

The paper gives consideration to four most feasible heating and hot water supply plans based on the air-to-water, water-to-water and air-to-air heat pump systems. It analyzes the operating aspects of these plans under various operating conditions, their energy and economic feasibility. The paper presents basic performance of the schemes to provide load heating and hot water. The values of energy conversion factor for such systems were obtained. It makes conclusions regarding the effectiveness and feasibility of the heat pump systems in heating and hot water supply systems.

Based on the results of energy audits the paper presents an analysis of the state of equipment of district heat supply companies, shows the objective causes of the tariff increase, gives an analysis of losses throughout the whole supply chain from generation to the consumer and their share assessment.

Power engineering

The paper develops classification, makes analysis and selection of heating networks. *Key words:* reliability, pipeline, failure flow parameter, analysis, damage, operation, heating networks.

The paper presents results of the experimental study of convection heat transfer in staggered tube banks with cut-through coiled ribbon finning in transverse gas flow. It offers empirical relationships for engineering calculations of heat transfer considering the characteristics of the bank arrangement, the finned tube factor and the height of the cut-through part of the fin.

The article presents the results of work on development of a set of electric drives of powerful smoke exhausters of the gas cleaning system of the shaft arc melting furnace of the meltshop of the integrated iron and steel works.

Key words: smoke exhauster, controlled electric drive, electric motor, gas cleaning.

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The article presents data on the evaluation of the potential for use of renewable energy sources and the challenges on the way to their wide introduction. It shows some data on changes in such characteristics as cloud cover and wind speed, which substantially affect potential energy production.

The papers demonstrates the need to support initiatives aimed at accumulation of knowledge and beliefs by children of pre-school and elementary school age, which helps to reduce the human impact on the environment.