

Fortum's Meri-Pori power plant not selected for peak-load reserve capacity

The Energy Authority has today announced its decision on the power plants for Finland's next peak-load reserve capacity period. The Meri-Pori coal condensing power plant, offered by Fortum for peak-load reserve capacity, was not selected in the tendering process.

Fortum will start preparing the Meri-Pori power plant for commercial use. The power plant will undergo a thorough annual outage from 10.10.-31.10.2022. During the annual outage, maintenance will be performed in an effort to ensure that the Meri-Pori power plant can operate at its full capacity of 560 MW if needed. In the upcoming weeks, also additional personnel will be recruited for the plant.

Commercial use of the plant will be taken into consideration also in the procurement of the coal and chemicals needed to operate the plant. However, the deployment of actual electricity production depends on the electricity market situation at the given time.

The Meri-Pori plant in Tahkoluoto is Finland's last coal-fired condensing plant generating electricity only. It was commissioned in 1994 and has been in the peak-load reserve system since 2017. It has been designed as a base-load plant, which, after start-up, will operate at a constant power output for long periods of time.

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