New Climate Change Regime and Low-Carbon Energy System — A Quiet Revolution of Clean Energy in China

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Paris Agreement and INDCs

China's intended nationally determined contributions:

- Peak CO₂ emissions around 2030 and making best efforts to peak early;
- Lower CO₂ emissions per unit of GDP by 60% to 65% from the 2005 level;
- Increase the share of non-fossil fuels in primary energy consumption to around 20%;
- Increase the forest stock volume by around 4.5 billion m³
 on the 2005 level.
- Proactively adapt to climate change by enhancing mechanisms and capacities to effectively defend against climate change risks.



Energy consumption is slowing down





Energy mix optimized: coal consumption peaked, while non-fossil fuels continue to increase











Energy efficiency improvement

Energy consumption per unit of industrial product (2000=100)

Energy productivity significantly improved

- · Basically achieve the 20% reduction target in the 11th FYP
- Achieve the 16% reduction target in the 12th FYP

Energy intensity of GDP from 1978 to 2015 (TCE/10000Yuan, 2005Price)

Energy demand outlook for the 13th FYP

- Uncertainty of energy demand due to various economic prospects, aftermath of global financial turmoil
- Given different targets of energy intensity reduction in 13 FYP (20%, 16%, 14%), primary energy demand in 2020 would be around 4.8 to 5.1 billion tce

Primary energy demand outlook for the 13th FYP (2016-2020)

Strategy-1: Control both intensity and volume for energy

- CO₂ intensity reduction target: 18% (2020/2015)
- Energy intensity reduction target: 15% (2020/2015)
- Total primary energy consumption: 4.8 billion tce
- Improve entrance threshold for new capacity to avoid new overcapacity
- Enhance de-stocking efforts to improve economic productivity

Strategy-2: Reduce coal consumption

- Coal consumption will be kept within the 2015 level (0 increase) for the 13th FYP
- Resulted from the structural change of industries
- Respond to the environmental requirement of improving air quality
- Key area is to substantially replace distributed coal consumption by natural gas, electricity, recovered residual heat, and renewable energies

Strategy-3: Expedite development of non-fossil fuels

- Improve quality of development of non-fossil fuels
- Reduce cost of development of non-fossil fuels
- Non-fossil fuels share 15% by 2020, and 20% by 2030, in national total primary energy consumption
- Develop smart grid to improve the capability of adaptation to renewable energies

Compensation of multi-energy resources

Combination of resources, grids and storages

Strategy-4: Implement CN-ETS

- Targeted participants: key enterprise (annual energy consumption is 10000 tce or higher)
- Initial: All the key enterprises have reported annual GHG inventories for the most recent 3 years (2013–2015) to the Government (NDRC)
- Normal:
 - Key enterprises report last year's annual GHG inventories (reviewed by an independent third party such as DOE) by April
 - ✓ Government conducts annual assigned amount of GHG emissions (AAA) clearance by June
 - ✓ Government sets up this year's AAAs to key enterprises by June

Strategy-5: City-centered peaking actions Alliance of Peaking Pioneer Cities of China (APPC)

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