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SOUTH ASIA REGULATORS WORKSHOP

On

“CROSS BORDER ENERGY TRADE : ISSUES BEFORE REGULATORS”

FEBRUARY 19 – 20, 2013

Venue: Hotel Radisson, Kathmandu, Nepal



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Objectives:

South Asian countries are at different stages of reforms in power sector. Regulators are the functionaries who have the overview of the happenings in the Power sector and are a bridge between bureaucracy, the politician and the technical and commercial wings. They can provide a complete insight into matters that are important to facilitate trading of power,

The workshop of regulators of all south Asian (SAS) countries is aimed to gather country wise status, discuss the minimum policy, regulatory and code harmonization required to achieve the CBET. It would also discuss the road blocks to the CBET and mechanism for harmonization of regulations and policy in the SAS region. The regulators of the SAS could utilize this forum to have a structured meeting on:

- Various Legal, Regulatory and policy issues concerning CBET in SAS region.
- Take stock existing Regulatory and policy environment in each country.
- Explore and find various alternate mechanisms and frameworks for harmonization legal, Policy, regulatory aspect of CBET in the Region.
- Suggestion for a common regulatory and policy regime for SAS region.
- Discuss and share the Benefits derived by countries through their independent regulatory commissions.

The focus of the workshop will be to receive a first-hand overview of policies and regulations that support successful cross border electricity exchange. The two -day workshop will present best regulatory practices which advances cross border electricity trade in the SAS region and identify existing regulatory and policy barriers to cross border trade and identify changes to be made to overcome these barriers.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Identify policy and regulatory barriers to cross border energy exchange and potential solutions
- Improve understanding of each South Asian's country's current needs and interests in cross border trade
- Expand discussions on the cross border electricity exchange between the South Asian countries and explore alternative regulatory and policy instruments

Participation:

Regulators, Regulatory Commission members etc, Senior-level power officials from power sector, power trading companies etc.



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Agenda
Workshop on Cross Border Energy Trade
“Issues before Regulators in the South Asia Region”

FEBRUARY 18, 2013	
7:00 PM-Onwards	
Welcome - Reception Hosted by the South Asia Regional Initiative /Energy Integration (SARI/EI) Followed by dinner	
FEBRUARY 19, 2013	
9.00 AM to 9.45 AM Inaugural session	
<p>Welcome address by Dr Jyoti Parikh, Executive Director,IRADe</p> <p>Keynote Address by S. Padmanaban, Program Director, USAID/India, SARI/EI</p> <p>Inaugural Address by His Excellency, Mr. Peter W. Bodde, US Ambassador to Nepal</p> <p>Vote of thanks by L V Rao , Project Director , SARI/EI/IRADe</p>	
9.45 AM – 10:15 AM PHOTO & TEA BREAK	
Session -1 Presentations on Current Regulations and Policies in South Asian Countries	
Discussion Points : Country Wise Presentation of Regulation, Power Sector Reforms, Policy Directions etc.	
10.15 – 11.45 AM	<p>Afghanistan (DABS)</p> <p>Bangladesh (BERC)</p> <p>Bhutan (BEA)</p> <p>India(CERC)</p>
11.45- 12.00 AM	Tea Break
12.00- 1.30 PM	<p>Nepal (DOED)</p> <p>Pakistan (NEPRA)</p> <p>Sri Lanka(PUCSL)</p>

1-2 PM	LUNCH
Session -2. Discussion on Policy and Regulatory Issues to be addressed for Facilitating CBET.	
2 PM to 3 PM	<p>Presentation by Dr. Rajib Kumar Mishra , ED, Power Trading Corporation Limited “Evolution of power trading in India and regulatory support“</p> <p>Presentation by Mr Sher Singh Bhat, Director Power Trading Department , NEA On “Trading experiences”</p>
3 PM to 5 PM	<p>Regulatory Issues to be addressed for Facilitating CBET. Session Moderator: Mr. S Padamnabhan, Regional Director, SARI/EI,USAID Deliberations among regulators on following Points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Regulations & Policies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Does Electricity act recognize cross Border trade 1.2 National policy on electricity 1.3 Policy on renewable & fossils 1.4 Steps towards Commercialisation of the sector <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Independent Regulator b. Unbundling for accountability c. Recognize trading as an activity and permit import and export d. Open access in transmission <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Transmission pricing & loss sharing ii. Independent system operator e. Encouraging private investment into the generation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Creating a level playing field ii. Attractive returns iii. Transparency in selection iv. Long term commitment (Multi year Tariff Policy) v. Approvals & clearances vi. ROW and land acquisition issues f. Consumer protection g. Balancing mechanism for schedule deviations UI 1.5 Provisions for transiting of electricity and priorities 1.6 Climate Change and energy efficiency 1.7 Export / import duties or restrictions 1.8 Facilitate creation of dedicated of third party lines in host country 1.9 Provision of ancillary services 2 Technical Issues <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Transmission planning criterion 2.2 System Construction, connectivity, metering & operation codes 2.3 Harmonising equipment standards

	<p>2.4 Long term Electricity plan for generation & transmission</p> <p>2.5 Long term Load forecasting</p> <p>3 Financial Issues</p> <p>3.1 Government subsidies</p> <p>3.2 Level playing field</p> <p>4 Commercial issues</p> <p>4.1 Payment security mechanism for IPPs</p> <p>4.2 Standard bidding and agreement documents</p> <p>Metering standards, reading and accounting</p>
5 PM to 5 :15 PM	Summary of deliberations
20th, FEBRUARY ,2013	
Session -3 Experience sharing on regulatory Practices in South Asian Countries	
9:00 AM to 9:15 AM	Registration of delegates
9:15 AM to 10:45 AM	<p>Welcome by Mr L.V Rao Project Director SARI/EI</p> <p>a. Afghanistan</p> <p>b. Bangladesh</p> <p>c. Bhutan</p> <p>d. India</p>
10:45 AM to 11:15 AM	Tea & Photo
11:15 AM to 12:00 Noon	<p>Talks / Presentations by</p> <p>a. Nepal</p> <p>b. Pakistan</p> <p>c. Sri Lanka</p>
12:00 Noon to 12:30 PM	Discussion Time
12:30 PM to 1:00 PM	<p>Presentation on summary of the workshop by Mr RC Dhup, Technical Specialist, SARI/EI, IRADe</p> <p>Vote of Thanks by Mr Rajiv Panda, Project Manager, SARI/EI, IRADe</p>
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Lunch

Note: The Program is subject to last minute changes.