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Rethinking Utility Resource Planning in RE Rich Environment

Work done under the USAID PACE-D 2.0 - RE program in India

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- What is Resource Planning
- Importance of Resource Planning
- Existing Practices in Resource Planning
- Work undertaken under USAID PACE-D 2.0 RE Program
- Recommendations

WHAT IS RESOURCE PLANNING?

Resource Planning is a process that helps DISCOMs to **optimize** their supply resources to meet longterm and medium-term demand based on **least cost** and maximum renewable energy in its power portfolio. Key attributes of resource planning are as follows:

- Demand Forecasting
- Resource Mapping
- Estimating Additional Resources
- Developing Alternate Resource Portfolios
 - Combinations of RE, Demand Side and Conventional
 - Develop Options (Managing Risk and Uncertainty)



additional cost burden to DISCOM

\$ 232 Million in FY 2018-19.

Why is Resource Planning Important ?

Power procurement cost is 60-70% of the total cost of supply.

- Minimize grid integration cost
- Avoid installations and use of peaking generators.
- Avoid over or under resource contracts.
- Better Manage Risk and Uncertainty- Meet situations like COVID
- Reliability of supply
- Higher use of RE
- Energy security
- Reduce consumer tariff



10% reduction in PPC power portfolio.

Savings: \$ 73 Million annually

RE Development Impacting DISCOM Resource Planning

- **Development I** : RE Prices are lower than fossil fuel prices
- **Development 2**: DSM Measures provide low cost additional

resource

• **Development 3**: Technology Advancements now provide ways to balance demand and supply.

Development I : Falling Prices of Renewable Energy in India



Development 2: DSM, DER and Technology Can Control Demand Variations



Long Term Resource Planning, with efficient Demand Forecast helps prepare Discoms for the challenges ahead

Development 3 : It is possible to better match variations in supply with demand across space-time





- The peak requirements were attended through Peaker's
- Demand was considered uncontrollable.
- Demand was higher than supply. Load control was through load shedding.

Better Forecasting, Load Shifting, Demand Response, Energy Efficiency, Pricing Signal can help matching without external support

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Fill Peak with Peakers

Simulation Study for Karnataka (Southern State in India)



- No stranded asset created
- Better Planning will result in high RE and savings in PPC by \$ 133 Million Annually

Simulation Study for Rajasthan (Northern State in India)



With better Demand Forecast & Resource Planning, RE Share can Get Doubled

Existing Gaps in Resource Planning

- I. Demand Forecasting and Resource Planning is not granular, profile based and guided by **time series analysis.**
- **2. Absence of well defined regulatory framework** or pronounced methodology to examine the 60-80% cost of Distribution business.
- 3. Emphasis on Risk, Sensitivity and Probabilistic Analysis is absent.
- **4. Capacity building** is needed to equip professionals with RE dominated portfolio.
- 5. Utility focus is on short term causalities with **limited updates** of medium term and long term resource plans
- 6. Power procurement is by MOU and competitive bidding.

Work Done under USAID Program on Strategic Energy Planning

- White Paper on "Rethinking DISCOM resource planning in RE rich environment"
- DISCOM Resource Planning Software tool
 - Demand forecasting
 - Generation planning
 - Least-cost power procurement
- Model Regulations for long term and medium term resource planning
- Working with two partner states in India Jharkhand and Assam to deploy and demonstrate the benefits of resource planning
- Online Certification Program on Resource Planning Capacity Building

Actual Results from Software Tool : Hourly Load Profiles



% Deviation Of Demand Projections W.R.T Energy Sales Approved is < 5%

Recommendations

Recommendation I : Increase Awareness of the importance of Resource Planning

 Recommendation II :
 Create Regulatory Framework for Resource Planning

 Recommendation III :
 Develop Software tools

 Recommendation IV :
 Risk and Uncertainty Management to be integral part of

Resource planning

Recommendation V : Capacity Building at all levels



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Thanks!

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