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# REGULATION ON INFORMATION POLICY

of "Interregional Distribution Grid Company of Volga", Joint-Stock Company

### Main terms, definitions, abbreviations used in the present Regulation

Company	-	IDGC of Volga, JSC
subsidiaries and dependent companies (S&D)	_	legal entities, where the Company possesses more than 20 percent of the voting shares, either by virtue of the prevailing interest in the authorized capital, or according to the signed contract, or otherwise has the power to determine the decisions taken by such legal entities.  internal documents adopted in the Company: decisions of
local normative documents		the Board of Directors, orders of the Management Board, orders of the Chairman of the Board and other documents, determined by the decisions of the General Director, or by the standards.
intracorporate transactions	-	- transactions of the Company and its S&D transactions between S&D of the Company; transactions of the Company and shareholders who possess at least 5% of the voting shares of the Company; transactions of the Company and shareholders who possess at least 5% of the voting shares of the S&D of the Company; transactions of the Company and members of governance bodies of the S&D of the Company. [Other intracorporate transactions can be determined by the Company]
considerable transaction	-	transaction which may influence considerably on the activities of the Company. The list of such transactions is determined by the Company independently.
road-show	-	visiting of a number of international financial centers in order to organize meetings with the representatives of the investment associations
information on the relations between the members of Board of Directors and the Company	-	disclosed is the information on the owning of the shares of the Company by the members of the Board of Directors, as well as the information on obligatory and official relations between the member of the Board of Directors and the company.
cross shareholding	-	holding of the shares of the head (parent) company by the subsidiary and (or) dependent company

#### 1. General provisions

- 1.1. The present Regulation on the Information Policy of "Interregional Distribution Grid Company of Volga", Joint-Stock Company (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulation"), was developed according to the requirements of the Russian Federation legislation, the Charter of IDGC of Volga, JSC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"), and other local normative documents of the Company, including the Code of Corporate Governance of IDGC of Volga, JSC also taking into consideration international practice of corporate governance.
- 1.2. The present Regulation is a local normative document of the Company which determines the rules and approaches to information disclosure, list of information and documents which are subject to disclosure to the shareholders, creditors, potential investors, as well as to the equity market professional marketers, public authorities and other interested parties, also it determines the order and terms of information disclosure and presentation.
- 1.3. General Director of the Company is responsible for the comprehensiveness and reliability of the disclosed information about the Company and its activities.
- 1.4. Acquirement of the information necessary for the Regulation implementation and other information by the Company is regulated by the local standard acts of the Company, including special Regulation approved by the executive bodies of the Company.

#### 2. Objectives of the present Regulation

- 2.1. Present Regulation was developed in order to:
- protect the rights and legitimate interests of the shareholders of the Company;
- execute the demands of the Russian Federation legislation concerning the obligatory information disclosure by the joint-stock company;
- provide access for the shareholders, creditors, potential investors of the Company and its S&D, professional marketers, public authorities, as well as other interested parties to comprehensive and reliable information on Company's activities;
- increase the level of openness and trust in the relations of the Company with the shareholders, creditors, potential investors of the Company and its S&D, equity market professional marketers, public authorities, as well as other interested parties;
- provide the shareholders of the Company with information sufficient enough to make decisions concerning their rights to participate in the management of the Company;
  - develop corporate governance of the Company and its S&D;
  - increase the value of the Company and its S&D;
  - consolidate financial and economic ties between the Company and its contractors.
- 2.2. General Director of the Company provides achievement of the objectives of the present Regulation in S&D by developing and approving in S&D respective local normative documents of the Company.

Sole executive body of the Company provides procedures of preparation, agreement and control of contents and terms of information disclosure, proper system of storage of the documents of the Company, functionality and safety of information resources.

#### 3. Principles of Information Disclosure

Disclosing information the Company is guided by the following principles:

#### 3.1. Regularity and efficiency

On regular basis the Company provides shareholders, their representatives, potential investors and other interested parties with information on its activities by using all the means of information at the disposal of the Company.

Within the shortest time limits the Company informs shareholders, their representatives, creditors, potential investors and other interested parties about the most sufficient events and facts influencing the financial and economic activities of the Company and which also concern their interests, taking into consideration that disclosed information is valuable for its addressees only when it is disclosed in due time.

#### 3.2. Information accessibility

The Company uses channels and ways to distribute information on its activities which provide free, easily done and nonselective access of shareholders, creditors, potential investors and other interested parties to the disclosed information.

#### 3.3. Comprehensiveness and reliability of the disclosed information

The Company provides all the interested parties with the information representing the facts, without avoiding to disclose negative information about the Company, information content shall help to form the most complete image of the Company and idea of the results of the Company's activities.

### 3.4. Reasonable balance between the openness of the Company and preserving its commercial interests

Information policy of the Company is based on maximum realization of shareholders' and investors' rights to get information on the Company's activities. At same time mandatory requirements are the following:

protection of information which represents trade, state or other secret protected by law, according to the existing legislation;

observance of the rules of distribution and use of insider information established by existing local normative documents of the Company.

#### 4. Information Disclosure by Officials of the Company

- 4.1. Gathering, preparation and disclosure of information on Company's activities is performed by the officials who fulfill the functions of information disclosure according to the local normative documents of the Company.
- 4.2. The Chairman of the Board of Directors or an authorized member of the Board of Directors is entitled to officially comment decisions taken by the Board of Directors, as well as to set out the Board of Directors' point of view (within telephone conferences, interviews, etc.) on the issues discussed on the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 4.3. Members of the Board of Directors are entitled to publicly set out their point of view on the issues discussed on the meetings of the Board of Directors, and on the decisions taken by the Board of Directors, being guided by principles of rationality and responsibility, taking into account the limitations for disclosure of information which contains trade, state or other secret protected by law.
- 4.4. Chairmen of committees by Board of Directors, members of committees and authorized representatives of the Company are entitled to comment and bring to the notice of interested parties information on decisions taken on committees' meetings, being guided by principles of rationality and responsibility, taking into account the limitations for disclosure of information which contains trade, state or other secret protected by law.
- 4.5. Sole executive representative of the Company and Chairman of the Board of Directors, authorized press-officer of the Company and other officials of the Company (within the authorities

defined by the sole executive body) have the exclusive right to announce to the public official statements on behalf of the Company on the issues connected with the Company's activities.

#### 5. Information to be disclosed

The Company discloses the following information about the Company, Company's activities, as well as information on S&D and S&D activities:

- 5.1. Information about the Company to be mandatory disclosed according to the Russian Federation legislation:
- information disclosed by the Company during securities issue procedure;
- Company's annual report;
- Company's annual accounting reporting;
- information about the contents of the Charter and other internal documents regulating the Company's activity, including the amendments;
- information on Company's dependent bodies;
- other information disclosed in accordance with the Russian Federation legislation.
  - 5.2. Information additionally disclosed by the Company.

Besides information disclosed by the Company according to the demands of the Russian Federation legislation, the Company discloses the following information on the corporate website:

- 5.2.1. General information about the Company:
- 5.2.1.1. mission and strategy of the Company;
- 5.2.1.2. history of the Company's development;
- 5.2.1.3. goals, objectives and course of the Company's reformation;
- 5.2.1.4. information on the management staff of the Company: members of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Board (General Director);
- 5.2.1.5. information on members of the Auditing commission of the Company and on the joint amount of remuneration for the members of the Auditing commission.
- 5.2.1.6. information about the structure of the members of committees by the Board of Directors of the Company;
- 5.2.1.7. information about the Auditor, including information on the license, criteria and method of choice of the Auditor, amount of Auditor's remuneration for auditing services and services not connected directly with audit;
- 5.2.1.8. the structure of share capital of the Company, including information on the shareholders who hold 5% and more of the voting shares of the Company. Disclosing abovementioned information the Company aims at disclosing it taking into consideration data about final shareholders who are in nominal holding. The Company aims at quarterly disclosure of such information;
- 5.2.1.9. statistic information on shareholders of the Company, including number of shareholders, ratio and share of non-residents and residents, legal and natural persons in the authorized capital;
- 5.2.1.10. information (as a list) on the companies where the Company holds at least 5% of the voting shares;
- 5.2.1.11. description of the organizational structure of the Company and main functional relations between the key operational subdivisions;
  - 5.2.1.12. calendar of key events and news of the Company;

- 5.2.1.13. information on Company's participation in exhibitions and conferences, in the activities of international organizations;
- 5.2.1.14. information about the Registrar of the Company and also about the transfer-agents of the Registrar of the Company;
  - 5.2.1.16. Company's contact information;
  - 5.2.2. Local normative documents of the Company:
- 5.2.2.1. Regulation on the procedure of preparation and holding of the general meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company;
  - 5.2.2.2. Regulation on committees by the Board of Directors of the Company;
  - 5.2.2.3. Regulation on Auditing commission of the Company<sup>1</sup>;
- 5.2.2.4. Regulation on payment of remunerations and compensations to the members of the Board of Directors of the Company;
- 5.2.2.5. Regulation on payment of remunerations and compensations to the members of Auditing commission of the Company;
  - 5.2.2.6. Regulation on information Policy of the Company;
  - 5.2.2.7. Regulation on insider information of the Company;
  - 5.2.2.8. Code of corporate governance of the Company;
  - 5.2.2.9. the Company may disclose other documents approved by the Company.
  - 5.2.3. Information on activities of management bodies of the Company:
- 5.2.3.1. protocols of General meetings of shareholders of the Company (except for information which is referred to the category "trade secret" according to the Russian Federation legislation and internal documents of the Company)<sup>2</sup>;
- 5.2.3.2. protocols of meetings of the Board of Directors of the Company (except for information which is referred to the category "trade secret" according to the Russian Federation legislation and internal documents of the Company)<sup>3</sup>;
- 5.2.3.3. protocols of meetings of committees by the Board of Directors of the Company (except for information which is referred to the category "trade secret" according to the Russian Federation legislation and internal documents of the Company)<sup>4</sup>:
- 5.2.3.4. protocols of meetings of Auditing commission of the Company (except for information which is referred to the category "trade secret" according to the Russian Federation legislation and internal documents of the Company)<sup>5</sup>;
- 5.2.3.6. information about the nominating process to the Board of Directors of the Company (subdivision and procedures of the internal control)
  - 5.2.4. Information on assessment of corporate governance:
- 5.2.4.1. reports and conclusions of independent experts concerning various aspects of corporate governance of the Company and its subsidiaries and dependent companies;

<sup>1</sup> On the day of holding general meeting of shareholders of the Company/meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company/meeting of committees by the Board of Directors of the Company/meeting of Auditing commission of the Company, the Company aims to publishing press releases, reviews and comments to these events on the corporate website.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On the day of holding general meeting of shareholders of the Company/meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company/meeting of committees by the Board of Directors of the Company/meeting of Auditing commission of the Company, the Company aims to publishing press releases, reviews and comments to these events on the corporate website.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Company aims at approving the reporting in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) within 60 days since the moment of the accounting period end and also presents at the corporate web-site information on the preliminary date of the given reporting approval.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Company aims at approving the reporting in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) within 60 days since the moment of the accounting period end and also presents at the corporate web-site information on the preliminary date of the given reporting approval.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Company aims at approving the reporting in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) within 60 days since the moment of the accounting period end and also presents at the corporate web-site information on the preliminary date of the given reporting approval.

- 5.2.4.2. information on ratings of corporate governance given to the Company and its subsidiaries and dependent companies.
  - 5.2.5. Financial information:
- 5.2.5.1. accounting policy, including information on accounting standards used by the Company;
- 5.2.5.2. information on correspondence of accounting standards of the Company to the requirements of the accounting standards accepted in the Russian Federation.
- 5.2.5.3. audited consolidated financial reporting of the Group IDGC of Volga, JSC for the financial year prepared according to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS);
- 5.2.5.4. the report of the independent Auditor on the annual financial report prepared according to IFRS;
- 5.2.5.5. audited financial (accounting) report of the Company for the financial year according to the Russian Accounting Standards (RAS);
- 5.2.5.6. the report of the independent Auditor on the annual financial report prepared according to RAS.
  - 5.2.6. Information on securities of the Company:
  - 5.2.6.1. information on nominal value and number of issued shares;
  - 5.2.6.2. information on the rights provided by the shares of each category (type);
  - 5.2.6.6. dividend policy of the Company;
  - 5.2.6.7. dividend history of the Company for the last ten years.
- 5.2.7. Information on financial and economic activities of the Company and its subsidiaries and dependent companies:
  - 5.2.7.1. information on types of activities, on produced (provided) goods (services);
  - 5.2.7.2. results achieved by the Company during the year;
- 5.2.7.3. information on the investment projects, including information on expected amounts of financing of the planned investment projects;
  - 5.2.7.4. methods of funds assessment;
  - 5.2.7.5. detailed information on the structure of incomes and expenses;
  - 5.2.7.6. efficiency indexes, including ROE;
  - 5.2.7.7. ratio of internal and borrowed funds;
  - 5.2.7.8. dynamics of increase (decrease) of income;
  - 5.2.7.9. dynamics of expenses;
- 5.2.7.10. dynamics and change of structure of accounts payable and accounts receivable of the Company;
  - 5.2.7.11. structure of earnings and profits by business sectors, regions;
  - 5.2.7.12. indicators of electric power transmission;
  - 5.2.7.13. indicators of electric power consumption by groups of consumers;
  - 5.2.7.14. information on power tariffs;
  - 5.2.7.15. quarterly forecasting of production results and comments;
  - 5.2.7.18. quarterly forecasting of financial results and comments.
  - 5.2.8. Information on members of governing bodies:
- 5.2.8.1. biographic information about the Chairman of the Board of Directors, members of the Board of Directors, members of the executive bodies of the Company and its subsidiaries and dependent companies, including age, citizenship, education, main place of employment, other

positions taken, information on the date of entering the Board of Directors of the Company, information on relations between a member of Board of Directors and the Company;

- 5.2.8.2. information on shares' holding of the Company and its subsidiaries and dependent companies by the mentioned persons and persons affiliated with them, indicating the number and category (type) of the shares;
  - 5.2.8.3. information on transactions between the mentioned persons and the Company;
- 5.2.8.4. procedures of taking decision on the remuneration payment to the members of the Board of Directors and executive bodies of the Company;
- 5.2.8.5. criteria for defining and total amount of remuneration (compensation of expenses) to the persons who belong to the governance bodies;
- 5.2.8.6. information on trainings of members of the Board of Directors at the expense of the Company.
  - 5.2.9. Information on market sphere:
  - 5.2.9.1. review of macroeconomic factors which affect the industry economics;
  - 5.2.9.2. market share of the Company, of each type of the Company's activities;
  - 5.2.9.3. major risk factors in the Company's activities.
  - 5.2.10. Information on considerable transactions:
- 5.2.10.1. information messages on considerable transactions and quarterly review of the most considerable transactions made by the Company and its subsidiaries and dependent companies;
- 5.2.10.2. information messages on transactions being of interest, made by the Company and quarterly review of such transactions, including information on the parties, object and price of such transactions;
- 5.2.10.3. information messages on transactions made by the Company with state companies and quarterly review of such transactions;
- 5.2.10.4. quarterly review of transactions of the Company and its subsidiaries and dependent companies with the shareholders of the Company who hold at least 5% of the voting shares of the Company;
  - 5.2.10.5. quarterly review of intracorporate transactions.

Sole executive body, the Board of Directors of the Company is entitled to determine the additional list of information disclosed by the Company's initiative.

#### 6. Rules of Information Disclosure

#### 6.1. Information disclosure language.

When disclosing information according to the present Regulation, the Company discloses information in Russian and in English whenever it is permitted by the existing legislation and there is no controversy with the essence of information disclosure in the particular case (interview, public statements under conditions when simultaneous translation is not possible, etc.). The Company aims at disclosing information in Russian and in English simultaneously.

6.2. Information publishing in printed materials.

The Company publishes messages, articles, interviews, materials and other information in periodical printed media distributed on the territory of the Russian Federation and abroad as the necessity in such publication appears.

6.3. Publishing of information in the Internet.

On the corporate website the Company publishes information on its activities, activities of subsidiaries and dependent companies, as well as documents, press-releases, messages, news,

articles, interviews, advertising information and other information provided by section 5 of the present Regulation. The website has Russian and English versions. The address of the corporate website of the Company is www.mrsk-volgi.ru.

The Company provides sending of information messages in Russian and in English about key events of its activities via e-mail to the members of the investment community and to mass media on their demand.

6.4. Publishing of information in brochures and booklets.

The Company includes the information mentioned in articles 5.2.1. - 5.2.10. of the present Regulation into the annual report. At the same time when a local normative document is to be disclosed according to the mentioned articles, only general provisions of such documents are disclosed.

The Company produces typographically annual reports and information materials about the Company (brochures, booklets and other materials). Copies of annual reports or mentioned information materials or (and) their copies are given to shareholders of the Company on their demand, no later than 5 working days after such a demand was received by the Company. At the same time the Company may reimburse the expenses for printing the copies of annual reports or copies of other requested information materials.

6.5. Organization of telephone conferences, briefings and meetings with shareholders and other interested parties.

The Company organizes meetings with shareholders (representatives of shareholders), potential investors, thematic round-table discussions with analysts and other interested parties, including road-shows. Road-show is organized under participation of the General Director of the Company or his authorized representative.

The Company participates in Russian and international conferences, exhibitions, in the activities of international organizations.

The abovementioned events are held by the Company as the necessity to organize them appears.

Representatives of the Company participating in the events<sup>6</sup> which provide disclosure of information on Company's activities, as well as subjects of disclosed information are approved by the head of organization department of the Company invited to take part in this event, after approval of the departments of the Company authorized to cooperate with mass media, shareholders, investors and external relations.

Authorized representatives of the Company (among the employees of the Company), who participate in the events providing disclosure of information on the Company's activities, are responsible for public information disclosure (speeches, comments, interviews, publications, etc.) which had negative effect on the Company's reputation.

6.6. Organization of interviews, briefings and press conferences with managers of the Company, comments and responses to the demands of mass media representatives.

The Company organizes press conferences, briefings devoted to important events which take or are going to take place in the Company. With the help of the press office of the Company the Company distributes official comments in mass media on the activities and development perspectives of the Company, replies to demands of mass media representatives, organizes interviews, briefings and press conferences with the managers of the Company.

6.7. *Information sending to shareholders of the Company.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> During press conferences, meetings with shareholders and investors, symposia and other events providing disclosure of information on the Company's activities.

The Company sends to its shareholders by registered mail information on shareholders' meetings holdings, voting bulletins in the course of and within time limits determined by the legislation of the Russian federation, Charter and other local normative documents of the Company. The Charter of the Company may provide other ways to notify shareholders of organizing meetings of shareholders.

6.9. Terms of disclosure of additional information by the Company.

The Company discloses additional information on itself and its activities mentioned in article 5.2. of the present Regulation within the following deadlines:

- information mentioned in paragraph 5.2.1.12. of article 5.2.1. and in paragraph 5.2.6.5. of article 5.2.6. of the present Regulation is disclosed by the Company and daily revised on the corporate website;
- information mentioned in paragraphs 5.2.1.8.- 5.2.1.9. of article 5.2.1.; in paragraph 5.2.6.5. of article 5.2.6., in paragraphs 5.2.7.3., 5.2.7.5.- 5.2.7.18. of article 5.2.7.; in paragraphs 5.2.8.1.- 5.2.8.3., 5.2.8.5. of article 5.2.8.; in paragraphs 5.2.9.1.- 5.2.9.3. of article 5.2.9.; in paragraphs 5.2.10.1.- 5.2.10.3. excluding information messages, 5.2.10.4.-5.2.10.5. of article 5.2.10. of the present Regulation is disclosed by the Company on the corporate website quarterly;
- information mentioned in paragraph 5.2.7.2 of article 5.2.7. of the present Regulation is disclosed by the Company on the corporate website within 90 days since the end of financial year.
- other information provided by article 5.2. of the present Regulation is disclosed by the Company on the corporate website within 3 working days since the change of the corresponding information (documents) or a certain event takes place.

## 7. Providing access for shareholders to the documents and information on Company's activities

- 7.1. The Company provides access to the information which the Company is to keep and grant to shareholders, creditors, potential investors and other interested parties according to the legislation and (or) normative-legal acts of the Russian Federation.
- 7.2. The Company provides information to shareholders when preparing and holding general meeting of shareholders in the course of and within deadlines determined by the legislation of the Russian federation.
- 7.3. The Company provides documents for inspection upon presentation of the corresponding demand, drawn up in a free form in writing addressed to General Directorof the Company or to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 7.4. The Company provides to shareholders requested documents and (or) their copies related to information to be provided to shareholders according to the legislation, not later than within seven days from presentation of the corresponding demand.
- 7.5. Information on the Company and its activities may be provided to interested parties who are not the Company's shareholders and to mass media representatives according to their written request if such information is not related to information which contains trade, state or other secret protected by law. Decision to provide such information is taken by the sole executive body or other authorized person who performs functions of disclosing information to parties according to article 4.1 of the present Regulation in compliance with intracorporate authorities' distribution.