# The 500kV Cross-Border Transmission Line Project Linking the Russian Far East with the DPRK (Chongjin)



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#### PROBLEMS:

- The energy crisis in the DPRK is one of the reasons of a heavy economic situation in the country.
- The political, economical and humanitarian sequences of the situation have a harsh effect on all the countries of the North East Asia Region.

To facilitate the efforts of the DPRK in doing away with the energy crisis is a common goal of the countries of the NEA Region to secure stability in the region and to create the prerequisites of further development.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

**APS** 



•The KEDO program has been suspended in the end of 2003

•The commissioning by the DPRK of its own APS does solve the problem (P=5 MW)

**HPS** 



Reconstruction or equipment replacement required

**TPS** 



Substantial funds are needed to modernize the facilities and purchase fuel

**PTL** 



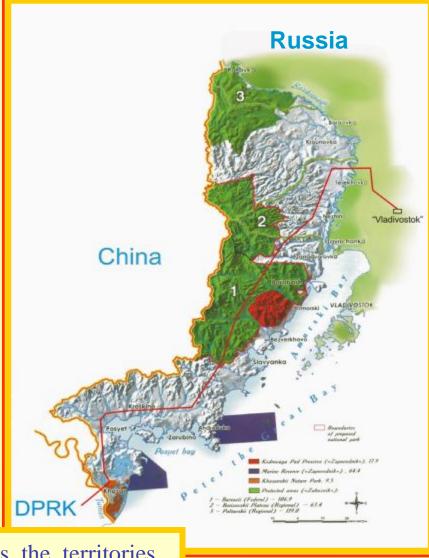
The Russia – DPRK intercountry 500 kV transmission line construction to import electric power from Russia

#### PROJECT PARAMETERS:

The power volume to be transmitted	(mln. kWh)	1500-2500
The load to be transmitted	(MW)	300-500
Frequency	(Hz)	50
Voltage	(kV)	220/500
The length of the Russian territory portion	250	
The length of the DPRK territory portion of	f the line (km)	130
The cost of construction	(mln. USD)	160-180
The period of construction	(years)	3-4
The period of the investments repayment	(years)	8-10

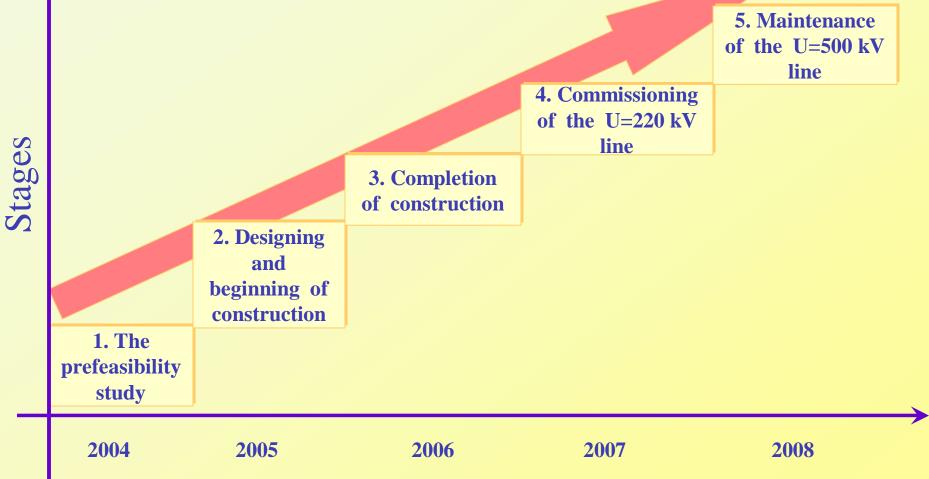
# The presumable route of the Russia – DPRK 500 kV transmission line





The 500 kV transmission line route crosses the territories of several national nature parks and reservations

# The stages and the schedule of the project accomplishment 5. Maintenance of the U=500 k



#### The state of things

- A research work on the efficiency of the transmission line construction has been carried out
- Preliminary negotiations have been conducted with the ministry of the electricity and coal industry of the DPRK
- Negotiations with the potential power consumers in the economic and trade zone of Rason have been begun

# The Unified Energy System of the Russian Far East

(basic parameters)

Power production (mln. kWh)

Installed capacity (MW)

The length of PTL 500 kV (km)

2003 г.

26 000

7 270

1 800

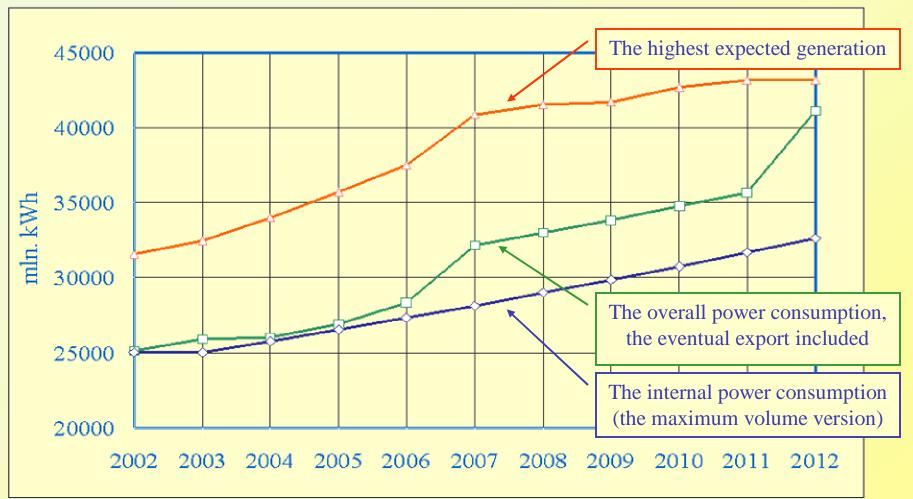
**2007** Γ. (project)

31 080

9 100

2 800

The estimate of the generation and consumption dynamics of the electric power in the Unified Energy System of the East for the 2002 - 2012



The power generation potential ensures the growth of both the internal consumption and the export deliveries until 2012

#### The hydro energy potential of the Russian Far East

HPS	River	Install. cap. <sub>MW</sub>	Power product. Mln kWh
Nizhne- Bureyskaya	Bureya	321	1650
Cascade of Nizhnezeiskaya HPPs	Zeya	349	2120
1. Inzhanskaya		126	700
2. Chagoyanskaya		126	720
3. Gramatu- khinskaya		97	700
Urgalskaya HPP-1	Niman	600	1800
Dal'nerechenskii hydropower complex	Bolshaya Ussurka	595	1400
1 <sup>st</sup> - HPP-1		250	540
Total on sou	ıth RFE	1520	6110



### The project uncertainties

- The political risks
- The legal frameworks of investments in the DPRK
- The price idea

#### The project participants and their functions

#### Participants:

- The RAO «Unified Energy Systems of Russia»
- The ministry of the electricity and coal industry of the DPRK
- The specialized subsidiary companies of the RAO «UES of Russia»
- Investors and large consumers of power in the DPRK
- The project guardians the state and political figures of Russia, the DPRK and other countries of the NEA Region

#### Functions:

- The project initializing and guiding
- The operator
- The sub contractor
- The supplier (exporter)
- The power facilities investments
- The investments commercialization
- The political and administrative support

#### The project development perspectives

The Russia – DPRK 500 kV transmission line construction

The transmission line extension to the border with the Republic of Korea and on (900 km, ±500-600 kV)



### The key factors of success

- The interest of the political leadership of the DPRK
- The lower cost and shorter period of the project allow a faster achievement of the goal to compare with other versions
- The cooperation with the international organizations, their support and the participation in the project: UN ESCAP, UNDP, UN ESC, ERINA and others among them
- The development of the hydropower potential of the southern area of the Russian Far East

## THANKS A LOT

# for your attention



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