




First Meeting of Task Force 2 (SARI/EI Phase IV)

ADVANCEMENT OF TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS INTERCONNECTION

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POWER SECTOR SCENARIO OF NEPAL

- **Installed Capacity:** **750.66 MW**
 - *93% Hydroelectricity*
- **Peak Power Demand:** **1094.62 MW**
 - *719.6 MW Supplied*
 - *375 MW Shed*
- **Energy Supplied (2012):** **4218.135 GWh**
 - *Total Consumers: 2.59 Million (14.34 % growth)*
 - *Domestic Generation: 82.56% (3467.93 GWh)*
 - *Import from India: 17.44% (792.52 GWh)*



POWER SECTOR SCENARIO OF NEPAL

- **Growth in Generation:** **6.6%**
- **Growth in Load Demand:** **7.7%**
- **Energy Export to India:** **3.72 GWh**
- **Plant Load Factors**
 - Hydro-RoR* **66.68%**
 - Hydro-Storage* **16.44%**
 - Hydro-Canal Drop* **13.64%**
 - Diesel/Multi Fuel* **3.98%**
- **Low discharge in the rivers causing severe load shedding during dry season**
- **Capacity short fall causing a few hour load shedding during wet season**



POWER SECTOR SCENARIO OF NEPAL

System Load Curve of Peak Load Day November 13, 2012 Tuesday

Peak Load 1094.62 MW at
18:05 hr

Total DIESEL

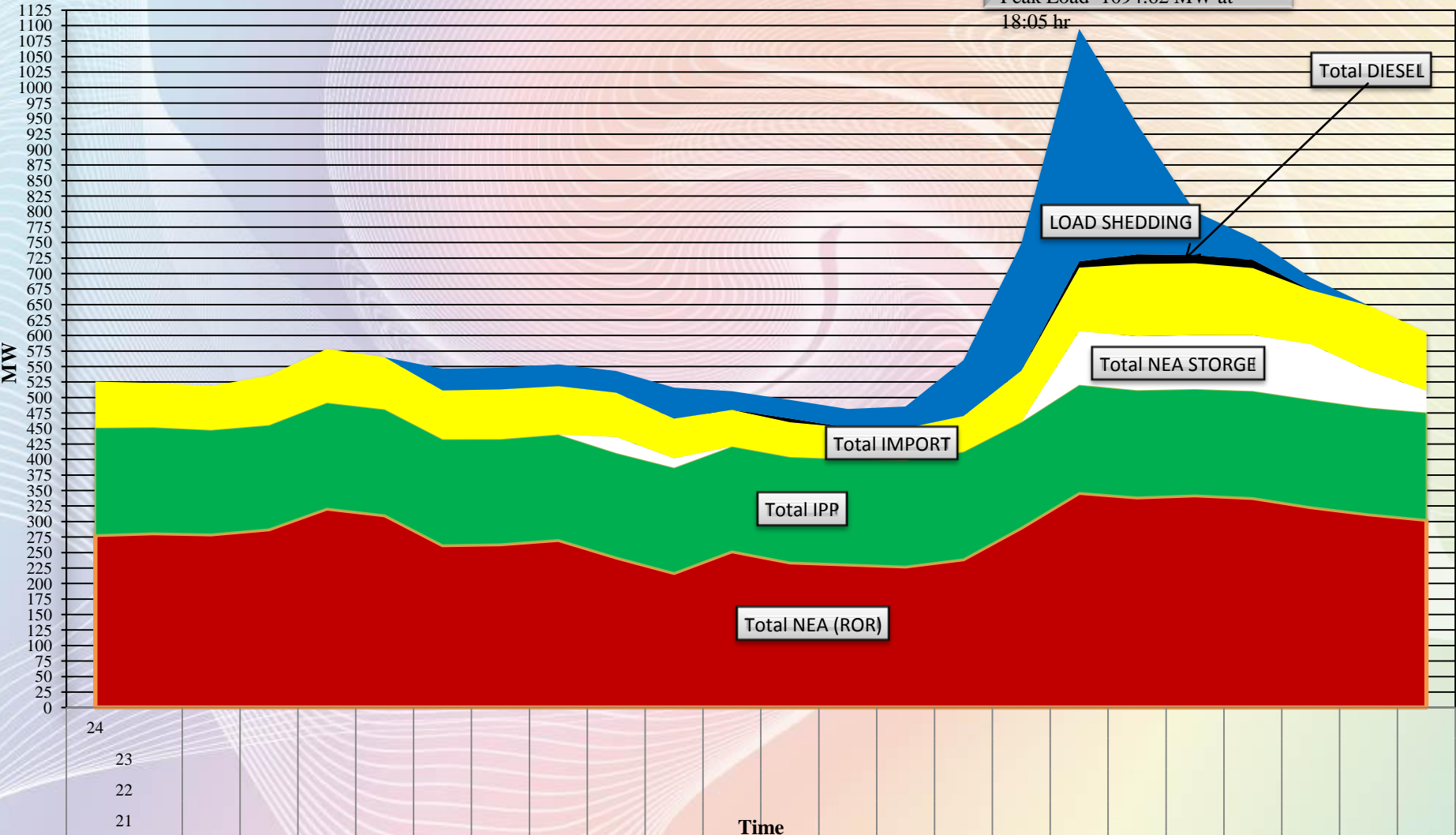
LOAD SHEDDING

Total NEA STORAGE

Total IMPORT

Total IPP

Total NEA (ROR)





CURRENT GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SCENARIO

- **Total Transmission Lines: 2640.9 circuit km**
 - 132kV: 2129.7 circuit km*
 - 66kV: 511.16 circuit km*
- **Grid Substations**
 - 132kV: 1315.20 MVA*
 - 66kV: 463.75 MVA*
- **Power Exchange with India**
 - Gandak-Ramnagar (132kV Single Circuit)*
 - Duhabi-Kataiya (132kV Single Circuit)*
 - Mahendranagar-Tanakpur (132kV Single Circuit)*



CURRENT GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SCENARIO

- **Current Generation:** **750.66 MW**
 - *750.66 MW Installed Capacity*
 - *93% Hydroelectricity*
 - *693 MW is on-grid*

- **Expected Growth (5 yrs):** **1067 MW**
 - Independent Power Producers: 65 MW
 - Public Private Partnership: 866 MW
 - NEA: 136 MW

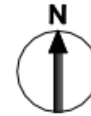
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POWER DEVELOPMENT MAP OF NEPAL

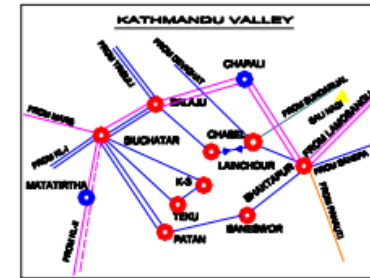
EXISTING / UNDER CONSTRUCTION POWER STATIONS & TRANSMISSION LINES / SUBSTATIONS

(Revised Date: JULY 2013)

(NOT TO SCALE)



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Tanakpur-Mahendranagar
132kV (Single Circuit)

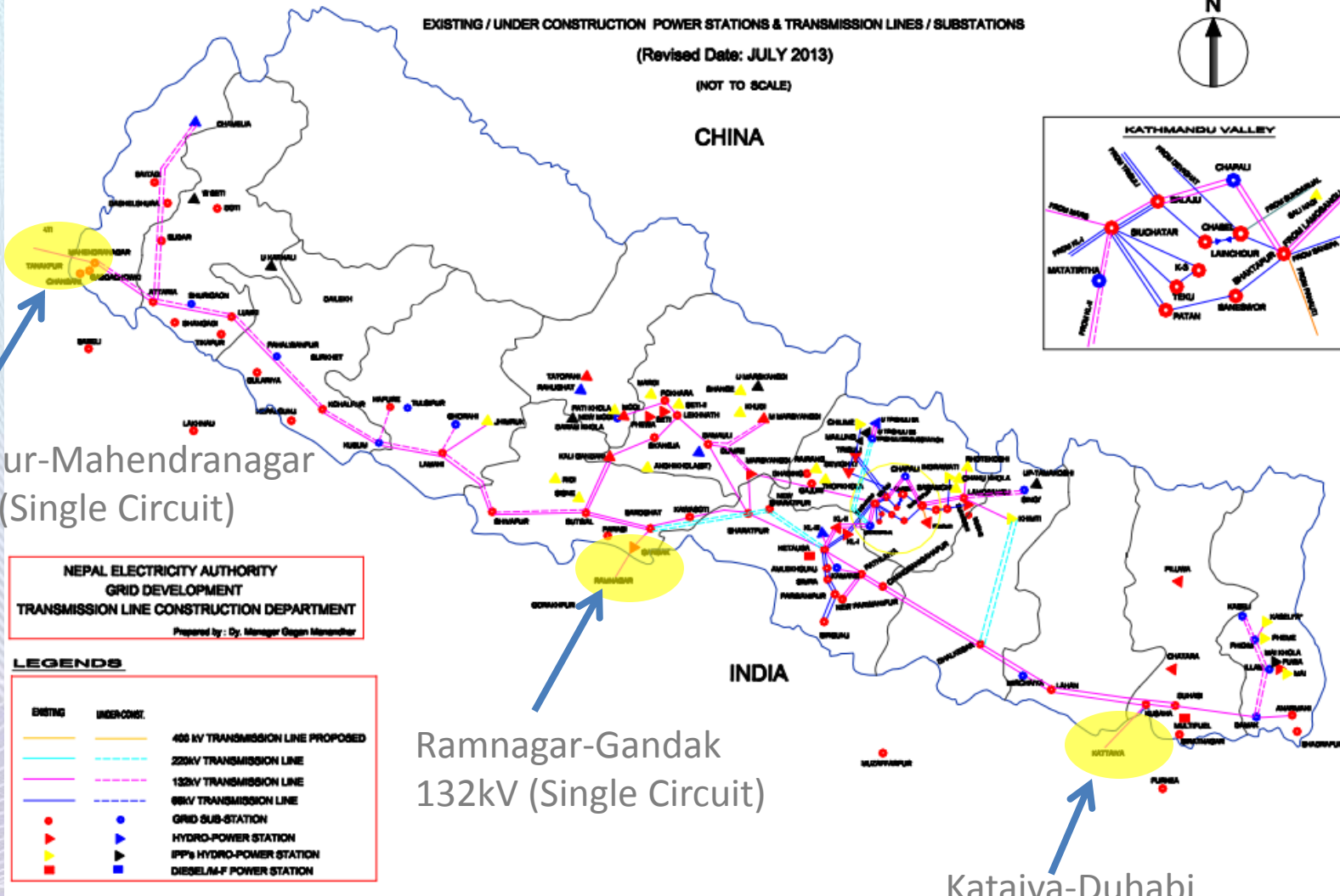
Ramnagar-Gandak
132kV (Single Circuit)

Kataiya-Duhabi
132kV (Single Circuit)

NEPAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY
GRID DEVELOPMENT
TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT
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LEGENDS

EXISTING	UNDER CONST.	
		400 kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROPOSED
		220kV TRANSMISSION LINE
		132kV TRANSMISSION LINE
		66kV TRANSMISSION LINE
		GRID SUB-STATION
		HYDRO-POWER STATION
		IPP's HYDRO-POWER STATION
		DIESEL/GEN-SET POWER STATION





CURRENT GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION SCENARIO

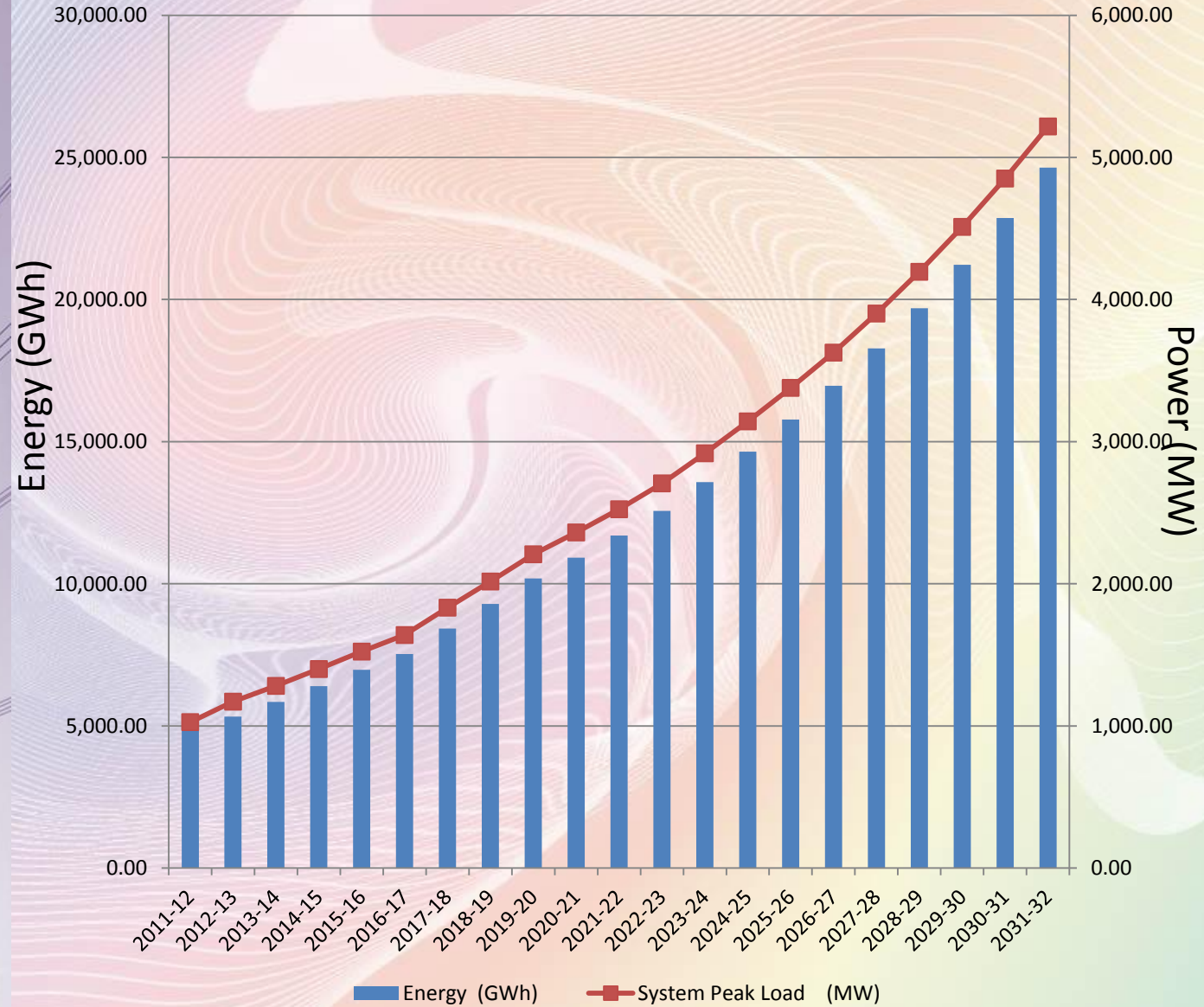
- **Transmission Lines Under Construction:**
752 circuit km

- *132kV: 461 circuit km*
- *220kV: 220 circuit km*
- *400kV: 285 circuit km*

- **Substations Under Construction**

- *132kV: 529.5 MVA*

DEMAND PROJECTION





GENERATION EXPANSION PLANNED

- **In the next 20 years**
- **Hydro, Thermal, Wind, Solar, Others**
- **Public**
- **Private**
- **Any Dedicated Export oriented Power Plant**
- **Availability of climate data for renewable**
- **Environmental constraints**



TRANSMISSION EXPANSION PLANNED FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS

**2,419 km of new transmission lines in
the next 5 years**

- *132kV: 1044 km*
- *220kV: 795 km*
- *400kV: 580 km*

**2 cross border interconnection lines
with India**



CROSS BORDER INTERCONNECTION LINKS EXISTING AND PLANNED

Current Power Exchange with India (Radial)

Gandak-Ramnagar (132kV Single Circuit)

Duhabi-Kataiya (132kV Single Circuit)

Mahendranagar-Tanakpur (132kV Single Circuit)

Future Power Exchange

- 400kV Double Circuit Muzaffarpur-Dhalkebar to start construction soon
- 400 kV Double Circuit Bardghat-Gorakhpur under study
- Other Interconnections required in the visible future are being discussed

DEMAND SUPPLY SCENARIO FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS





POWER EXPORT/IMPORT - EXISTING AND PLANNED

• Present Import	165 MW
• Koshi and Mahakali	25 MW
• Power Exchange	50 MW
• Trading	90 MW
• Present Export	negligible
• Import in 2017/18	280 MW
• Export Projects by 2017/18	2000 MW

SYSTEM PARAMETER LIMITS

Operational Limits

- *Voltage variation*

- *Normal operation: +/- 5% of nominal*
- *Emergencies: +/- 10% of nominal*

- *Frequency variation*

- *Normal operation: +/- 2.5% of nominal frequency.*
- *Emergencies: +/- 5% of nominal frequency.*

- *Transmission Loss not to exceed 4.5% of the Received Energy*

1. *Under frequency relays being employed for load dropping*

- *Group A moving below 49 Hz*
- *Group B moving below 48 Hz*

2. *Shunt Capacitors are employed to compensate for the Reactive Power*





TRANSMISSION PLANNING CODE

Transmission Planning Code

- *Grid Code Chapter 3 dedicated for System Planning*
- *Transmission planning follows the operational limits provided in the Grid Code*
- *Transmission planning is carried out by System Planning Department.*
- *Government of Nepal approves investments in transmission.*

Criterion

- (N-1) for single ckt radial lines having load >50 MW and second ckt stringing for load >35 MW
- Comparison of Investment and Loss for Power Plant Interconnectors
- D/C or M/C shall have to be justified on the basis of economics and maximum sustainable system fault
- (N-1) for transformers either by excess capacity or shared spare transformer

GRID OPERATION CODE

The GRID CODE

- *Provision of GCMC, Represented from all Users*
- *Specifies rules, regulations and technical as well as operating requirements that each Grid User must meet*
- *Ensures quality of power supply, security and reliability of the Power System*
- *Chapter 10 dedicated to Transitory Provisions*
- *Penalty provision for defaulters*
- *Formats are provided in the Annexes*

Internal document of NEA, and not Law.



GRID CONNECTIVITY REGULATION

Some features of the GRID CODE

The Fault Clearance Time for a fault on the Grid where the Generator's Equipment are connected or on the Generator's System where the Grid Owner's Equipment are connected *shall not be longer than 120 ms for 132 kV and 220 kV and 150 ms for 66kV systems.*

Bus switching schemes adopted

- Single Bus One CB for each Incoming and Outgoing Ckts
- Double bus One CB & Bus Selection Disconnecting Switches; Line Ckts One CB & CB Bypass Disconnecting Switch

System design short circuit level- older equipment 32 KA



METERING REGULATION

Metering regulations are incorporated in the Grid Code

The Metering Point shall be located at the Connection Point; adjustments for loss shall be incorporated

Both Main and Check Meters are required.

- *Main meter purchased by power supplier*
- *Check meter provided by power purchaser.*

Each power transformer in the Grid substation shall have separate Metering on the high voltage side and the low voltage side.

The load profile data up to at least six channels shall be recorded for at least 65 days with half an hour interval.



METERING STANDARDS

Instrument Transformers:

- For Generators with total installed capacity exceeding 5MW, the accuracy shall be 0.2;
- For Distributors and HV Consumers with power transfer greater than 5MW, the accuracy shall be 0.2;
- For Generators, with total installed capacity equal to or less than 5 MW, the accuracy shall be 0.5; and
- For Distributors and HV Consumers with power transfer equal to or less than 5MW, the accuracy shall be 0.5.

Meters:

- For Generators, including IPP's, with total installed capacity exceeding 5MW, the accuracy shall be 0.1;
- For Distributors and HV Consumers with power transfer greater than 5MW, the accuracy shall be 0.1;
- For Generators, including IPP's, with total installed capacity equal to or less than 5MW, the accuracy shall be 0.2; and
- For Distributors and HV Consumers with power transfer equal to or less than 5MW, the accuracy shall be 0.2.



METERING STANDARDS

Testing and Calibration

- *Prior to operation, Metering Equipment shall be re-tested at Grid Owner's laboratory against the Grid Owner's test meter*
- *The test meter shall be recalibrated and recertified at least every five (5) years.*
- *Instrument transformers shall be tested and recalibrated at least once every five (5) years.*
- *Meters shall be tested and recalibrated at least once every two (2) years.*



PROTECTION COORDINATION REVIEW

Protection Settings are reviewed by the Grid Operation Department and other concerned parties.

Conducted on a as-required basis.

System Operator Studies the Protection Coordination requirement

Operation and Reliability sub-committee reviews and recommends the actions on these aspect

Grid owner procures, installs, re-calibrates and resets the relays



EMERGENCY RESTORATION PROCEDURE AND BLACK START FACILITIES

Grid Code outlines the procedures to be followed after a partial or full black out.

- *Formation of discrete power islands and Generating Unit gradually feeding local Demand in each power island;*
- *Step by step integration of the power islands into larger subsystems; and*
- *Eventual restoration of the Grid.*

All power plants with large generators are required to have black start facility.



LOAD DISPATCH CENTER

Single Load Dispatch Center located in Kathmandu

- Real time facilities
- Remote Switching

The following is considered before issuing Dispatch Instructions:

- The Generation Schedule
- Current Demand
- Current output of the Generators
- Any changes to Generator data
- Constraints of the Grid
- System losses
- Merit Order Table
- Ancillary Services requirements
- Power Quality, system reliability and security aspects.

(More detail can be found in the Grid Code)



LAND ACQUISITION AND RIGHT OF WAY

- **Government Policy is to facilitate Land Acquisition**
- **ROW Land Acquisition requires to follow same procedure as in the case of other infrastructure (roads, buildings etc)**
- **It is time consuming and in some cases has taken more than a decade**

COMMENTS / VIEWS ON OPEN ACCESS





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