

The three Rețele Electric companies launched a tender with a maximum value of 52.83 million lei for the purchase of medium voltage cells

- *The procedure covers up to 500 medium voltage cells, equipment used in primary substations*
- *The tender is organized for the three Rețele Electric companies*

Bucharest, 22 February 2024 - The companies Rețele Electric Muntenia, Rețele Electric Banat and Rețele Electric Dobrogea (part of the PPC group in Romania, previously named E-Distribuție Muntenia, Banat, respectively Dobrogea) have launched, through the public procurement online system, a procurement procedure for medium voltage cells (MT cells). The contracts will be of framework agreement type, with a duration of 36 months and a maximum cumulative estimated value of 52.83 million lei.

All these MT cells will be used to modernize and expand the MT distribution capacity of primary substations, contributing substantially to improving the quality of distribution service and, at the same time, making it possible to connect new customers (consumers, prosumers, or producers).

The three distribution system operators intend to purchase a maximum of 509 MT cells, with a minimum volume of 174. Rețele Electric Muntenia intends to purchase between 64 and 218 pieces, Rețele Electric Dobrogea target between 35 and 66 pieces, and Rețele Electric Banat between 75 and 225 pieces.

"Within our distribution companies, any investment in modernization or construction of new capacities aims to develop a resilient, digital and efficient infrastructure, through which we want to be the vector of the energy transition in Romania. These MT cells, which we will acquire and which will later be integrated into strategic grid investments, are just one of the steps needed to be taken to make a key contribution to this very ambitious path towards the energy transition. In the next period, increasing the connection and integration capacity of prosumers and renewable energy production are essential to achieve the objectives of electrification of consumption, assumed by our country, so our role and targets as distribution operator are ambitious and meet the national energy strategy", said **Mihai Pest, General Manager of Rețele Electric companies.**



The equipment for which offers are expected in the open tender are line cells, coupling cells, measuring cells, trafo (transformer) cells and TFN cells (neutral treatment within the substation). Integrated into the energy infrastructure, these MT cells will provide the possibility to monitor, control and protect the medium voltage network downstream of the medium voltage bars of primary substations, thus increasing the reliability and efficiency of the electricity distribution network.

The **Rețele Electrice** companies operate networks with a total length of over 133,000 kilometres in three important areas of the country: Southern Muntenia (including Bucharest), Banat and Dobrogea, covering one third of the local distribution market, and are developing an investment program to improve service quality, network safety and performance and local implementation of PPC Group's environmental standards. The power grids operated by the three Rețele Electrice companies include 287 primary stations and over 24,000 substations.