Energy Sector Coordinating Committee Updates

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Element 1: <u>Developing the Central Asia –</u> <u>South Asia Energy Corridor</u>

- CASA-1000 (WB) negotiations on commercial agreements progressing and project commercial structure finalized; financial closure by January 2014; and completion of ongoing negotiations on commercial agreements by March 2014
- TUTAP (ADB) an update/addendum to the Afghan Master Plan will incorporate the outcomes of the CASA 1000 review on optimization schedule and network planning, as well as identify opportunities to export via Kabul convertor



Element 2: Resolving Regional Energy Dispatch and Trade Issues

- Enhancing Central Asia Regional Power Trade and Cooperation Program
 - WB to conduct discussions with members of CAPS to identify areas for further collaboration
 - Phase I ongoing until Feb 2014
 - Phase II Mar 2014-June 2015



Element 3: <u>Managing Energy-Water</u> <u>Linkages</u>

- WB presented updates on the following activities:
 - Energy Sector Vulnerability to Climate Change; and
 - Central Asia Knowledge Portal
- WB to present information on other activities identified in June 2013 in subsequent ESCC meetings.

Element 4: Mobilizing Funds for Building Energy Assets

- Endorsed the proposed TA by ADB of the CAREC Power Sector Financing Roadmap
- ESCC members requested the Financing Roadmap to be undertaken on an urgent basis, with due interaction with each country and focused on the financing possibilities.
- The Inception Report is expected in the second quarter of 2014.





Element 5: <u>Implementation of Energy</u> <u>Sector Priority Projects</u>

- Draft Medium-Term Priority Projects (MTPP) list circulated to CAREC countries for comments/inputs based on agreed criteria
- Draft discussed at the September ESCC meeting in Almaty with agreement still to be reached
- ESCC to revert to SOM on the matter

Element 6: <u>Capacity Building and Knowledge</u> <u>Management</u>

- Appreciated completed, on-going and planned knowledge transfer and capacity building activities of USAID-RESET project.
- Endorsed proposed energy sector capacity building workshop and knowledge framework program for 2013-2015 under the CAREC Institute umbrella which will undertake one substantial event per year for 2014-2015.
- Improve the dissemination of ESCC member country studies through the CAREC ESCC website.
- Improve coordination with other agencies such as the UN family, International Energy Agency, Energy Charter regarding capacity building and energy sector knowledge events.

Next Steps for the ESCC

ESCC to focus on its strategic content and activities, including logistical arrangements, for the 2015 – 2020 period.

- ADB to prepare a position paper based on the ideas presented by the CAREC countries and circulate this position paper in a timely manner prior to the next ESCC meeting.
- ESCC members to discuss and debate the future directions and activities of the ESCC, and ensure that they are prepared to discuss this topic in a detailed manner at the next ESCC meeting.

Element 5. Implementation of Energy Sector Priority Projects

ESCC to resolve issues raised and finalize the MTPP list



Key Issues for Guidance of the SOM

ENDORSEMENT IS REQUESTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Element 2 (Resolving Regional Energy Dispatch and Trade Issues) -World Bank program on <u>Enhancing Central Asia Regional Power</u> <u>Trade and Cooperation</u>
- Element 4 (Mobilizing Funds for Building Energy Assets) Proposed technical assistance by ADB on the <u>CAREC Power Sector Financing</u> <u>Roadmap</u> under the EWP 2013–2015



Thank you!

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