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## Welds at ČEZ, fallen line at ČEPS



Industry Min. [Lukáš Vlček](#) of STAN told Czech TV on Sat. that the blackout on Fri. was a force majeure, which was his way of saying that the grid company owned 100% by his ministry, ČEPS, wasn't to blame. Vice Chair [Svatopluk Vnouček](#) of ČEPS was so worried about being pinned with the blame that he told Czech Radio on Fri. that there were four unrelated events that caused the outage. When pressed about this, ČEPS Chair [Martin Durčák](#) said on Sat. that the four events were related and that the first, a fallen line, caused the other three.

Any investigation presumably now needs to determine why ČEPS, which reported [record 2024 net profit of Kč 7.2bn](#) on revenue of Kč 29.4bn, allowed a line to fall. Remember the shutdowns at the Dukovany and Temelín plants in 2015 resulting from bad welds? ČEZ CEO [Daniel Beneš](#) said in 2016 that the manipulation of weld X-rays wasn't a case of sloppiness, but of intentional fraud. Sounds like a reasonable starting point for the ČEPS investigation too.

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