

On May 27th, the Albanian government opened bids for the construction of the Karavasta solar park. It is an investment worth 100 million euros for the construction of a solar power plant with an installed capacity of 140 MW. Half of the produced electricity will be sold to the state, and the rest on the free market.

The winner of the tender was the company Voltalia, which offered to sell half of the produced electricity to the state at a surprising price of 24.89 euros per MWh.

Voltalia's offer was above expectations. Many rightly congratulated the government when the price of 24.89 euros was announced, which is twice lower than the average price at which Albania currently buys energy. But some skeptical experts have warned that the devil is in the details. Maybe the latter wasn't so wrong.

The tender documentation explicitly states that the Ministry of Energy and the winning company must conclude a concession agreement within 30 days of the announcement of the winning bid. The 30-day deadline expired on June 25, but the contract was not signed. Now another month is passing, but there is still no contract.

The concession agreement is standard and is part of the tender documentation. So, negotiation has no point. Any agreement to change the contract or conditions published in the tender documents would mean a subsequent change in the conditions and would practically completely compromise the process.

Therefore, the question arises why the contract on the solar park Karavasta was not signed, after all deadlines were exceeded?

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