
Charges pressed against defendants in criminal case over stealing money from Inter-Regional Grid Distribution Company of Center



The Major Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee during the investigation in stealing money from OAO Inter-Regional Grid Distribution Company of Center and North Caucasus (OJSC) (hereinafter MRSK Center) has pressed charges against Deputy CEO of OAO Belgorodenergo Viktor Filatov, CEOs of OAO KorSsis Stanislav Milkin, Pavel Tishchenko and their accomplices Alexander Pivovarov and Alexey Zelensky. Filatov is charged with a crime under part 3 of article 33, part 4 of article 160 of the RF Penal Code (organization of misappropriation of money on a very large scale), Milkin, Zelensky, Tishchenko and Pivovarov – part 5 of article 33, part 4 of article 160 (complicity in misappropriation of money on a very large scale). Following a request of investigators a court has ruled to place them in custody pending trial.

According to investigators the accused were involved in withdrawing at least 240 million rubles from OAO Kurskenergo and MRSK of Center in 2008-2010 (50.23% of shares are owned by the Russian Federation) and transferred it to OAO KorSsis including disguised as servicing information and

technological systems. This way, in 2008, some of highly-qualified staff of Kurskenergo were illegally transferred to the Kursk office of KorSsis. Thus the accomplices deliberately burdened Kurskenergo and MRSK of Center with contract commitments to KorSsis, fully controlled by them, and as a result stole the said money.

The criminal case was joined to form a single lawsuit with the one against former CEO of MRSK of Center Yevgheny Makarov, who in 2013, not waiting for the investigation to start hid from law-enforcement bodies. The investigators believe that MRSK of Center suffered damage of at least 880 million rubles by hands of Makarov. The investigators continue looking into the circumstances of Makarov's crimes.

The investigation is ongoing.

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