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## RSPP RUSSIAN BUSINESS WEEK 2016: VEGAS LEX ON ENERGY COMPANIES' LIABILITY FOR IMPROPER SUPPLYING PRACTICES

## VEGAS LEX managing partner Alexander Sitnikov has spoken about the liability of owners of grid and generating companies for failing to provide a stable energy supply during the RSPP Russian Business Week 2016.

The conference, *Building the electric power industry's development strategy*, took place on March 21, 2016, as part of Russian Business Week 2016, with the support of VEGAS LEX. During his presentation at the event, VEGAS LEX managing partner <u>Alexander Sitnikov</u> discussed the liability of owners of energy companies (generation and grid companies) for failing to maintain a stable energy supply and evaluated this mechanism as a way of stimulating their reliable operation.

Mr. Sitnikov cited a list of problems affecting the reliability of the power system, including those due to regulatory deficiencies. However, he does not think there is a need to create a separate committee on reliability to solve problems. The existing discussion platforms for these problems are good enough, for example, the Non-profit Partnership "Market Council". What is really needed is a roadmap for the development of industry legislation and extensive discussions with active involvement of the judicial community.

Other speakers at the conference included **Yaroslav Mandron**, head of the Department of State Regulation of Tariffs, Infrastructural Reform and Energy Efficiency at the Ministry of Economic Development Department; **Alexander Chuvayev**, Chairman of RSPP Commission for Housing and Utilities, Executive Vice President of Fortum corporation; **Yury Rymasheusky**, Deputy Director of the Energy Department of the Eurasian Economic Commission; **Igor Mironov**, Director of the Council of Power Producers association; **Roman Filippov**, General Director of Power Machines company; **Boris Vainzikher**, CEO of T Plus Group; **Mikhail Kuznetsov**, General Director of Siberian Generating Company; **Maxim Shirokov**, General Director of E.ON Russia JSC; **Vasily Zubakin**, Head of the Coordination of Operation and Energy Supply Department at LUKOIL public company, and others.

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