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U.S.-Russia Task Force on Cooperation in Electric Power
Technologies

Joint Statement of Intent

The Russian Ministry of Fuels and Energy and the U.S. Department of Energy agreed to create a U.S.-Russia Task Force on Cooperation in Electric Power Technologies. The objectives of the Task Force are to exchange information on developments in the electric power industries in both countries and to encourage more extensive contacts among experts in this field in both countries. It is the hope of both sides that these contacts will lead to expanded commercial relationships. This cooperation stems from the July-August 1991 U.S.-U.S.S.R. Fossil Energy Workshop and the commitment undertaken at that time to exchange information on energy policies and directions, and to hold technology based discussions between the respective Governments and enterprises.

Both sides agree that the Task Force will be most effective if it is organized informally to promote flexibility and rapid response to questions and opportunities. Accordingly, there will be four standing members: two Chairmen, Anatoly F. D'Yakov, Deputy Minister, Russian Federation Ministry of Fuels and Energy and George A. Helland, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Assistance, U.S. Department of Energy; and one Staff Director for each side to be appointed by the two chairmen. Both sides agree to bring in experts as necessary to respond to issues and opportunities addressed by the Task Force. Any recommendations for specific project initiatives will be reviewed and approved by the respective sides prior to final adoption and implementation.

Both sides have identified issues of interest summarized below:

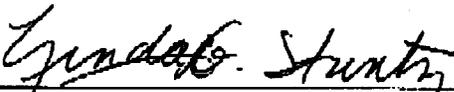
-- Exchange of information on:

- o how state utilities (BPA/TVA) function in a market economy;
- o the development of independent power operators in the United States and the criteria necessary to promote equity investment in power generation, transmission and distribution;

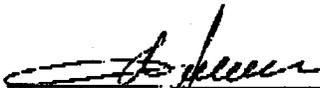
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- o the systems in both countries for establishing tariffs and licensing operators;
 - o Russian plans for increasing capacity, especially in Eastern areas and to support oil field development;
 - o U.S. clean coal technology initiatives in the U.S. and in Eastern and Central Europe;
 - o U.S. automated control systems for power plants.
- Investigation into alternatives for financing electric power projects.
- Nuclear power development, to include an investigation into the prospects for salvaging Russian investment in unfinished nuclear power plants by utilizing U.S. private sector technology for converting these plants to coal or gas fired.
- Other issues may be addressed at the request of either side.

The Task Force initiated this work program during the March 16-20 visit of the Russian delegation to Washington, D. C.



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