

No: 329 /QĐ-BCT

Hanoi, January 22nd, 2020

DECISION

**On principles and order of priority for the adjustment and addition of
power projects into plans**

MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE

Pursuant to the Electricity Law dated 3 December, 2004; Law on amending and supplementing a number of articles of the Electricity Law;

Pursuant to the Law No. 21/2017/QH14 on Planning;

Pursuant to Decree No. 137/2013/ND-CP dated 21st October, 2013 by the Government on detailing implementation of a number of articles of the Electricity Law and the Law on amending and supplementing a number of articles of the Electricity Law;

Pursuant to Decree No. 98/2017/ND-CP dated 18th August, 2017 by the Government on defining the functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT);

Pursuant to Resolution No. 751/2019/UBTV14 dated 16th August, 2019 by the National Assembly's Standing Committee on elaborating a number of articles of the Law on Planning;

Pursuant to Resolution No. 110/NQ-CP dated 2nd December, 2019 by the Government on portfolio of plans integrated into the national, regional and provincial planning in accordance with Point c, Clause 1 in Article 59 of the Law on Planning;

Pursuant to Resolution No. 21-NQ/BCSD dated 10th January, 2020 by the Party's civil affairs committee of Ministry of Industry and Trade on principles of and procedures for adjusting and supplementing the planning of power projects;

At the request of the Director General of the Electricity and Renewable Energy Authority (EREA),

DECIDES:

Article 1: To issue principles and order of adjusting and addition of power projects into plans in the transitional period until the National Power Plan and provincial plans are approved in compliance with the Planning Law (see the Appendix attached to this Decision for more details).

Article 2. Implementation

EREA leads and collaborates with relevant agencies to urgently appraise the additions of power projects to plans, ensuring the electricity supply for the country's socio-economic development and promoting the potential of renewable energy in Vietnam.

Article 3. Implementation effectiveness and responsibilities

1. This decision comes into force from its signing date.

2. Chief of the MOIT's Office, Director General of EREA and relevant units are responsible for implementing this decision./.

Recipients:

- As mentioned in Article 3;
- MOIT's leaders;
- Office of the National Steering Committee for Electricity Development;
- EREA;
- Planning Department, Oil, Gas and Coal Department;
- Vietnam Electricity Corporation;
- National Power Transmission Corporation;
- Archive: Document Servicing Department, EREA (Planning Dept)

MINISTER

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APPENDIX
**On principles and order of adjusting and supplementing
the planning of power projects**

*(Issued together with Decision No. 329/QĐ-BCT dated 22nd January, 2020
by the Ministry of Industry and Trade)*

1. Procedures for appraising and approving adjustments in and addition into the power plans

Pursuant to Resolution No. 751/2019/UBTV14 dated 16 August, 2019 by the Standing Committee of the National Assembly on elaborating a number of articles of the Law on Planning and Resolution No. 110/NQ-CP dated 2nd December, 2019 by the Government on portfolio of plans integrated into the national, regional and provincial plans in accordance with Point c, Clause 1 in Article 59 of the Planning Law, temporarily continue applying regulations on the order and procedures for planning appraisal and approval in accordance with Circular No. 43/2013/TT-BCT dated 31st December, 2013 by the MOIT until the passage of the national electricity development planning in the period of 2021-2030 with a vision to 2045.

2. Principles and order of adjusting and addition into power plans

The addition into the power plans is implemented on the basis of prioritizing power grids prior to power sources. For power source projects, priorities are given to areas with the ability to absorb capacities; high-load areas and poor provinces with few approved projects.

a) Power grid projects

The order of priorities is placed as follows:

- Power transmission grid projects which have not been included in the revised PDP 7 approved by the Prime Minister in the 5-year plan of EVN or 220 kV power transmission grid projects which were approved in the Power Development Plan of provinces/centrally-administrated cities in the period of 2016-2025 with the possible extension to 2035.

- Projects which have been already included in the revised PDP 7 but need adjustments in terms of operation progress and scale.

- Projects for absorbing the capacities of hydropower and renewable energy.

- Grid projects generating power for new loads or adjusting the power generation plan for loads such as providing power to industrial parks and factories that absorb high capacities.

- Power connection projects which have been already approved in the PDP but not yet approved for connections or are being proposed for appropriate adjustments.

b) Power source projects

The inclusion of power source projects in the PDP is conducted with the following priority order:

- Wind power projects with priorities over appraised projects, projects of which power plants and connection grids can be completed before November, 2021 in areas which are not overloaded.

- Waste-to-energy projects (ensuring environmental issues)

- Biomass power projects.

- Small and medium-sized hydropower projects proposed for new addition.

- Traditional power projects with priorities for power sources which can absorb a large volume of renewable energy (large hydropower and gas power sources). However, these projects need to be researched carefully in PDP 8 due to their high complexity.

- Solar power projects implemented in accordance with Announcement No. 402/TB-VPCP dated 22nd November, 2019 by the Office of Government on the Conclusion of Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc at the meeting of the Government's executive board on the Draft mechanisms to promote the development of solar power projects in Vietnam.

3. Order of adjusting and supplementing the planning of wind power projects

Wind power projects with land advantages as well as possible connection and operation before November, 2021 are appraised, adjusted and included in the planning with the order of priorities as follows:

- Projects with completed appraisals

- Projects in advantageous locations and has possibility for grid connection.

- Other projects

In each group of projects above, the order of priorities will be determined in line with the principle “the project with written request sent to the MOIT by the provincial people’s committee first will be processed first”./.

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