

**STATEMENT OF INTENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE STATE STATISTICAL BUREAU
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON AN ENERGY INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

The Department of Energy of the United States of America (acting in part through the Energy Information Administration) on the one hand and the State Statistical Bureau of the People's Republic of China (acting in part through the Department of Industrial and Transportation Statistics) on the other hand, hereinafter referred to as the "Participating Agencies" desirous to conducting an exchange of energy information, have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE I

The Participants intend to form a Chinese-American sub-ministerial Working Group on Energy Information (hereafter referred to as the "Working Group") to conduct the exchange of energy statistics and other energy market information between the United States and the People's Republic of China. The purpose of the Working Group is to facilitate the exchange of data and information on energy market issues.

ARTICLE II

For the purpose of promoting closer contacts and mutually beneficial consultations, the arrangements for the Working Group's meetings are as follows:

- A) The Working Group should consist of sub-ministerial officials from the Participating Agencies. Participants in the annual consultations also may include representatives from such other agencies of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China as the Participating Agencies deem appropriate for the agenda for the consultations.
- B) Each Participating Agency should appoint an administrative secretary who will make preparations for the consultations and who will be responsible for communication between the Participating Agencies .

ARTICLE III

The Working Group will be guided by the following procedures:

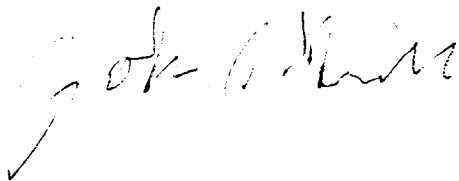
- A) Consultations will be held at least annually, alternately in the United States of America and in the People's Republic of China;
- B) Special meetings of the Working Group may be held upon agreement of the Participating Agencies;
- C) The time of consultations and other meetings should be determined at least three months in advance following consultations between the Participating Agencies;
- D) The agendas for all meetings should be determined by the Participating Agencies; and
- E) It is intended that the Participating Agencies and other participants in meetings will be responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses. If either Participating Agency should experience funding constraints that would limit its ability to meet, both Participating Agencies will jointly attempt to solve the funding problem before the meeting is scheduled to occur. The Participating Agency hosting the meeting should pay the costs for arrangements associated with the meeting.

ARTICLE IV

The Participating Agencies are to conduct consultations in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of their respective countries and subject to the availability of funds and other resources.

Signed this 23rd February day of 1995, at BEIJING in duplicate, in the Chinese and English languages.

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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:



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OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:

