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Go nukes!



If the Pačes commission has its way, the government's policy of no nukes will soon change to go nukes. Such a shift will raise the hackles of environmentalists, so the commission's report will be written in code. It won't explicitly call for enlarging Temelín, Václav Pačes said in [E15](#) yesterday, but it will suggest that nuclear power will play a very important role in the future. How important? Consider the following: The commission wants to reserve the CR's coal for producing heat, not electricity; it doesn't think alternative energy can play a key role; and it says that natural gas is expensive and its supplies unreliable. Yet Pačes - almost like a ČEZ spokesman - says that exporting electricity is an excellent business and could be a permanent money-maker for the CR. Once deciphered, this means becoming something like 70%-dependent on nukes for electricity and still exporting a pile of nuclear energy.

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