

Qatar Electricity & Water Market Report

The region's largest gas exporter has set a renewables target and procured its first solar PV

The production of electricity and water in Qatar is dominated by thermal desalination plants, which meet the vast majority of the country's power and water consumption. The production assets in Qatar are privately-owned IWPPs and IPPs, however the state retains an equity stake in all thermal plants via Qatar Water and Electricity Company and Qatar Petroleum.

In 2020 Qatar procured its first renewable IPP, the 800MW Al Kharsaah Solar PV project, developed by state-owned Siraj Power alongside Marubeni and Total. The Al Kharsaah plant is likely to be first of several large PV IPPs, as Qatar targets 20% of generation from renewable sources by 2030.

The water production mix is also likely to see further change as reverse osmosis (RO) becomes more prevalent. The newest IWPP, Umm Al Houf, contains Qatar's first large RO plant (60MIGD), with a further 61MIGD RO expansion under construction. In addition to falling RO costs, the gas price assumed in planning is key determinant of the competitiveness of thermal desalination versus RO.

On the demand side, the economic blockade resulted in a reduction in electricity and water consumption, although demand for both rebounded as the economy recovered. Future demand growth is expected to be heavily dependent on the pace of economic expansion.

Outside of the production segment, state-owned utility Kahramaa controls all parts of the electricity and water value chains. Kahramaa is the single buyer, network owner, network operator and sole retailer of power and water. The government has not disclosed any plans to move away from the current single buyer model or unbundle Kahramaa.

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