

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**AND**  
**THE NATIONAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION**  
**OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**  
**ON BILATERAL ENERGY POLICY DIALOGUE**

The Department of Energy of the United States of America and the National Energy Administration of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants"),

Recognizing the similar energy challenges faced by both countries, as the world's biggest energy producers and consumers, and that energy policy decisions by one country can have implications for the other in the context of the global energy market and global climate change; and

Noting their ongoing cooperation in such energy fields as oil and gas, clean coal, renewable energy, advanced bio-fuel, nuclear energy, and exchanges of views and development of specific projects related to accelerating deployment of clean energy technologies,

Have reached the following understanding:

### **Section 1**

The Participants intend to continue the U.S.-China Energy Policy Dialogue (hereinafter the "EPD" or "Dialogue"). The EPD is to be held annually, co-chaired by the Secretary of Energy and the Administrator of the National Energy Administration.

### **Section 2**

The purpose of the Dialogue is to enhance the mutual understanding of energy issues; to promote the exchange of information on energy policies, technologies, and markets; and to review and develop cooperative activities on energy-related topics of mutual interest between the two countries.

The discussion topics of the EPD include:

- a) Energy policies and best practices that are conducive to achieve the energy development objectives of the Participants' countries;
- b) Cooperation in specific areas, including oil and gas (shale gas), clean coal, renewable energy, advanced bio-fuel technologies, nuclear energy, smart grid, technologies to improve energy efficiency and ongoing key cooperative projects;
- c) Issues of mutual interest as they relate to energy security, global momentum of energy development, and market stability;
- d) Cooperation in advanced technology demonstration and deployment, towards a cleaner and more sustainable energy future;
- e) Discussion of additional areas of cooperation and/or other topics as mutually decided.

### **Section 3**

To promote closer coordination and ensure the effectiveness of the Dialogue, arrangements for the EPD meetings should be as follows:

- a) Inclusion of representatives from other entities of the United States of America and the People's Republic of China as the Participants deem appropriate for the agenda of each EPD;
- b) Creation of regular working groups on specific fields. These working groups should meet or talk through phone calls and/or video conferences on a regular basis to ensure timely

communication, and deliver annual cooperation reports, with policy, project and technology proposals included, to EPD;

- c) Development of a comprehensive work plan, based on knowledge and understanding of cooperation in the previous year and through discussion in advance, serving as the guideline for energy cooperation under this MOU.

#### **Section 4**

The EPD is to be guided by the following procedures:

- a) EPDs are to be held on an annual basis, alternately in the United States of America and in the People's Republic of China;
- b) Appointment of an administrative secretary by each Participant, who are to make preparations for the EPD and communicate with the participating agencies;
- c) Special meetings of the EPD or the working groups may be held as determined by the Participants;
- d) All the institutional meetings or forums in the specific areas are to be convened prior to the EPD. The date of the EPD should be determined at least one and a half months in advance, following consultations between the Participants, to ensure the effective development of the agenda and identification of participating organizations;
- e) Travel and accommodation expenses related to EPD are to be borne by the Participants. The Participant hosting the meeting is to be responsible for the costs of arranging the meeting.

#### **Section 5**

Each Participant should conduct the EPDs in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of its respective country and subject to the availability of funds and other resources.

#### **Section 6**

- a) Cooperation under the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum) may commence upon signature.



- b) The Participants may revise this Memorandum at any time by mutual consent in writing.
- c) A Participant that wishes to discontinue its participation in this Memorandum should endeavor to provide 90 days' advance notice in writing to the other Participant.
- d) This Memorandum supersedes and replaces the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Energy of the United States of America and the National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China on Bilateral Energy Policy Dialogue signed May 23, 2004.

Signed at Beijing, in duplicate, this 28th day of October 2013, in the English and Chinese languages.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:



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OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:

