

The Fate of the Draft “Energy Strategy of the Russian Federation for the Period up to 2035” (Summary)

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The issue in this paper is an examination of the problems involved in creating the draft “Energy Strategy of the Russian Federation for the Period up to 2035”, accompanying the formulation of the economic policy of the Russian Federation up to 2024–2025.

Here, regarding the content of economic policy which various analytical institutions, government organizations, and expert groups produced, we will continue to analyze the priority issues, objectives, challenges, and problem-solving methods. We have analyzed the following proposed plans:

- The “Economic Development Strategy of the Russian Federation for the Period 2018–2024” prepared by the Center for Strategic Research led by Alexei Kudrin.
- The Medium-Term Program on Economic and Social Development of the Russian Federation up to 2025 “Growth Strategy” prepared by the Stolypin Club led by Boris Titov, the business ombudsman who protects the rights of entrepreneurs.
- The “Economic Development Plan up to 2025” prepared by the [then] Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation. This is also called the “Government Action Plan up to 2025”.

It was confirmed that the plans of the Center for Strategic Research and the Stolypin Club could ultimately be merged into one plan under a variety of scenarios. Taking into consideration such things as oil price, investor position, and geopolitical uncertainty, the variant development scenarios end up increasing. However, these were composed from the two strategies now under discussion, and they can be further refined and put into one program. However, the possibility cannot be ruled out for the two major strategy documents of the government plan and the presidential program to appear in Russia.

In the light of the context of these economic programs, the “Energy Strategy of the Russian Federation for the Period up to 2035” draft was examined, which was submitted to the Russian government by the Ministry of Energy on 1 February 2017. On that occasion, the composition of the strategy draft, the stages, the scenarios, the main target issues, and indicators were examined. The draft’s indicators which were announced on 30 September 2016 ahead of the “Energy Strategy of the Russian Federation for the Period up to 2035” were compared with the plans’ main indicators.

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