regulatory experts reinforced notions of market monitoring and supply issues for privatized enterprises

Summary of Activities

In late 2010, NARUC reviewed the partnership work plan and engaged the Energy Regulatory Office of Kosovo (ERO), and USAID Prishtina and Washington on outlining specific activities and regulatory priorities based on ERO's interests as follows: legal/licensing (RES support schemes, licensing and certification process); energy supply and market monitoring (market opening with long-term PPAs, regulated/unregulated consumers); rate-setting and tariffs for the distribution sector (cost allocation, losses, Capex/Opex, bad debts, investment program spending); consumer protections (rules and procedures for licensee disputes); and natural gas regulatory framework development. NARUC and ERO agreed to construct the next set of partnership meetings in the form of regulatory assessments to focus on direct application of exchanged information and a review of current projects at ERO.

On May 23-26, 2011, in Prishtina, NARUC implemented a series of parallel regulatory capacities assessments (RCAs), engaging four senior NARUC experts (NY, NJ, WY, and Organization of MISO States), to share their approaches to licensing process for new generation, market design, price regulations, consumer protections, and natural gas regulatory framework. The purpose of the assessments was to have greater in-depth discussions between the US and Kosovo energy regulators and focus on enhancing ERO's regulatory performance, strengthening its core technical capacities, reviewing/ revising regulations to adopt new secondary legislation, and resolving practical regulatory issues in ERO's day-to-day operations. The individual topical groups worked separately for three days, after which they reviewed their issues in a last-day plenary session and identified how specific information may facilitate desirable collective changes in ERO's departments and operations. The assessments culminated in NARUC's lead expert findings and recommendations presented to ERO to consider changes to procedures, rules and decisions, as Kosovo prepares for privatizations of its generation and distribution assets.

NARUC started program and travel preparations for the five-member ERO delegation, led by Chairman Ali Hamiti, to travel on a regulatory study tour to Pennsylvania and New York in October 2011, to discuss market issues, service quality, private participation in

the energy sector, and regulatory-utility-consumer interface. Pennsylvania will also host an ERO Consumer Protections Department staff for a weeklong internship to continue learning about consumer programs and outreach, and discuss in detail formal and informal complaint processes for application at ERO. This will be the second in a series of internships constructed around the consumer protection issues.

Constraints Encountered

NARUC was unable to implement a multi-stakeholder workshop in Prishtina on the privatization process in Kosovo's energy sector per its program work plan due to delays in the government selection process for the transaction advisors

iii. Moldova-Missouri

<http://www.naruc.org/International/program.cfm?page=24>

Major Accomplishments

- Adoption of the Regulation on Transparency which has resulted in the decisions of the ANRE Administrative Council being discussed through several rounds of public consultations.
- ANRE's Public hearings have been broadcast live with the most recent hearing drawing in approx. 4500 people (a significant number for Moldova).
- Rate calculations done by ANRE staff are now made public on ANRE's website prior a public hearing.
- ANRE's internal structure was modified significantly. New departments were established and the existing ones were modified:
 - The former Audit department was made a subdivision of the Tariff department. This will ensure a more transparent rate-making process and a deeper analysis of financial information provided by utilities. The new tariff department has some similar functions to the Missouri PSC's Utility Service division, which provides expertise in utility accounting, auditing, finance and procurement.
 - The investment analysis became one of the core functions of another department.
 - A new department of energy policy and strategy was created.
 - A stronger emphasis was placed on ANRE's public relations resulting in new PR staff
- The tariff differentiation experience of Missouri PSC was taken into consideration during the most recent rate review when tariffs were approved based on voltage level for the very first time.
- Institutionalization by ANRE of an electronic filing system (EFIS) with implementation to be discussed in subsequent meetings. The new system will ensure a more efficient flow for the new work processes and changes in internal procedures.
- ANRE, together with the Ministry of Economy, developed an amendment to the Renewable energy law. A net-metering mechanism is still under consideration. the net-metering scheme was developed following the MPSC Net-metering rule (4 CSR 240-20.065)
- ANRE developed a system to address consumer complaints by telephone. This practice was not common before. The majority of complaints are now addressed before they reach the formal resolution stage.

Summary of Activities

ANRE and the Missouri PSC held their third partnership activity in Chisinau, Moldova, on April 11-15, 2011. Specific objectives for this activity were to contribute to the

development of ANRE's information flow capacity, addressing and applying service quality and monitoring benchmarks, consumer education outreach, and compensation schemes for service interruptions. The Missouri Commission shared their electronic document management system code with ANRE as an in-kind contribution. The software code, written by Missouri IT Staff, allows the electronic flow of documents through the agency by way of the MPSC "Information Data System". The software code also provides the internet user friendly interface screens that end users see when they are accessing the system. The total cost of the EFIS program (software, implementation, training etc) is 2.4 million USD. Commissioner Clayton offered continued assistance with the software implementation under the partnership auspices.

NARUC supported the participation of two ANRE directors to the PURC training in Gainesville, June 13-24, and also the Leadership training on June 25; one ANRE staff in the ERRA Summer School and ERRA Monitoring training in Budapest, July 11-21, 2011; and one ANRE staff for participation in Camp NARUC training in East Lansing, MI, August 1-12, 2011.

ANRE sent two interns to the Missouri Commission for three weeks, September 6-21, 2011. The internship was followed by a two-day program in Washington, DC with the DC PSC and NARUC/USAID. The interns focused their work on customer protection, service quality, and also the EFIS (Electronic Filing and Information System) implementation issues.

Constraints Encountered

None.

iv. Serbia-Pennsylvania

<http://www.naruc.org/International/program.cfm?page=11>

Major Accomplishments

The Serbian regulator has directly attributed several of its drafted or adopted regulatory measures, methodologies and results to collaborative discussions with the Pennsylvania partners:

- AERS adopted several proposals and amendments to pricing regulations for electricity and natural gas, including:
 - Duration of the regulatory period will be lengthened from one year to three years, with an annual correction and adjustments, similar to the Pennsylvania PUC practice.
 - The tariff methodology for distribution companies has been changed using the block tariffs suggested by the Pennsylvania partners in order to stimulate natural gas consumption.
 - The tariff methodology for the transmission system features some additional services, also offered to Pennsylvania's consumers, namely:
 - Interruptible transmission service will have price which reflects probability of interruption. It would define the transmission charge discount for a defined number of interruption days and additional discount for every subsequent day of interrupted service.
 - Short term service will stimulate better system usage.
 - Monthly charges have been adopted as a solution for use of system in the summer months.
 - The tariff system will additionally allow daily capacity booking.
 - The tariff methodology for captive consumers will be reviewed to allow a change in natural gas prices on a quarterly basis, following an annual

regulator's approval with a corresponding analysis of costs. This concept, with slight adjustments, mirrors the Pennsylvania PUC's practice of utilizing a purchased gas cost rate mechanism, and is deemed an optimum solution for Serbia.

- Asset base valuation and depreciation have been a major concern to the Serbian agency due to the fact that they have no role in this process despite it being a key driver in any rate of return determination, especially since fluctuations in the valuation can adversely affect investment. AERS is currently trying to gain more influence on this issue with the government agencies and other stakeholders to ensure that this function is optimized and allows the regulator to bring more stability to the energy markets.
- In the regulatory treatment of losses, as recommended by the Pennsylvania partners, the AERS has adopted a plan of gradual reduction by setting annual non-technical losses targets, removing incentives for companies to retain additional revenue. The allocation of losses as a variable cost across voltage levels was further improved.
- Rate of return: the previously applied single maximum rate of 7.5% for distribution companies has been adjusted to fit within a range, commonly used by U.S. regulatory commissions, in order to take into account the construction and financial demands, effectively rewarding a company with a higher investment activity. Additionally, the AERS now applies two methods – the discounted cash-flow and the capital asset pricing model – in order to check and verify the accuracy of a single approach used in the past.
- Development of the Energy Market Code, Transmission Grid Code, and Distribution Grid Code
- Improved and systematized quality of supply indicators for electricity
- Significant changes to transparency and adequacy of information submitted by regulated utilities

Summary of Activities

Two AERS staff participated in the NARUC Utility Rate School, November 1-5, 2010 in Clearwater, FL.

The sixth partnership exchange between the AERS and PA PUC took place in Harrisburg, PA, on October 25-29, 2010. The partners discussed service quality monitoring and regulation through specific issues, namely reliability data registration and indices, EDC inspection and maintenance standards, performance standards and benchmarking, financial incentives, and emergency procedures. The delegation had a site visit to Metropolitan Edison Company of the FirstEnergy Corporation where Reliability Standards & Reliability Performance, Reliability Improvement Initiatives, FirstEnergy Storm Restoration Process, York Smart Grid Project were addressed. Also, basics on smart grid, smart metering implementation, system technologies, actors and their responsibilities in smart metering, demand-side management and demand response issues were discussed. Representatives from utility companies PPL and PECO shared their experience on EDC activities in smart grid/metering deployment. In addition, the AERS team visited the PA PUC Bureau of consumer services and the call center.

The final/close-out (seventh) partnership activity took place in Belgrade, on May 4-6, 2011. The activity focused on natural gas quality of supply issues. Partners also evaluated the established regulatory synergies between both agencies, transfer of experience and benefits of the NARUC partnership program on the Serbian agency.

NARUC staff is in the process of preparing a final partnership program report.

Constraints Encountered

None.

v. Armenia-Iowa

<http://www.naruc.org/International/program.cfm?page=29>

Major Accomplishments

- The PSRC has increased their oversight of utilities' financial and technical conditions, and investments.
- Methods of rate calculation have been updated.
- The Iowa Utilities Board has adopted procedures about connections of consumers to the networks (Natural gas and electricity), which were used for improving PSRC procedures.
- Resulting from amendments in the RA Law "On Procurement", made last year, certain licensed entities in the sector of public services regulation appeared in the framework of legal regulation.
- Energy security and alternative sources of energy became a priority in discussions.

Summary of Activities

The Public Services Regulatory Commission of Armenia (PSRC) and the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) held the second partnership activity in Des Moines, Nov. 8-12, 2010, discussing licensing issues, connection fees, consumer rights, power sector market structure, natural gas, and energy security. Additionally, two legal and licensing staff from PSRC stayed for an extra week in Des Moines for a job-shadow (internship) opportunity.

NARUC implemented the third partnership exchange between the PSRC and the Iowa Utilities Board on March 28-31, 2011, in Yerevan. The activity focused on the elaboration of natural gas regulatory framework, including supply rules, safety, on-site monitoring, rate setting for new residential and commercial connections, service quality indicators, and investment issues. The partnership delegates also visited a distribution company, an underground storage unit and a residential metering point. The IUB was represented by Commissioner Darrel Hansen and four senior staff with expertise in constructing price methodologies, conducting monitoring and safety inspections, and licensing issues.

In July, NARUC funded one PSRC participant to the *ERRA Summer School: Introduction to Energy Regulation* and the subsequent training on *Activities of Energy Regulatory Commissions*, where he achieved a ranking of first place at the end of the course.

At their fourth partnership activity planned for October 2011, the partners will likely focus on consumer protections (disconnection rules, seasonal disconnections, dispute resolution process, consumer advocacy, billing, fines and penalties), including utility programs and regulatory safeguards. The activity will balance discussions at the Iowa Utilities Board, a state consumer advocate and a potential site visit to a utility consumer call center.

Constraints Encountered

None.

vi. Ukraine-New York

<http://www.naruc.org/International/program.cfm?page=25>

Major Accomplishments

- The National Energy Regulatory Commission (NERC) of Ukraine expanded its knowledge of energy efficiency and protection of vulnerable customers issues in such a way that they were able to produce very thorough reports on these topics
- NARUC involved other stakeholders in partnership activity in order to improve coordination of intersecting issues
- NARUC increased professional qualifications of NERC staff by involving them in US-based trainings and ERRA activities/trainings

Summary of Activities

NARUC implemented the second NERC-NYS PSC partnership activity in New York/Albany, October 12-15, 2010. Chairman Titenko led the five-member NERC delegation. The partners discussed the electricity market liberalization, renewable energy policy, natural gas market, social protection of vulnerable customers, energy efficiency, rate setting, differentiated tariffs and revenue decoupling. The Ukrainian regulators also visited the Con Edison call center in NYC and the NYISO in Albany. The second activity involved high level discussions of principles and approaches, the partners gained an understanding of the platform for future cooperation, determined what is common and what is different in their activities. NERC expressed interest in the possibility of training opportunities to ministries and companies working closely with NERC on energy issues, within the partnership program framework.

NERC and the New York PSC agreed to hold the third partnership activity in Kiev, Ukraine on June 6-10, 2011, to focus on three regulatory themes: protection of vulnerable customers, energy efficiency and revenue decoupling. USAID and partners agreed to allow participation of the ministries and energy companies from Ukraine. The activity was postponed and took place on September 26-30, 2011, in Kiev (See constraints below). The NARUC delegation included Commissioner Roberto from Ohio PUC, Douglas Elfner and Sandra Reulet from the NYS PSC, Andrew Melnykovich from the Kentucky PSC, and Alice Miller, a retired NY regulator. The activity was focused on energy efficiency, revenue decoupling and protection of vulnerable customers, and implemented in two parallel sessions with participation by representatives from the National Communal Services Regulatory Commission, State Energy Efficiency Commission, Energy Company of Ukraine, Municipal Development Institute, JurEnerg Consulting, USAID MHR Project, and USAID/Ukraine.

NARUC supported the participation of two NERC senior staff to the PURC training in Gainesville, FL, June 13-24; one NERC staff in the ERRA Summer School and the ERRA Monitoring training in Budapest, July 11-21, 2011; and one NERC participant to ERRA Tariff Committee Meeting in Baku, September 22-23, 2011.

Constraints Encountered

Due to a travel ban issued by the New York governor in mid-2011, the June activity was postponed to September 2011. NARUC had to select representatives from other state commissions, in addition to two New York staff who were part of the original June delegation.

vii. Albania Natural Gas Regulatory Assistance

<http://www.naruc.org/International/program.cfm?page=1>

This project is currently inactive. The Albanian Energy Regulatory Entity (ERE) is interested in continued support in the transfer of regulatory information and experience in natural gas sphere from select U.S. State Commissions. Most recently, NARUC organized a natural gas study tour for a 4-member ERE delegation in the U.S. in March 2010. NARUC staff periodically receives inquiries from ERE pertaining to a variety of natural gas regulatory issues and works with U.S. State Commissions to collect and disseminate the information back to the Albanian agency.

New ERE Chairman, Mr. Sokol Ramadani, was appointed to the ERE Board in June 2011. Mr. Ramadani is a former executive from the Albanian Transmission System Operator (OST).

Constraints Encountered

None.

III. USAID PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

FY11 Indicators for EURASIA REGIONAL

	Armenia		Georgia		Moldova		Ukraine		Black Sea	
Number of people receiving USG supported training in energy related policy and regulatory practices	<i>men</i>	21	<i>men</i>	23	<i>men</i>	20	<i>men</i>	31	<i>men</i>	24
	<i>women</i>	8	<i>women</i>	9	<i>women</i>	15	<i>women</i>	25	<i>women</i>	0
	TOTAL	29	TOTAL	32	TOTAL	35	TOTAL	56	TOTAL	24
Number of people receiving USG supported training in technical energy fields	<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>	9
	<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>	2
	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	11
Person hours of training completed in technical energy fields supported by USG assistance	<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>	252
	<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>	56
	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	308
Number of people receiving USG supported training in climate change	<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>	21	<i>men</i>	24
	<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>	17	<i>women</i>	0
	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	38	TOTAL	24
Person hours of training completed in climate change supported by USG assistance	<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>	840	<i>men</i>	374
	<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>	680	<i>women</i>	0
	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	1520	TOTAL	374
Number of laws, policies, strategies, plans, agreements, or regulations addressing climate change (mitigation or adaptation) and. or biodiversity conservation officially proposed, adopted, or implemented as a result of USG assistance	TOTAL 0		TOTAL 0		TOTAL 0		TOTAL 0		TOTAL 0	

FY 11 Indicators for EUROPE REGIONAL

	Kosovo		Serbia	
Number of people receiving USG supported training in energy related policy and regulatory practices	<i>men</i>	27	<i>men</i>	13
	<i>women</i>	3	<i>women</i>	8
	TOTAL	30	TOTAL	21
Number of people receiving USG supported training in technical energy fields	<i>men</i>		<i>men</i>	
	<i>women</i>		<i>women</i>	
	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0
Person hours of training completed in technical energy fields supported by USG assistance	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0
Number of people receiving USG supported training in climate change	<i>men</i>	3	<i>men</i>	
	<i>women</i>	0	<i>women</i>	
	TOTAL	3	TOTAL	0
Person hours of training completed in climate change supported by USG assistance	<i>men</i>	72	<i>men</i>	
	<i>women</i>	0	<i>women</i>	
	TOTAL	72	TOTAL	0
Number of laws, policies, strategies, plans, agreements, or regulations addressing climate change (mitigation or adaptation) and. or biodiversity conservation officially proposed, adopted, or implemented as a result of USG assistance	TOTAL	0	TOTAL	0

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