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Role and Responsibility of ERC



Energy Industry Act 2007

Policy Maker

Regulator

Operator

Role & Responsibility

- •Regulate energy industry operation
- •Issue licenses for energy industry operations
- •Establish measures to ensure the security & reliability of the power system
- Establish criteria for determining energy tariffs
- •Issue/establish customer and quality of service standards
- •Issue regulations/criteria for the contributions to and uses of the **Power Development Fund**



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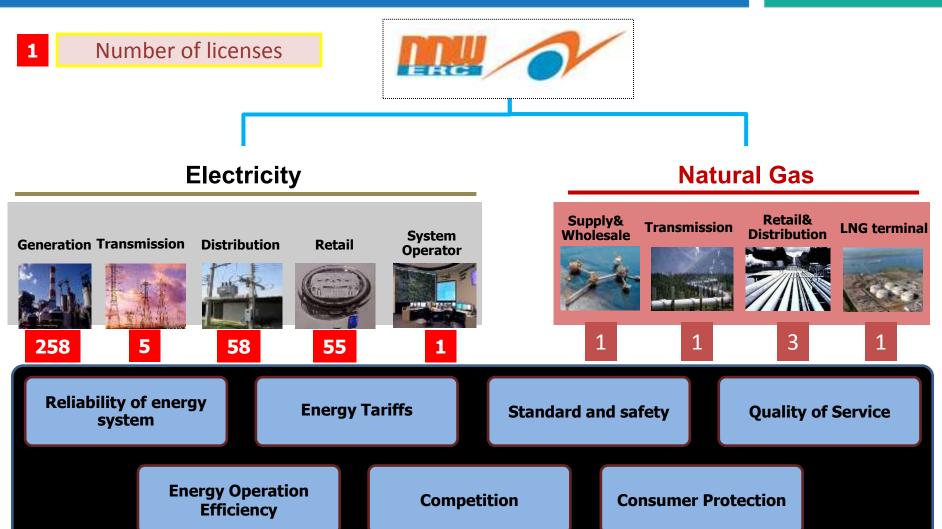
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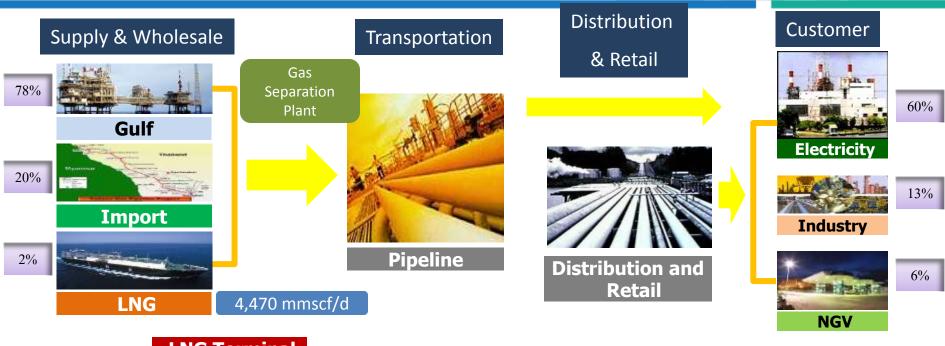
ERC Scope of Work





Thailand's Gas Industry Structure





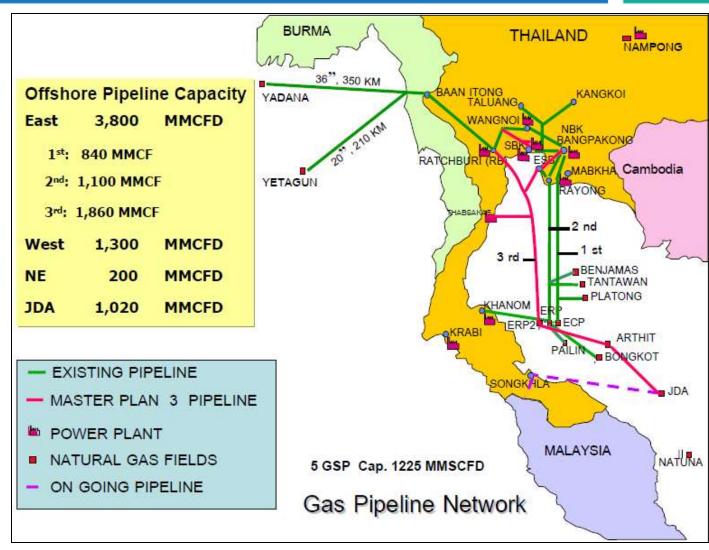






Pipeline Gas Supply to Thailand

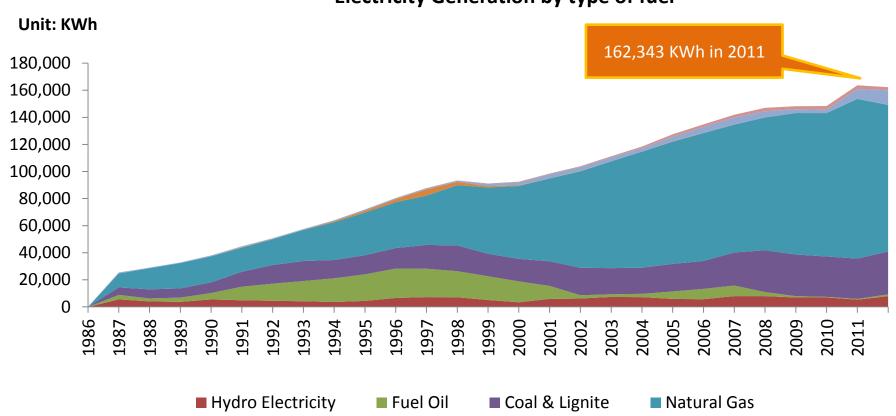




Natural Gas is a mainstay of Thailand's primary energy





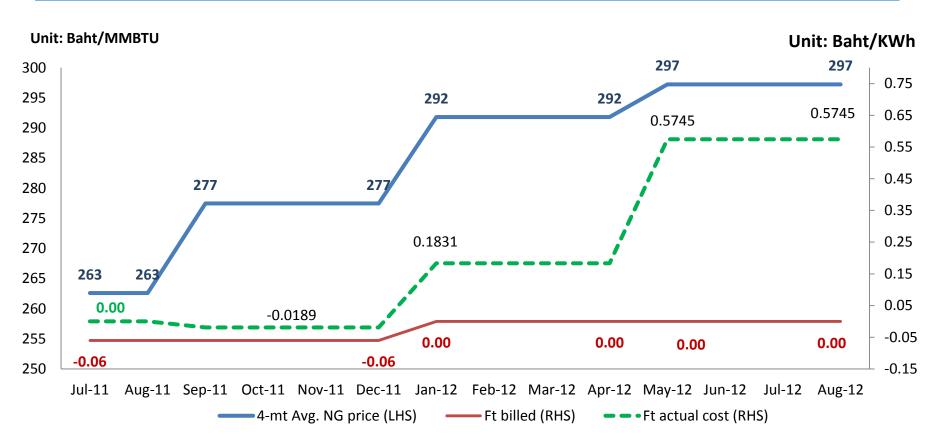


Source: Energy Planning and Policy Office (EPPO), Ministry of Energy, as of January 2012)



Higher electricity bills and natural gas prices

Avg. 4 month natural gas price vs. electricity tariff (only fuel adjustment mechanism (Ft))



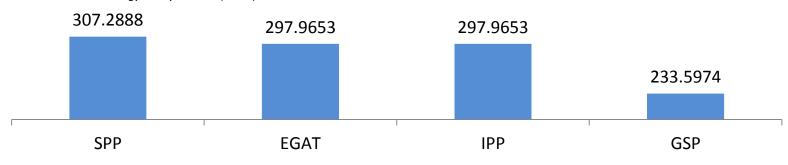
Source: Office of The Energy Regulatory Commission (OERC)

Thailand's Natural Gas price calculation policy



	Р	=	WH	+	(S1+S2)	+	Т	
Р	means natural	gas price	, Baht per	millio	on BTU			
WH	means average gas price sent into gas system , Baht per million BTU							
S1+S2	means remuneration for gas supply and distribution including							
	contractual risks, Baht per million BTU							
Т	means gas transmission price, Baht per million BTU							

Source: National Energy Policy Council (NEPC)

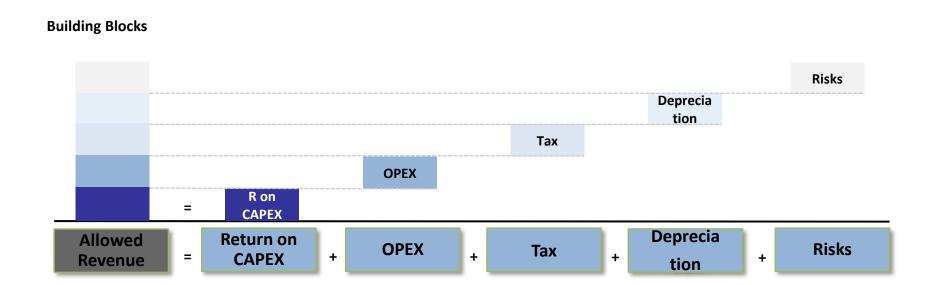


Customers	Wellhead gas(WH)	Supply(S1+S2)	Transmission(T)	P = WH+S+T
SPP	274	11.476	21.8128	307.2888
EGAT	274	2.1525	21.8128	297.9653
IPP	274	2.1525	21.8128	297.9653
GSP	220	3.8500	9.7474	233.5974

Source: Office of The Energy Regulatory Commission (OERC)

New gas tariffs will soon to be implemented on the basis of "incentive regulation"





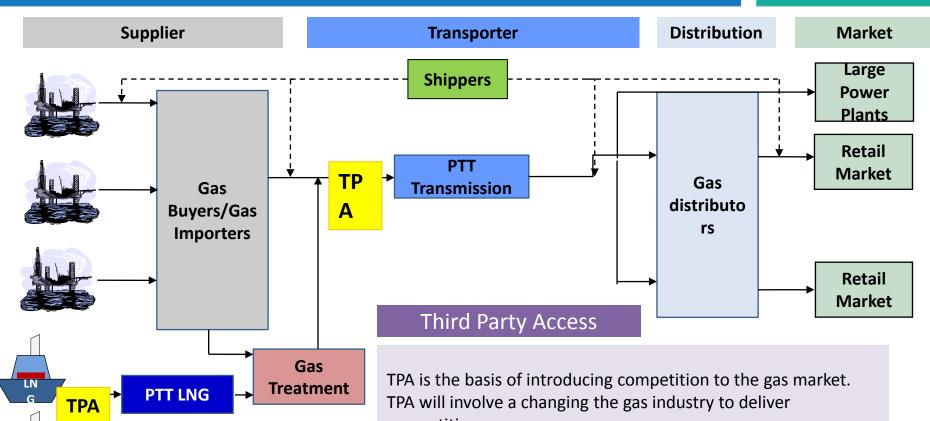
Conceptual of incentive regulation

- Transparency increased since each component of costs is separated
- Separation of the regulated assets and the non-regulated assets as well as by type of licenses
- Risk allocation takes into consideration the idea of pass though or the responsibility of the licensees
- Efficiency improvement will be taken into account to incentivize the "Monopolist" to keep improving efficiency

TPA in gas transmission and LNG terminals will be implemented next

TPA





competition

A set of rules in the form of an Access Code will be needed to underpin the TPA regime.

Legislation and legal instruments are needed to implement TPA. ERC performs a central role in the introduction and monitoring of TPA.

Time should be taken to implement full-scheme of TPA

Development plan of Gas regulation



2012-2013

2013-2014

planned

Account Unbundling

Fair and
Transparent
tariffs

Gas Access Codes Amendment to Current Legislation

Account separation by regulated business and nonregulated business as well as by type of licenses

Done

Tariffs are needed to be set based on cost reflection, appropriate return on investment and efficient operation

- Codes will need to be drafted to implement TPA in transmission and LNG terminals
- Roles of involved person are needed to be set

Related legislation needed to be revised to support competition



Thank you for your attention

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