

Boris Ebzeev, General Director of IDGC of the South, and Andrey Bocharov, the Governor of the Volgograd Region, discussed the areas of cooperation between the power grid company and regional authorities. including the power grid complex prospective expansion and the Investment Programme progress, tariff aspects and participation of IDGC of the South in social projects.

The Company hosted a delegation from the major South Korean energy company. Boris Ebzeev, General Director of IDGC of the South, gave a tour for foreign colleagues around a R22 substation. The visitors had a look at advanced technologies of the largest power grid company in Southern Russia.

Power engineers from the Volgograd branch of IDGC of the South shared their experience in winter operations with Italian colleagues. TERNA S.p.A. specialists, the monopolist of the Italian power grid market, got interested in the Russian' experience in operation of innovative early icing detection systems and devices for ice melting on 35–220 kV OHL wires and cables.

During a business meeting, Sergey Morozov, the interim Governor of the Astrakhan Region and Boris Ebzeev, General Director of IDGC of the South, explored the issued of cooperation under IDGC of the South projects, renovation and digitisation of the regional power grid complex. Another matter discussed was the long-term tariff setting.

Within the framework of the Russian Investment Forum in Sochi, IDGC of the South signed an agreement with the Don State Technical University for training specialists to pursue the strategic goals of the energy industry digitisation. This agreement

constituted a continuation of the parties' cooperation. The rapid development of new technologies, integration of digital substations and smart grids, new work standards impose new requirements to the training of engineers for the Southern Russia power industry.