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Why do we need Cheaper Energy?

- Residential users: spend more on consumption
 - Reduction in GCT on residential bills offset against GCT on other expenditure
- Tourism: more competitive
- GOJ (e.g. NWC), Construction (Carib Cement): gross savings
- Bauxite/Alumina Sector: 50% Operating Costs spent on energy, could have avoided shutdown of plants if we weren't in bottom 25% in terms of being competitive

Why Cheaper Energy?contd...

- Foreign exchange savings on lower fuel costs
- Increased foreign exchange earnings on greater exports
- Manufacturing:
- major improvement in competitiveness to spur import substitution and exports
- Possibility of attracting electricity intensive industries which are now not viable in Jamaica hence increase in employment

Solutions

Diversifying Power Generation

- More Efficient Plants (JEP 60MW, JPS 360MW 2014 of 480MW, Jamaica now has 820MW with 25% from Independent Power Producers) – replace Aged Plants
- Negotiate better fuel prices
- Work at Night Even out the Load (Policy) Peak Demand in evening as little production in day
- LNG cheaper than oil (including Bauxite sector)
- Coal (JPS 300 MW)
- Wind (Wigton 21 MW plus 18MW??)

Solutions contd...

- Water (22MW now, if oil price is above US\$50 expand to 65 MW)
- Steam Cogeneration (Jamalco 6MW, Bauxite Jamalco US\$ 1bil))
- Sun viability of solar generating equipment
- Waste to Energy
- End monopoly more IPP's (JEP 124MW, JPPC 60 MW)
- Decrease theft (13.2% loss)
- Changing out of street lights
- Decreasing "refined" petroleum products importations

Questions

- Is JPS new facility for 2014 really cutting electricity costs by 28%? Consider transport & sourcing costs of LNG.
- Is there a revised policy on private sector selling back to grid? Tax benefits? Net billing/metering?
- Can we meet the new power (600 MW) over next decade to meet our growth?
- Japan's Marubeni & Emirate's Taqa own 80% of JPS, GOJ own 20%. Is the minimum Return on Equity too high at 14.85% - USA is 11%? What is the policy on keeping this within the world industry norm?

In Summary, Cheaper Energy will:

- Revalue currency
- Reduce inflation rate
- Increase disposable income
- Increase corporate profits
- Grow the economy
- Create jobs

TOGETHER WE CAN FIND SOLUTIONS TO CHEAPER ENERGY