## **VIETNAM ENERGY TRANSITION WEEKLY UPDATE**

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## **Key points**

- 1. MoIT <u>revises</u> its 2024 electricity supply <u>plan</u> as a strong economic upswing and heatwaves drive a spike in power consumption. The ministry now projects that in 2024, power plants will generate a total of 310.6 billion kWh, significantly higher than a total generation of over 280 billion kWh last year.
- 2. PM Chinh specifically called upon MoIT and associated bodies to swiftly finalise and submit mechanisms and policies for DPPA in April's cabinet meeting.
- 3. Vietnam is trying to <u>maximise</u> the utilisation of coal-fired power to prevent power outages during summertime.

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Generation	Vietnam is trying to <u>maximise</u> the utilisation of coal-fired power to prevent power outages during summertime.
Demand	<ul> <li>MolT swiftly <u>revises</u> its 2024 electricity supply <u>plan</u> as a strong economic upswing and heatwaves drive a spike in power consumption. The ministry now projects that in 2024, power plants will generate a total of 310.6 billion kWh.</li> </ul>
Market	<ul> <li>Pricing problems for LNG-fired power remain <u>unsettled</u>. LNG-fired electricity production cost would be much higher than the production costs of other power plants as LNG is an expensive fuel. As of now, negotiations over payment agreements for LNG power have been <u>stuck</u> in a deadlock.</li> <li>Minister Nguyen Hong Dien <u>stated</u> that purchasing surplus rooftop solar power at zero cost is "appropriate" to prevent policy exploitation.</li> </ul>
Fuel	MoIT <u>proposes</u> that EVN commits to purchasing at least 70% of the total capacity of LNG power plants, and the commitment period should not exceed 7 years. This is to ensure the feasibility of projects and avoid impacts on retail electricity prices.
Grid	EVNNPT <u>aims</u> to become one of the top 10 transmission organisations with the highest quality in Asia by 2025 and achieve a globally advanced level in the field of power transmission by 2030.
Planning/ others	During a workshop held in Hanoi on April 23, experts emphasised the importance of a communication <a href="mailto:strategy">strategy</a> to enhance community awareness regarding energy transition.