

Government and NGO Relations

The activity of JSC IDGC North-West in this direction is systematic and is carried out both at the level of the Federal authorities (representative of the Northwestern Federal district where the Company is a participant of Strategic partnership North-West Autonomous Nonprofit Organization), and regional authorities. The focus in this direction is on developing relationships with heads of subjects of the Russian Federation and regional governments.

In 2014, the main directions of cooperation with the authorities and public organizations were support and development of agro-industrial complex of the Northwestern Federal district and complex measures to ensure reliable and uninterrupted power supply to agro-industry. Within the reporting period, Agreements have been signed with administrations of seven subjects of the Russian Federation (the Republic of Komi, Republic of Karelia, Arkhangelsk, Vologda, Murmansk, Novgorod and Pskov regions) on support programs of the national food industry and agricultural producers.

Consumer Councils were another direction of activity with representatives of the government bodies, of large, small and medium size businesses, and of regional public associations taking an active part in them. Work with key actors of the energy sector in a new format of the joint presence in consultative bodies allowed to more effectively decide on the issues of functioning of the energy complex of the North-West region and its further development in the interests of mutually beneficial cooperation of the parties, and to develop solutions and mechanisms to deal with defaulters. In 2014, about 20 meetings of the Consumer Councils were held in the territories serviced by JSC IDGC of the North-West.

For the purpose of improving the payment discipline in the regions serviced by the Company, the special monitoring commissions were created under the authorities' guidance with the active participation of top managers of JSC IDGC of the North-West and they continue to control the situation with payments for electricity. There are regular meetings of the General Director of IDGC of the North-West, top-managers of the Company with managers and representatives of the subjects of the Russian Federation. The General Director of IDGC of the North-West has monthly meetings with the governors of the regions and the heads of various departments, heads of the business community to discuss relevant issues of the power grid complex. Cooperation is increased in framework of Agreements with the regional authorities on joint implementation of programs for prevention of electric injury among non-professionals.

Representatives of JSC IDGC of the North-West are elected deputies of the legislative authorities in the regions. Thus, in 2014 Director of Vologdaenergo branch A. N. Kiselev became a deputy of the Vologda City Duma and joined the Committee on infrastructure. Director of Komienergo branch V. I. Medvedev. (Deputy Chairman of Committee of the State Council of the Komi Republic on budget, taxes and economic policy), Director of Novgorodenergo branch V. V. Chistyakov (member of the Committee on local administration of Novgorod Regional Duma), Director of the Arkhenergo branch I. M. Kotenko (member of the Committee on the budget and tax policy of the Arkhangelsk Regional Assembly of deputies) continued their work in the highest legislative bodies of the subjects of the Russian Federation.

In 2014, the Company put forward the legislative initiative on amendments to the draft Federal Law on Amendments to the Land Code of the Russian Federation and Certain Legislative Acts for the Adoption of Dividing Land into Categories to Territorial Zoning, which were presented by Director of Arkhenergo branch of I. M. Kotenko to the deputies of the Arkhangelsk Regional Assembly. These legislative initiatives were approved by the regional Assembly and the Government of the Arkhangelsk Region. This resulted in an appeal addressed to the Chairman of the Russian Government D. A. Medvedev and to the Chairman of the Committee on land relations and construction of the State Duma V. A. Russskih in support of the legislative initiatives introduced by the representatives of JSC IDGC of the North-West which was sent by the Governor of the Arkhangelsk Region I.V. Orlov.

Stable cooperation was established and is maintained with the press services of the government bodies of the regions serviced by the Company, with the presidential envoy in the Northwestern Federal district, with the Ministry of Emergency Situations, Federal Anti-Monopoly Service, social organizations, and communities.