

**Forecasted consumption of electricity in the medium-term is expected to be lower in accord with economic growth rates in the EU and the Czech Republic**

The latest data on consumption achieved during 2012, as well as information on the economic development in the Czech Republic and the EU, noted that since the beginning of the year 2012 to the month of July, there was a slight year-on-year decline in the domestic net consumption (DNC) after the temperature conversion of about 0.52%, and the expected decline was 0.5%. According to the latest analysis presented to the representatives of major producers, distributors and consulting companies on 25 September 2012 at the headquarters of OTE, a.s (OTE), the largest growth of about 0.8% year-on-year was registered in the household consumption sector, contrary to the expectations, while the large consumption sector experienced a decline of 1%.

For 2012 a slight decrease of 0.2% is expected at the DNC level to 58.8 TWh compared to the DNC level in 2011 (58.9 TWh after the temperature conversion), while for the year 2013, a slight increase of the same amount to the level of 58.9 TWh is expected. From 2011 to 2030, the reference scenario of topical prediction expects a DNC increase of approximately 20%. It fully includes the expected electricity savings in the household sector as well as reduction in the energy intensity of the production sector. However, it does not include the expected consumption of the electromobile sector, which should account for 923 GWh (approx. 1.6% DNC) in 2030 according to the current prediction.

Igor Chemišinec, the member of OTE board, commented on the development: "For the short-term to medium-term horizon the predictions expect a slightly lower growth at the DNC level. This mainly reflects lower expected rates of the economic growth (the growth rate of value added). Although the predictions do not fully react to generally pessimistic expectations by economic experts, we will continue to follow the latest economic growth data and if necessary the short-term to medium-term horizon predictions could be corrected. These updated data will be processed and presented to the professional public in second quarter of 2013."

Prediction of expected consumption of electricity and gas is prepared in cooperation OTE, a.s. and EGU Brno, a.s. and will be used as the input for the report on the expected consumption of electricity and gas and also for the report how to maintain balance between supply and demand of electricity and gas, which OTE processes based on the requirement § 20a, point 4 letter f) of Act No. 458/2000 Coll., on business conditions and public administration in the energy sector and amending certain acts (the Energy Act), as amended.

A brief summary of the report is also published regularly in the "Statistics - Long-term balances" section on the public web pages of OTE <http://www.ote-cr.cz> .

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