#### PROTOCOL

on introducing modifications and amendments to the Agreement on Coordination of Intergovernmental Relations in the Field of Power of the Commonwealth of Independent States dated February 14, 1992

Governments of the member states of the Agreement on Coordination of Intergovernmental Relations in the Field of Power of the Commonwealth of Independent States agreed upon the following:

- 1. To introduce modifications and amendments to the Agreement on Coordination of Intergovernmental Relations in the Field of Power of the Commonwealth of Independent States dated February 14, 1992 as follows:
- 1.1. To supplement Article 1 with the following words: "being the CIS intergovernmental body".
- 1.2. To present Article 1, second paragraph as follows:
- "The Electric Power Council members are leaders of the appropriate bodies of the executive authority and power organizations and national power companies of the member states of the present Agreement which are relevantly authorized on behalf of their governments."
- 1.3. To supplement Article 1 with the third paragraph which reads as follows:
- "Each member state of the present Agreement has one vote in the Electric Power Council".
- 1.4. To present Article 2, item 2.11 as follows:
- "Participation in the joint environmental programs in the field of power".
- 1.5. To add the following items to Article 2:
- "2.14. Development of technical rules of the Commonwealth of Independent States members' power systems parallel operation.
- 2.15. Coordination of activities of the Commonwealth of Independent States members with other power associations.

Assistance to the Commonwealth of Independent States members in implementation of the programs of cooperation in the framework of the European and world power communities".

- 1.6. To remove the word "coordinated" from Article 2, item 2.2.
- 1.7. To follow the words "interconnected power systems" in Article 2, item 2.3 with the word "including", further text remains.
- 1.8. To present Article 2, item 2.5 as follows:

"Preparation of proposals on the necessity of elaboration of intergovernmental scientific programs and experimental and design developments in the field of power and heat supply, new technology and technique and also participation in their implementation and coordination".

- 1.9. To replace the words "coordination of elaboration jointly with enterprises" in Article 2, item 2.10 by "cooperation with manufacturing plants in joint elaborations", further text remains.
- 1.10. To present Article 3, firth paragraph as follows:

"The Electric Power Council is headed by the President and Vice President who are elected out of the Electric Power Council members on a rotation basis for a one-year period".

#### 1.11. To introduce modifications in Article 4 as follows:

- to present the second paragraph as follows: "Extraordinary meeting of the Electric Power Council can be convened either under the decision of the President of the Electric Power Council or under the proposal of not less than three members of the Electric Power Council";
- to present the third paragraph as follows: "Place and date of the Electric Power Council meetings are defined by its decision".

# 1.12. To introduce the following modifications in Article 5:

- to present the first paragraph as follows: "The permanent acting working body of the Electric Power Council is the Executive Committee of the Electric Power Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Committee");
- to replace the word "members" in the fifth paragraph by the words "collaborators, of technical";
- to supplement the eighth paragraph with the words "Russian Federation" before the word "Moscow".

## 1.13. To present Article 6 as follows:

"Financing the activity of the Electric Power Council and its Executive Committee is effected in accordance with the estimate of expenditures coordinated between the members states of the Electric Power Council and to be annually approved by the Electric Power Council on account of annual contributions of the power sector managing bodies and/or power associations (companies) of the member states of the present Agreement in Roubles of the Russian Federation or in convertible currency and also owing to voluntary payments and donations of juridical and physical persons and other receipts not prohibited by the legislation of the country of location of the Executive Committee.

The principle of share participation in financing the Executive Committee is defined by its decision".

## 1.14. To present Article 9 in the following version:

"The present Agreement is signed for an indefinite time period and comes into force from the date of its signing whereas for the states which legislation demands fulfillment of internal governmental procedures necessary for its coming into force – from the date of depositing to the bailee the notification on fulfillment of the above procedures.

This Agreement can comprise modifications that shall be introduced into it under separate Protocols and shall come into force in the way stipulated by the Agreement.

## 1.15. To present Article 10 as follows:

"Any member state of the present Agreement can withdraw from the latter having sent a written notification to the bailee not later than one year prior to the date of such withdrawal after having fulfilled all the obligations under the Agreement".

1.16. The present Agreement is open for joining of any member state of the Commonwealth of Independent States sharing its aims and principles. For the joining state this Agreement comes into force from the date of depositing to the bailee the document on such joining.

For non-members of the Commonwealth of Independent States the present Agreement comes into force three months after receipt by the bailee of relevant notification on joining if none of the member states of the present Agreement forward its objections to the bailee within this period".

- 2. All the disputes relating to application and interpretation of this Protocol are settled by negotiations and consultations.
- 3. The present Protocol makes an integral part of the Agreement.
- 4. The present Protocol comes into force in the way stipulated by Article 9 of the Agreement.

Committed in the city of Ashkhabad on November 22, 2007 in one authentic copy in the Russian language. The authentic copy is kept with the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States that will forward its certified copy to each state having signed this Protocol.

For the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan

For the Government of the Republic of Armenia

For the Government of the Republic of Belarus

For the Government of Georgia

For the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan

For the Government of The Kyrgyz Republic For the Government of Republic of Moldova

For the Government of the Russian Federation

For the Government of the Republic of Tadjikistan

For the Government of Turkmenistan

For the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan

For the Government of Ukraine