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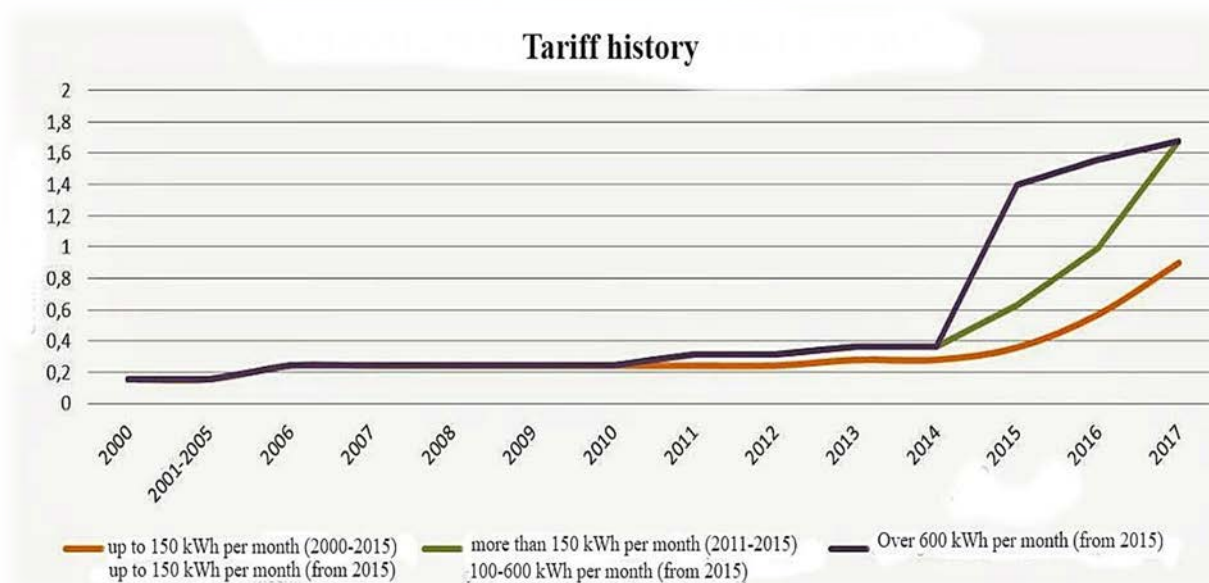
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The Problem of Tariffs For Electrical Energy in Ukraine

Following the results of voting on December 20, NKRECU decided to reduce the wholesale-market price for electricity from 1,490 UAH per 1 MWh to 1285 UAH per 1 MWh. Why does the price reduction only apply to industry? Perhaps, this is due to the fact that most of the industry is under the control of oligarchic clans.

(Diagram) Increase in electricity tariffs for the last 17 years.



Over the past 17 years, electricity tariffs for the population have increased 10-fold, and wages - not so much. This indicates the need to change the state policy in all spheres of the economy, including the electric power industry. The growth of tariffs is due to the high cost of generation, conversion and transmission of electric power. This is due to energy dependence on imported energy carriers, obsolete, morally and physically, transmission and distribution systems. These factors should be taken into account and implemented in the shortest possible time, the program for the reanimation of the industry, which will reduce not only the payment for electricity, but also the cost of other goods and services, since the energy-consuming part of their production will also be decreased substantially. Finally, it is time for the state to think not about supporting and lobbying the interests of oligarchic clans, but about ordinary people whose living conditions and well-being should be the priority of any government.