Integrating increasing shares of variable renewable energy in to Pakistan Power Grid



Major drivers:

- **1. Very short lead time.**
- 2. Excellent wind and solar resources.
- 3. Low emissions development

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WIND AND SOLAR POTENTIAL



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RE INTEGRATION - BUILDING BLOCKS

- Strategic Energy Planning: Goals; Policy actions; Resource allocation; etc.
- <u>Smart Incentives</u>: Accelerated Depreciation; Tax credits/ rebates; Import duties; sovereign guarantees; Return on investments; etc.
- Procurement methods: Cost Plus; Upfront FITs; Reverse Auctions; etc.
- Renewable Energy Zones: Technical and economic considerations
- Finance: Direct subsidies; Interest rates; Loan guarantees; Private capital; etc.
- Grid Integration: Grid connections; operational impediments

PAKISTAN POWER GRID - CHALLENGES



ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES POSED BY RE INTEGRATION

- As the amount of Renewable Energy in the electricity grid increases, new challenges emerge.
- Initially built for traditional power sources, the grid is not yet to handle variability at generation level
- The RE integration requires grid enhancements and modifications including:
 - addition / allocation of spinning / contingency reserves;
 - reactive power compensation arrangements;
 - grid code modification and enforcements;
 - optimal dispatch orders; and,
 - best practice management.

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Renewable Energy Grid Integration Study for Pakistan

MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS: RE GRID INTEGRATION STUDY

What capacity of RE can be integrated in short-term without grid expansions?

2 GW+ of wind and PV generation can be integrated at defined locations without any major grid upgrades.

What grid reinforcements are required for medium terms RE integration?

Around 10 GW of wind and PV generation can integrated at defined locations by strengthening grid at 500kV, 220kV and 132kV level.

- What is the financial impact of integrating variable RE into the power system? Wind and PV integration will reduce the financial loss of Pakistan Power system.
- What modifications are required in the grid code?

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Study recommends some modifications to transmission grid code of Pakistan.

What are the impacts of the variability of wind and PV?

There will be increased spinning reserve requirement.

WIND – SOLAR HYBRID PROJECTS

- Increased capacity factor 45% plus in hybrid mode
- Reduced variability–wind and solar complement each other
- Optimal utilization of resources
- Work within the allocated transmission capacity
- Short gestation period (<year)

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Increased renewable share without grid reinforcements



SYSTEM STABILITY SERVICES

Storage: Ancillary; Generation; Transmission; Distribution Services

Micro-grids: Peak load shaving; Voltage regulation; Loss Control

Volt-Var Optimization: Voltage and Frequency controls

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Smart Technologies: GIS; SCADA; CIS; Real time analysis





FINANCING GRID INFRASTRUCTURE



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