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Moscow calling

When Germany decided to pull out of nuclear power, the ČEZ lobby went into full alert. PM Petr Nečas warned of a 30% electric-price hike after 2022 and called on the Germans to respect the decision of the Czechs to continue with nuclear power. Nečas also had an unreported meeting with EU Competition Commissioner [Joaquín Almunia](#). Not to be outdone, ČEZ CEO Martin Roman warned Czech MPs about likely pressure from Germany to end nuclear-power production. Some people thought the reaction was driven by fear that the lucrative Temelín deal could be scuppered. But when RWE and Gazprom announced exclusive talks to form a JV, the ČEZ lobby was strangely quiet. As we wrote before, the prospect of [cheaper gas](#) is also a big threat to the Temelín enlargement. But standing up to Berlin is one thing for the ČEZ lobby; taking a public stance against the Kremlin is quite another.



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