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President Vladimir Putin signed the Federal Law that improves the framework for the long-term development planning of the UPS of Russia

President Vladimir Putin signed the amendments to the Federal Law on Electricity Industry of 26 March 2003. The document improves the legislative framework for coordinating the long-term development planning of the United Power System (UPS) of Russia and ensuring centralized dispatching control in isolated power systems.

In line with the new version of the Law, from January 1st, 2023 the state-owned Russian System Operator will supervise elaboration of the UPS long-term competitive planning process based on the unified principles and will guarantee the centralized and transparent approach. SO UPS as a key actor of long-term development planning assumes the functions of: elaborating rules and regulations; working out technical solutions to balance supply and demand and to ensure proper decommissioning in cases specified by the Federal Government; preparing and updating information and perspective calculation models with free-of-charge access for other parties; participating in development and evaluation of innovative solutions for generation, transmission and grid management. The centralized approach will enhance the system's efficiency and guarantee the economic and social needs for electricity and capacity.

From January 1st, 2024, SO UPS will assume the functions of system operation and dispatching control in isolated power systems (the city of Norilsk, Chukotka Autonomous Region, Kamchatka Territory, Magadan and Sakhalin regions) which will enable to outspread best operational practices throughout the country. In compliance with the Law during

The St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) SO UPS entered into agreements with "RusHydro" and "Norilsk Nickel" on cooperation to ensure centralized dispatching control in isolated energy systems. The agreements were concluded for a transitional period in order SO UPS got prepared to assume the appropriate responsibilities from the companies controlled by "RusHydro" and "Norilsk Nickel" and ensure its continuity. SO UPS Chairman of the Management Board Mr. Fedor Opadchiy stated that the agreements contribute to an effective transition to a new model of centralized dispatching control in isolated power systems.

The Ministry anticipates that the reform will significantly increase the validity and transparency of long-term development planning and will enable the integrity of technical policies for both the UPS and isolated systems. The new arrangements will make it possible to address quickly and efficiently any issues concerning infrastructure development, especially when achieving ambitious national targets.

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