

Russia to Start Supplying Gas to China by Pipeline in December 2019

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A map of the Power of Siberia pipeline

From RFE/RL, July 5, 2017 Russia will start supplying natural gas to China through a new pipeline by the end of 2019 as part of the two countries' \$400 billion energy pact, state gas giant Gazprom said on July 4. Gazprom Chief Executive Aleksei Miller told journalists in Moscow that delivery of gas would start on the so-called Power of Siberia pipeline on December 20, 2019, and that Beijing and Moscow are now negotiating over a second Far Eastern gas pipeline. Russia signed a 30-year deal in May 2014 to supply China, the world's largest energy market, with gas through a pipeline for the first time. Construction began in September 2014 on the 4,000-kilometer pipeline connecting Yakutia's gas fields with the Sea of Japan and Chinese border. Miller said that the project is now moving into a "key phase" and is being carried out "strictly on schedule," adding that he had "no doubts" the 2019 deadline would be met. [⋮] [https://www.rferl.org/a/russia-gazprom ... cember-2019/28596838.html](https://www.rferl.org/a/russia-gazprom-...-ember-2019/28596838.html)