



Roundtable discussion points

SEA IN THE CONTEXT OF PDP VII

Power Development Plans (PDPs) covers two parts: (i) Power (energy and capacity) demand forecast and (ii) A plan to cover that demand

- What scenarios shall be covered in the forecast? In PDP VI, Low, Base (Medium) and High power demand forecast were used
- Is energy saving viable in the present Vietnamese context?
- A PDP is based on costs and energy production capability. Is the lowest cost to cover the future demand the only criteria, or should other concerns (environmental, social, multipurpose) be taken into account as well?
- What other concerns are considered most important?
- How can such other concerns be incorporated into the PDP?
- What are the pro and cons with utilizing the hydropower potential versus thermal (coal, gas) alternatives?
- Should national resources (hydropower potential, coal, gas) be used at all cost, or is interconnection (transmission) with other countries and investments in other countries (e.g. hydropower in Laos) viable options?