

VIETNAM: UPDATES ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ENERGY MARKET REGULATIONS (IN CHARTS)

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Power Development Plan 8 - Implementation Plan approved on 1 April 2024

National capacity allocation until 2030



Offshore wind power 6,000 MW



Onshore wind power 21,880 MW



Solar Power Rooftop (self-consumption) 2,600 MW



Waste-to-energy 1,182 MW





LNG 22,400 MW

Lists of approved energy projects

Gas	10 projects	
LNG	13 projects	
Coal	6 projects	
Onshore wind	156 projects	
Small-scale hydropower projets	257 projects	
Biomass	13 projects	
Solar projects post-2030 included if for self-generation and consumption:	27 projects	
Waste-to-energy	27 projects	
Solar projects	maximum capacity is provided on "per region" basis	

For detailed lists please refer to **Appendix III of Decision No. 262**/ **QD-TTg** approving the Plan to implement the National Power Development Planning for 2021 - 2030 period, with a vision toward 2050.

Expected new regulations and laws (2023-2025)

- Tariff framework for electricity importation from Laos;
- Tariff framework for each type of electricity generation;
- Regulations Encouraging Self-Consumption Rooftop Solar;
- Amendments to Electricity Law and Law on Economical and Efficient Use of Energy;
- Carbon Credit Market Development Mechanism; and
- Regulations on direct power purchase agreements (DPPA).

Key sources of tariff guidance and model PPAs templates

		Price range:	Circular 57/2014/TT-BCT	
COAL, GAS AND LNG		Tariff:	Circular No. 57/2020/TT-BCT and Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024	
		Model PPA:	Circular No. 57/2020/TT-BCT and Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024	
		Tariff:	Decisions 11, 13, 37, 39	
SOLAR,	"Feed-in-Tariff" projects	Model PPA:	Circular 02/2019/TT-BCT and Circular 18/2020/TT-BCT	
	"Transitional" projects	Price range:	Circular 15/2022/TT-BCT	
		Tariff:	Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024	
		Model PPA:	Circular 02/2019/TT-BCT and Circular 18/2020/TT-BCT	
WIND		Price range:	Circular 19/2023/TT-BCT	
		Tariff:	Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024	
HYDRO	New projects	Model PPA:	Circular 02/2019/TT-BCT and Circular 18/2020/TT-BCT or Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024 (if project participates in competitive market)	
		Price range:	Circular 57/2014/TT-BCT	
	Large, 30 MW and over	Tariff:	Circular No. 57/2020/TT-BCT and Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024	
		Model PPA:	Circular No. 57/2020/TT-BCT and Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024	
	Multi-purpose projects	Tariff:	Circular 26/2017/TT-BCT	
		Model PPA:	CircularNo.26/2017/TT-BCT	
mene	Small, under 30 MW, ACT	Tariff:	Circular 32/2014/TT-BCT	
		Model PPA:	Circular No. 32/2014/TT-BCT	
	Small, competitive market	Price range:	Circular 57/2014/TT-BCT	
		Tariff:	Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024	
		Model PPA:	Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024	
"Feed-in-Tariff": Decision 24/2014/QD-TTg				
BIOMASS		Model PPA:	Circular No. 44/2015/TT-BCT	
		Tariff:	Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024	
		Model PPA:	Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024	
WASTE-TO-ENERGY		Model I M.		
		"Feed-in-Tariff":	Decision 31/2014/QD-TTg	
		Model PPA:	Circular No. 32/2015/TT-BCT	
		Tariff:	Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024	
		Model PPA:	Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024	
CROSS-BO	ORDER TRADES		Circular 09/2015/TT-BCT	

ELECTRICITY PAYMENT

Based on new Circular 07/2024/TT-BCT as of 1 June 2024. This would apply to large range of categories of new power projects, both renewables and thermal. Some projects are expressly excluded from application (e.g. BOT-projects, small-scale hydro applying ACT approach and others).



CONNECTION COSTS

(if agreed) (VND/kWh or VND/kW or VND/month) Negotiated between buyer and seller, to recover specific connection costs (to recover construction, management, operation and maintenance costs)



PPA PRICE (VND / kWh) calculated to be payable in each month of each year of the PPA

FIXED COSTS

(for relevant year)

- Determined based on total investment costs
- Internal rate of return shall not exceed 12%.
- Economic life (solar, wind) 20 years
- Allocation loans and equity as approved for the project. Equity – at least 15%.

FIXED OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

(for relevant month in relevant year)

- Takes into account major repair and personnel costs
- For operation and maintenance has inflation rate adjustment
- For personnel costs has regional wages rate adjustment
- For foreign currency loans formula to calculate adjustments due to changes in currency conversion rates

VARIABLE COSTS

(in relevant month in relevant year)

- e.g. fuel costs, fuel transportation costs
- Has inflation rate adjustment

Examples of available ceiling prices:

Type of project	Ceiling price (as set in VND) / kWh	Approx. in US cent / kWh	Source (regulation)
Transitional ground solar	1,184.90 VND/kWh	5.04 US cents /kWh	Decision No. 21/QĐ-BCT
Transitional onshore wind	1,587.12 VND/kWh	6.75 US cents/kWh	Decision No. 21/QĐ-BCT
Coal	1,559.70 VND/kWh	6.64 US cents /kWh	Decision 2503/QĐ-BCT

* For approximate visual illustration purposes only. The chart is not intended to cover all calculation and adjustment components as set out in the regulations or standard templates of PPA, and does not describe them in full degree of detail.

Latest legislative developments following PDP8 Implementation Plan

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO ELECTRICITY LAW

- Adding a Chapter dedicated to renewable energy introducing, among others, the following provisions:
 - Land use coefficient of solar projects will be decreased from 1,2 ha/MW to 0,7ha/ MW from the effective date of the law untill 2030 and 0,5ha/MW after 203
 - Adding an investment approval mechanism for offshore wind projects
- Amending the investment law to include a special approval mechanism applied for offshore wind projects
- Adding provisions to govern the DPPA as forward contract

DRAFT DECISION OF PRIME MINISTER ON DIRECT POWER PURCHASE MECHANISM (APPLIED ON PILOT BASIS)

- Direct power purchase agreement (DPPA) mechanism is said to be implemented <u>on a</u> <u>pilot basis</u>.
- Notable points Details:
 - This mechanism will be applicable for wind or solar projects.
 - Both off-the-grid model and gridconnected model envisaged.
 - In the grid-connected model the structure envisages the following contracts:
 - PPA between EVN and Power Producer at spot wholesale price;
 - PPA between Power Producer and Consumer at retail price (=spot price + transmission costs)
 - Contract for difference between Power Producer and Consumer relating to the difference between spot price and agreed strike price.

LNG AND GAS

- The draft special Decree on the mechanism for developing electricity projects using natural gas and LNG was published on 20 April 2024.
- On April 24th, MOIT convened a workshop to gather input on the draft and, among others, 2 points were discussed:

• The price transferring mechanism:

- It is explained by MOIT that this mechanism will allow LNG power plants to adjust electricity prices to reflect fluctuations in fuel costs for LNG procurement.
- Circular No. 24/2019/TT-BCT already mentioned a similar mechanism with wider scope of application. In particular, it allows power plants with fuel purchase obligations to transfer fuel purchase terms from their supply contract to the power purchase agreement on case by case basis. Under Circular 24, EVN is the negotiation authority that will be responsible for negation on matters such as annual contract volumes.
- Long-term PPA
 - The draft is currently proposed to guarantee to buy up to 70% of LNG projects output, applicable for maximum 7 years during the project's debt repayment projects. This is to ensure the right of project's investor who will need to enter into a long-term contract for stable supply of LNG.

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