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# AGENDA

# UNITED STATES ENERGY ASSOCIATION (USEA) ENERGY INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

PP&L, Inc. / Centrenergo Corporate Finance Executive Exchange Visit \* \* \* \* \*

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# **U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

And

# UNITED STATES ENERGY ASSOCIATION

Location: Allentown, PA Dates: October 24-November 6, 1999

**Participants** 

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## **BACKGROUND**:

In 1992, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) entered into a cooperative agreement with the United States Energy Association (USEA) in a series of definitional missions to determine the scope of U.S. government assistance effort in the energy sector of the New Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union. To administer this task, USEA and USAID jointly developed Energy Industry Partnership Program (EIPP) for the NIS. The objective of the EIPP is to establish long-term cooperative relationships between U.S. and NIS energy enterprises that provide a mechanism for the U.S. energy industry to transfer its experience in market-based energy production, transmission, and distribution to its counterparts in the NIS.

In December 1998, PP&L, Inc. and the European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD) entered into a contract for a twinning project between PP&L, Inc. And Centrenergo, one of the largest electric generating companies in Ukraine. The U.S. Energy Association (USEA), through its Energy Industry Partnership Program (EIPP) with the U.S. Agency for International Development, will supplement this contract by providing funding for logistical support. The purpose of the twinning project is to provide personnel training in the areas of general management, financial management, accounting, environmental management and fuel market operations (procurements).

This exchange visit will be the fourth activity under the twinning project. A two week seminar on financial issues was conducted in September for senior financial representatives of Centrenergo. A delegation of these representatives will travel to the U.S. to continue the discussions initiated during the seminar. The discussions will be in greater detail and will give an opportunity for the participants to see first-hand how PP&L, inc. practices its financial functions.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this visit are as follows:

- 1) To provide an opportunity for Centrenergo financial representatives to see first-hand how PP&L, Inc. operates its financial departments.
- 2) To continue discussions intiated during the Finance Seminar conducted September 19-26 at Centrenergo.
- 3) To determine future activities and deliverables.

# **Corporate Finance Executive Exchange Visit**

## Sunday, October 24, 1999

8:15 am	Depart Kyiv on Ukraine International flight #3825 for Frankfurt.
10:05 am	Arrive Frankfurt.
1:30 pm	Depart Frankfurt on United Flight #3515 for Newark
3:55 pm	Arrive Newark Met at gate by Jerry Trexler (from PP&L, Inc.) Travel to Allentown Hilton Hotel - Approximately a 1 hour drive.
6:00 pm	Check into Allentown Hilton Hotel
	Hilton Hotel 904 Hamilton Mall Road Allentown, PA 18101 Tel: 610-433-2221

## Monday, October 25, 1999

9:00 am	Meeting with representatives from United States Energy Association.	
	> Overview of USEA and WEC	
	Energy Industry Partnership Program (EIPP)	
	Role in Centrenergo / PP&L, Inc. EBRD Twinning Program	
	Review of Document	
	Distribution of Per Diem Allowance	
	Signing of tax forms	
	Program evaluation forms	
	> Objectives	
12:00 pm	Lunch	

- 1:30 pm **Overview of PP&L, Inc.** 
  - > Overview of the company Vision, mission and strategy

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- > Organizational structure
- Service territory
- > Customers groups
- > Generation, transmission and distribution
- > History
- > Board of Directors
- > Shareholders
- 2:45 pm Break

# 3:00 pm **Overview of U.S. electric utility industry and regulations**

- > Deregulation trend in the U.S.
- $\succ$  Current situation in the U.S
- > Current situation in PA
- > PP&L's role in the restructuring process

#### 5:00 pm Adjourn

#### Tuesday, October 26, 1999

#### 9:00 am **PP&L Finance Department**

- > Organizational Structure
- $\succ$  Debt and equity
- $\succ$  Role of shareholders
- > Board of Directors
- > Annual Shareholders Meeting
- $\succ$  Voting rights
- 10:30 am Break

#### 10:45 am **PP&L Finance Department (Continued)**

- > Interest payments
- > Dividends
- > Retained earnings
- > Capital structure
- $\succ$  Examples

12:00 pm Lunch

1:30 pm	Sources of Financing
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- > Long-term debt
- > Preferred stocks
- Common stocks
- > Short-term debt
- > Bond forms
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Coursework Exercise
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

# Wednesday, October 27, 1999

9:00 am	Financing Requirements, Laws and Regulations	
	<ul> <li>Construction forecast</li> <li>Role of Board of Directors</li> <li>Regulatory approval</li> <li>Role of Investment Bankers</li> <li>Role of Trustee/Paying Agent</li> </ul>	
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	Financing Requirements, Laws and Regulations (Continued)	
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Financing Requirements, Laws and Regulations (Continued)	
3:00 pm	Break	
3:15 pm	Coursework Exercise	
5:00 pm	Adjourn	
Thursday, October 28, 1999		
9:00 am	Taxation Issues	

#### Interaction with Tax authorities

- ► Names of organizations
- > Number of organizations
- > Reporting to tax authorities
- > Responsibilities of the company and tax authorities
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:00 am **Taxation Issues (Continue)**
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm **Taxation Issues (Continue)**
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:15 pm Coursework Exercise
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

#### Friday, October 29, 1999

9:00 am Investor Relations

#### Investor Profile

- > Investor mix
- > Interest payments
- > Dividend payments
- > Retained earnings
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am Investor Relations (Continued)

#### Dividends

- > Common vs. Preferred
- > Payable dates
- Current dividend rates
- > Methods of payments to shareholders

#### Annual Meeting

 $\succ$  Right to vote

- > Proxy statements
- > Role of ADP in voting process
- Role of proxy solicitor

#### Shareholder Publication

- > Quarterly Reports
- > Annual Reports
- > Shareholder Handbook
- > Home Page on the World Wide Web
- 12:00 pm Lunch

#### 1:30 pm Investor Relations (Continued)

#### Shareholder Service

- Dividend reinvestment program
- > Electronic direct deposit of dividends
- > Toll-free telephone number
- > Stock transfer (using an agent vs. In-house record keeping)
- > Stock transfer and record keeping)

#### **Rating Agencies**

- > Range of rating
- > PP&L's rating

#### Role of the Utility Stock Analyst

- > Overview of analyst presentations
- > Quarterly earnings estimates
- > Discussion of analyst's ratings
- > Participation by PP&L in regional investor fairs
- 3:15 pm Break
- 3:30 pm Coursework Exercise
- 5:00 pm Adjourn

#### Saturday, October 30, 1999

Free day.

#### Sunday, October 31, 1999

Free day.

# Monday, November 1, 1999

9:00 am	Profitability Measures	
	<ul> <li>Why does someone start a business?</li> <li>Profitability Measures - Measuring the Business Success</li> <li>Total Earnings</li> <li>Earnings per share</li> <li>Return on shareowner equity</li> <li>Return on investment</li> <li>Bond covenants</li> </ul>	
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	Profitability Measures (Continued)	
	<ul> <li>Profitability Measures - Measuring the Business Success</li> <li>Return on investment</li> <li>Bond convenants</li> </ul>	
12:00 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Profitability Measures (Continued)	
	> What can be done to improve profitability?	
3:00 pm	Break	
3:15 pm	Profitability Measures (Continued)	
	<ul> <li>Economic Value Added Model (EVA)</li> <li>Business Operations Model</li> </ul>	
5:00 pm	Adjourn	
Tuesday, November 2, 1999		
9:00 am	Profitability Measures (Continued)	
	> Economic Value Added Model (EVA)	

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	> Business Operations Model	
	> Examples	
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	Business Decision Analysis	
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	Key steps to effective business decisions Discussed and definition of Net	
	Discounted cash flow analysis — How it works and definition of Net	
	Present value (NPV)	
	> NPV tables	
	Business decision analysis Examples	
12:00	Lunch	
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1:30 pm Business Decision Analysis (Continued)		
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	Business decision analysis Examples	
3:00 pm	Break	
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3:15 pm	Business Decision Analysis (Continued)	
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	Risk management techniques of small projects	
5:00 pm	Adjourn	
<u>Wednesday,</u>	<u>November 3, 1999</u>	
9:00 <b>am</b>	Business Decision Analysis (Continued)	
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	Examples of decision making in a competitive environment	
	<ul> <li>Successful business strategies</li> </ul>	
10:30 am	Break	
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10:45 am	Business Decision Analysis (Continued)	
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	Coursework Exercise	
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1·30 pm	Business Decision Analysis (Continued)			
	> Further Discussions			
3:00 pm	Break			
3:15 pm	Project Evaluation Model			
	<ul> <li>Overview</li> <li>Project evaluation model using discounted cash flows</li> <li>Inputs for discounted cash flow model</li> </ul>			
5:00 pm	Adjourn			
<u>Thursday, N</u>	ovember 4, 1999			
9:00 am	Project Evaluation Model (Continued)			
	> How discounted cash flow model works			
10:30 am	Break			
10:45 am	Project Evaluation Model (Continued)			
	> How discounted cash flow model works (continued)			
12:00 pm	Lunch			
1:30 pm	Project Evaluation Model (Continued)			
	Coursework Exercises			
3:00 pm	Break			
3:15 pm	<b>Project Evaluation Model (Continued)</b>			
	<ul> <li>Coursework Exercises (Continued)</li> </ul>			
5:00 pm	Adjourn			

<u>PP&L, Inc. / Centrenergo Executive Exchange Visit</u> Friday, November 5, 1999

- 9:00 am **Review and Feedback**
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am Review and Feedback (Continue)
- 12:00 pm Adjourn

## Saturday, November 6, 1999

- 2:00 pm Check out of Hilton Hotel. Depart by van for Newark Airport (approximately a 1 ½ hour drive.
- 3:30 pm Check-in at airport
- 5:50 pm Depart on United flight #3514 to Frankfurt.

## Sunday, October 27, 1999

- 7:20 am Arrive Frankfurt.
- 9:45 am Depart Frankfurt on United Flight #3824 for Kyiv, Ukraine
- 1:05 pm Arrive Kyiv/Borispol Airport.