

Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei announces joint energy plan

The local development and reform commissions of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei Province recently formulated a regional action plan on energy collaboration.

The plan aims to specify and implement energy goals and tasks for the next three years. It proposes eight collaborative energy development categories including strategy, facilities, administration, green development, operation, innovation, market and policy. In addition, the plan proposes a mechanism to support its implementation.

In the aspect of strengthening facility collaboration, the plan proposes to increase the heating supply from Sanhe Thermo Power Plant to Tongzhou District, facilitate the green heating supply in Yanqing District, and start the heating supply from Zhuozhou Thermo Power Plant to Zhuozhou in Hebei and Fangshan District in Beijing. It also proposes to build a low-carbon Olympic Area in Chongli and establish a pilot area of renewable energy in Zhangjiakou in the aspect of strengthening green energy development. Furthermore, the plan suggests to establish an energy structure adjustment fund, and to improve the local fiscal and taxation policy regarding policy collaboration.

With regards to the supporting mechanism, the plan proposes to set up an energy collaborative mechanism. With the aim of strengthening guidance and coordination, a joint conference should be organized by the local energy departments in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei Province. A communication mechanism should be established between the local authorities.

The Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region is an important energy consumption center in China. In recent years, the local authorities have found consensus in their coordinated development and are now exploring the ways and promoting the joint efforts in the areas of electricity and heating supply.