

THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES
ECONOMIC COUNCIL

DECISION

On the Regulations of the Electric Power Council of the
Commonwealth of Independent States

(Moscow, March 11, 2005)

The Economic Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) decided:

1. To approve the Regulations on the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States in the updated version provided by the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the CIS Executive Committee and considered by the Commission on Economic Questions.
2. To consider invalid the Decision of the Presidium of the Economic Union Intergovernmental Economic Committee of September 11, 1998 on the Regulations of the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States.
3. The CIS Electric Power Council and the CIS Executive Committee to prepare proposals on making changes in the Agreement on Coordination of Intergovernmental Relations in Energy of the Commonwealth of Independent States of February 14, 1992.
4. The present Decision comes into force on the day of its signature.

(Signatures)

APPROVED

By the Decision of the CIS Economic Council
“On the Regulations on the Electric Power Council o
of the Commonwealth of Independent States in the
updated version” dt. March 11, 2005

REGULATIONS

On the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1. The Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States (hereinafter referred to as “The Electric Power Council”) was established following the Agreement on Coordination of Intergovernmental Relations in Energy of the Commonwealth of Independent States dt. February 14, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as “The Agreement”) and is treated as the CIS intergovernmental body.
- 1.2. The objective of the Electric Power Council is to conduct integrated and coordinated actions of the CIS member-states in energy aimed at providing sustainable and safe

power supply of the economy and people of the CIS states on the basis of effective operation of the member-states power systems interconnection.

- 1.3. In its activities the Electric Power Council is governed by the Charter of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Decisions of the Council of Heads of States and the Council of Heads of Governments of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Agreement, other international agreements and the present Regulations.
- 1.4. The Electric Power Council performs its activities in close cooperation with the Commonwealth of Independent States Economic Council, Commission on Economic Questions under the CIS Economic Council and the Commonwealth of Independent States Executive Committee and with other bodies of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1. The main objectives of the Electric Power Council are as follows:
 - to prepare proposals on the principles and trends of the CIS member-states integration in energy, inter alia, with the aim of providing integrated energy security;
 - to prepare proposals on economic and legal framework of the integrated activities of the CIS member-states power systems interconnection;
 - to establish and provide functioning of the CIS common electricity market jointly with the government management bodies and relevant intergovernmental bodies of the CIS;
 - to establish the common information space in energy.

3. FUNCTIONS

- 3.1. Main functions of the Electric Power Council are as follows:
 - participation in elaboration of draft complex plans of the CIS member-states power systems development within the fuel and energy complex and of proposals on their implementation;
 - preparation of proposals and participation in elaboration of normative legal acts in order to create conditions for operation of the CIS countries electricity systems interconnection;
 - participation in elaboration of international agreements in energy;
 - to render assistance to the CIS countries in unification and harmonization of the normative legal acts in energy;
 - elaboration of recommendations on the tariff policy in cross-border power supply;
 - elaboration of proposals on the common ways of controlling and accounting in electricity needed for adoption of common decisions;
 - elaboration of proposals on the necessity of development of international scientific programs and design projects in electricity and heat supply, modern technologies and technique and also participation in their implementation and coordination;
 - assistance to CIS juridical persons in establishing joint ventures, financial and industrial groups and other transnational bodies in energy;
 - assistance in establishing bank of the commercial data and proposals on material and technical basis in energy;
 - assistance in arranging aid to the CIS countries in case of accidents, natural calamities and other extraordinary circumstances in energy;

- assistance in setting energy saving intergovernmental policy by conducting coordinated actions in economy and science and in technical cooperation, development and implementation of the common projects on the use of advanced technologies in energy saving and development of alternative energy sources;
 - coordination of activities in elaboration and coordination of the norms and rules in construction and operation of the power projects, assistance in elaboration and implementation of common environmental programs, recommendations on supplies in energy;
 - regulation of technical rules of the Commonwealth of Independent States power systems parallel operation;
 - coordination of operation of the power systems of CIS countries with other power systems;
 - assistance in the activities aimed at training personnel and improvement of energy specialists qualification of the CIS countries;
 - assistance to the CIS member-states in implementation of the programs of cooperation within the European and world energy communities;
 - cooperation with the CIS interstate (intergovernmental) bodies, international and national organizations, economic communities and other energy associations;
 - development of international relations in the interests of the CIS countries and participation in the activities of other power organizations;
 - monitoring of implementation of the decisions of the Electric Power Council;
 - coordination of the CIS countries activities in the development of information systems in energy;
 - assistance in settlement of the disputes between the economic associations of the CIS countries in energy.
- 3.2. The Electric Power Council can perform other functions aimed at implementation of the assigned tasks.

4. RIGHTS

The Electric Power Council has the following rights:

- to require information from the relevant bodies of the CIS member-states needed for performance of its functions;
- to agree methodic and methodologic documents, to prepare and approve drafts recommendations;
- to introduce draft documents prepared by the Electric Power Council for consideration of the Council of Heads of States and the Council of Heads of Governments of the Commonwealth of Independent States and of other CIS bodies;
- to establish in case of the necessity working groups and commissions acting in accordance with the Regulations on working groups set by the Electric Power Council, consultation groups, expert councils, other working bodies and structures of the Electric Power Council and also to elect special representatives authorized to present interests of the Electric Power Council on the main trends of its activities.

5. ORGANIZATION AND WORKING ORDER

- 5.1. The Electric Power Council comprises heads of power bodies of the Agreement signatories and heads of national power companies. Each representative of the Agreement signatory (the Electric Power Council member) has one vote at the Electric Power Council.
- 5.2. The Electric Power Council members include the Chairman of the Electric Power Council Executive Committee having the advisory vote.

- 5.3. The Electric Power Council is headed by the President and Vice-President who are elected out of the Electric Power Council members on the rotation basis for a one-year period. The order of election and rotation of the President and Vice-President is approved by the Electric Power Council decision.
- 5.4. The Electric Power Council members possess equal rights, can obtain necessary information on the Electric Power Council working bodies' activities and also table issues on the Electric Power Council activities for discussions.
- 5.5. The Electric Power Council meeting is considered competent (having quorum) if it is attended by not less than a half of its members or their appropriate representatives.
- 5.6. The Electric Power Council decisions are taken by the majority of votes of the Electric Power Council members attending the meeting. The Electric Power Council members objecting the decision can express special opinion that is noted down in the protocol. The Electric Power Council decision is not compulsory for the member-state objecting such a decision of the Electric Power Council.
- 5.7. Any Electric Power Council member-state can announce its disinterest in the issue under discussion that should not be considered an obstacle for taking the decision.
- 5.8. The decision of the Electric Power Council infringing on the interests of any signatory to the Agreement cannot be taken in the absence of the relevant member of the Electric Power Council.
- 5.9. All other issues relating to organization of the activities and conducting the Electric Power Council meetings are determined by the Regulations to be approved by the Electric Power Council.
- 5.10. The Electric Power Council meetings take place not less than twice a year.
- 5.11. The Electric power Council meetings can be attended by the invited persons under the consent of its members. The way of their participation is defined by the Regulations.
- 5.12. Other states sharing the objectives and principles of the Agreement can be admitted to the Electric Power Council as its member.
- 5.13. Accession of the new members and withdrawal from the Electric Power Council is carried out in accordance with the Agreement.
- 5.14. Aiming at information exchange, arrangement of cooperation and coordination of activities the international and other organizations can be given the Status of Observer under the Electric Power Council.

6. WORKING BODY

- 6.1. The Executive Committee of the Electric Power Council is its permanent working body.
- 6.2. The Executive Committee performs functions of the depository of the documents accepted within the Electric Power Council and acts on the basis of the Charter to be approved by the Electric Power Council.
- 6.3. The Executive Committee is headed by the Chairman to be nominated by the decision of the Electric Power Council.
- 6.4. Structure, number, budget and labour payment system of the personnel of the Executive Committee is to be approved by the Electric Power Council.
- 6.5. The Executive Committee office is located in Moscow, Russian Federation.
- 6.6. The Electric Power Council relationship with the state of its location is defined by a separate Agreement between the CIS Electric Power Council and the government of the Russian Federation as regards terms and conditions of the CIS Electric Power Council Executive Committee on the territory of the Russian Federation.

Note: The Agreement was signed on September 14, 2005.

6.7. The Executive Committee personnel excluding technical and service staff possesses international status.

7. FINANCING, PREMISES, ASSETS

7.1. Financing the activities of the Electric Power Council and the Executive Committee is carried out in accordance with the budget to be agreed upon by the Electric Power Council member-states and approved by the Electric Power Council out of annual contributions of the managing power bodies and/or power associations (companies) of the Agreement signatories in Roubles of the Russian Federation or in hard currency and also out of voluntary donations of juridical persons and individuals and other contributions not prohibited by the state of the Executive Committee location.

7.2. The principle of share holding in financing the Electric Power Council is defined by the decision of the latter.

7.3. The Electric Power Council Executive Committee is provided with office premises and necessary equipment in the order and on the conditions to be defined by the Agreement signed with the state of location.

8. CESSATION OF ACTIVITIES

8.1. Cessation of the Electric Power Council activities is made under the decision of the Council of Heads of Governments of the Commonwealth of Independent States.