

During the period under review among others following Policy decisions were made by the Ministry which will have the significant impact to the sector.

- Adopted the National energy policy with the approval of the Government and is now tabled before the Parliament after obtaining the concurrence of the Parliamentary consultative Committee.
- De-link the Regulatory Reforms and Institutional reforms of the Power sector and to proceed with the implementation of regulatory reforms first and to proceed with the institutional reforms later once the Regulatory reforms are successfully implemented, thereby to insure immediately creating of a regulatory(Licensing) regime for the CEB and for the Sector. This will enable the Public utilities Commission of Sri Lanka to regulate the generation, transmission and Distribution activities of the CEB while safe guarding the interests of the consumers..

In parallel with the regulatory reforms, activities relating to creating an environment within the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) to facilitate regulation and to drive performance improvements would be completed prior to issuance of permanent licenses.(ADB has committed funds for capacity building of PUCSSL and CEB)

- Elevated “Energy Conservation fund” to become the “Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority” by Act No 35 of 2007 with the objectives to conserve and development of Renewable energy resources in Sri Lanka , to declare the areas suitable for development of renewable energy as Renewable Energy Development areas, to develop and to provide facilities for Renewable Energy projects, to implement strategies and projects for Energy efficiency and energy conservation (ADB and JICA have committed funds for capacity building of the SEA).
- To use only COAL and LNG for all future long-term thermal power generating plants.
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- Implementation of Phase ii(300 Mw of power) and phase iii(300 Mw of power) of the Norochcholai Coal fired power Project simultaneously with the implementation of Phase i(300 Mw of power) of the project, thereby to ensure addition of 900 of Mw of power at the end of 2012.(China Exim Bank has indicated their desire to provide funds)
- Construction of a Coal fired power project of 1000 Mw of power at Trincomalee by the CEB Jointly venturing with the National Thermal Power Company (NTPC)of India in phase out basis (500Mw of power under phase i and balance 500Mw under phase ii),
- Construction of an another coal fired power plant of 1000 MW of power at Muttur East site –Trincomallee under BOO basis.
- Construction of 300 MW HFO/LNG operated combined cycle power Plant at Kerawalapitiya to avert the looming power crisis in 2008.(Plant to be operated as an IPP by West Coast Power Ltd with equity participation of GOSL,EPF,LECO and Lakdhanvi Ltd and with a government Guarantee for US\$ 206 Million)
- Construction of 300Mw LNG operated combined cycle power Plant at Kerawalapitiya with LNG receiving facilities(Funds committed by JBIC).

- To appoint of a Special Committee to study and recommend a contingency plan to meet the power situation in 2010 to 2012,
- To provide continuous and reliable energy to Jaffna population, Synchronized the two electricity networks at KKS and Chunnakam into a one with the deployment of a Independent power producer at reduced tariff to generate 30 Mw of power and to transmit to the grid at chunnakam under a medium term contract of 10 years.
- Permission was granted for the private sector developers to develop and implement power generation projects through following renewable energy technologies;

- Biomass Power Generation. Technologies using waste sugarcane as Renewable Energy(50Mw of power in Pelwatta,Bibile area) .
- Wind Power Technology (80Mw of Power in Kalpitiya area)
- Power generating Technology using Municipal Solid Waste(50Mw of power)

- Implementation of Uma Oya multisectoral(Irrigation/Power generation of 90 Me of power),Broadland(35 Mw of power, Ginganga(35 Mw of Power,and Moragolla(35 Mw of power) medium/Mega hydro projects.
- Rehabilitation of Ukuwela, Old Laxhapana , New Laxhapana ,Vistoria and Wimalsurendra Hydro power projects which will expand the existing generating capacity to significant level.
- Permanent committee was appointed to assist to the Cabinet Sub Committee for determination of fuel adjustment charge and to review the overall tariff policy of the CEB
- Introduced “cost- Based Technology-specific three tiers tariff structure” for following renewable energies by giving away the “avoided cost based tariff structure”with effect from 01.01.2007.
 - Mini hydro Projects of 10 Mw or less
 - Wind power projects of 50 Mw or less,
 - Biomass(including Dendro)
 - Municipal Solid waste,
 - Agro &Industrial waste,
 - Waste heat recovery
- Construction of India-Sri Lanka Electricity Grid interconnection(Construction of Electricity transmission line between Madurai-Danuskody of India via Polk Straight to Thalaimannar and Anuradhapura of Sri Lanka at the estimated cost of US\$ 430 Million. This will enable both the countries to transmit of 1000 Mw of power in between them. Also this will enable the Sri Lanka to enter the Regional power trading market, so that the Electricity at a cheaper price could be purchased.(Funds for full feasibility study has been committed by ADB with GOSL counter part funds) .
- Construction of Navakkuliya Grid Substation and Substation and construction 132 Kv Transmission Line from Navakkuliya to puttalam.(GOSL and Private sector wind developers have committed funds)

- Construction of Puttalam to Veyangoda 220 KV Transmission line and Augmentation of Veyangoda GS and construction of Veyangoda 220/132 KV Grid substation.(Chin Exim Bank funds under the project)
- Construction of Trincomalee to Veyangoda 220KV transmission line and associated augmentation of Grid substations to evacuate Electricity generated from the two Coal fired plants of Trincomalee.(ADB has committed funds)
- Construction of new Galle Transmission line(Construction of 132 KV Line of 36 KM from Ambalangoda to Galle.)(Nordic Bank has committed funds)
- Constructions of 132 KV Transmission line from Embilipitiya to Beliatta, 2x31.5 MVA 132 Grid Substation at Beliatta and switching station at Hambantota(GOSL committed funds).
- Augmentation of existing capacity of following Grid substations to increase the present level of absorption capacity of the CEB grid, in order to harness the full potentiality of the renewable energy resources available in the surrounding areas.
 - Balangoda,
 - Nuwara Eliya,
 - Badulla,
 - Ratnapura,
 - Seethawaka,
 - Wimalasurendra,
 - Rintambe,
 - Ukuwela.

(GOSL and ADB has committed funds)

- Implementation of North-East Power Transmission Development Project.-(funds committed by the Export Credit Agency of the Czech Government)
- Implement the Sri Lanka Lighting Project with a view to Increase the present electricity service coverage of the following Districts to 100% during the 3 years period of 2007 to 2010, on a priority basis
 - Hambantota,
 - Ratnapura,
 - Kegalle, and
 - Trincomalee

And to move forward for increasing the service coverage's of remaining Districts until they reached 100% service coverages, in a phase out basis.(GOSL committed funds)

- Incorporate a subsidiary company under the CEB with the equity participations of Sri Lanka Shipping Corporation, Laksathosa and others called as "Sri Lanka Coal Company" to handle all matters in respect of Coal fired power projects
- To manufacture locally all Electricity House meters by the LECO with Foreign Collaborator who has a required technology and not to import such meters by the CEB with effect from 01.10.2008.