

# The Prospects for Electricity Trade Between the GCC Countries

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# ADWEC and GCC / ENG Grids

## Law Number 2 of 1998

ADWEC is the single buyer and seller of electricity and water.

ADWEC is responsible in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi for :

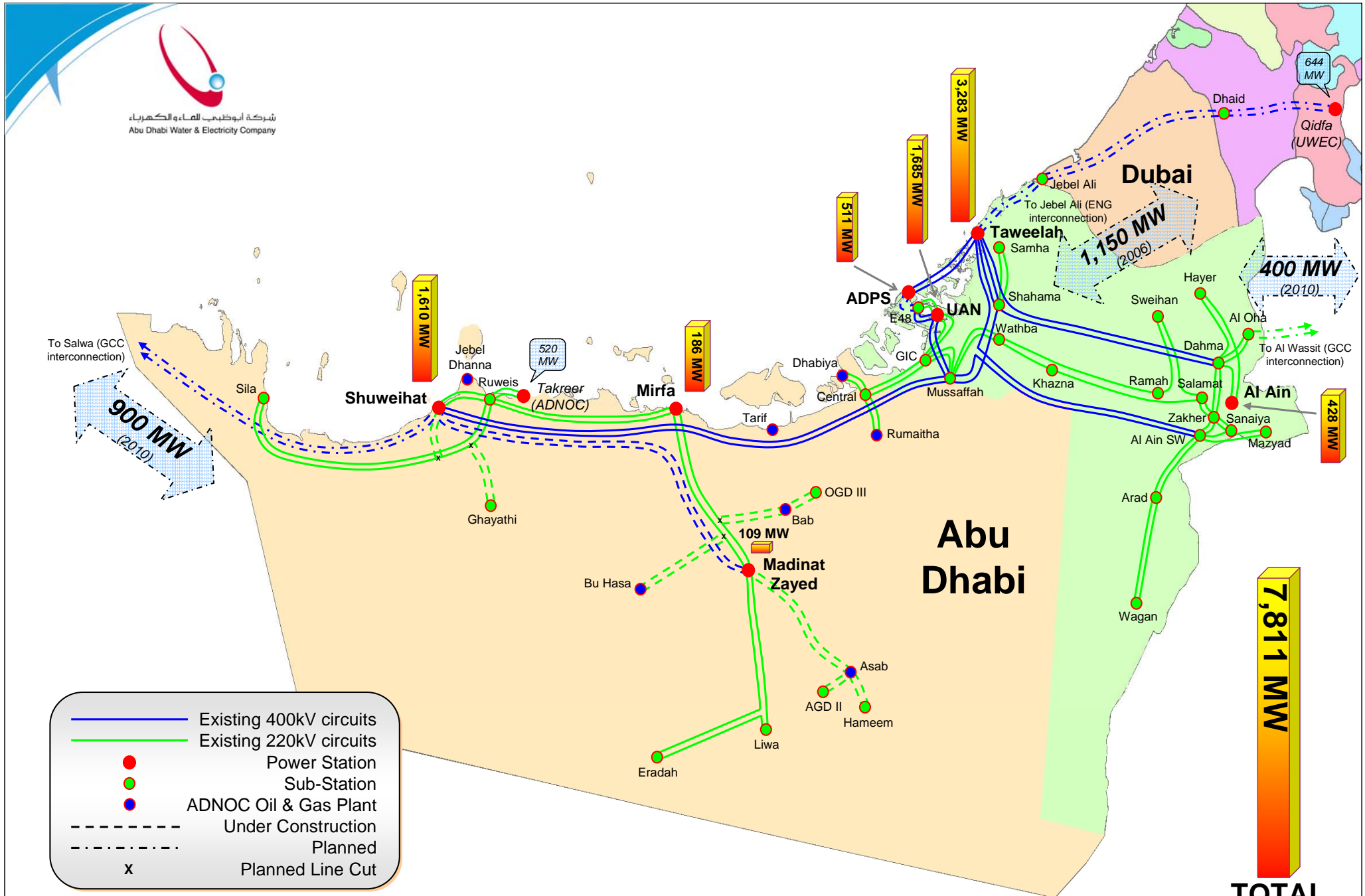
- Electricity & Water **Demand Forecasting**.
- Electricity & Water **Capacity Planning**.

ADWEC's legal duties are fulfilled via :

- Annual **Electricity & Water System Demand Forecast Report** (2005 – 2015).
- Annual **Statement of Future Capacity Requirements** (2005 – 2015).

GCC / ENG Grids create issues that do not exist in independent systems.

# Emirate of Abu Dhabi's GCC / ENG Interconnections



Includes planned extensions up to 2005 along with UWEC, ADNOC, ENG & GCC interconnection.

**TOTAL**  
(GROSS MW)

Iraq

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Phase I - Integration of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain & Qatar - GCC North Grid (2008).

Phase II - Interconnection of UAE Independent Systems as well as Oman - GCC South Grid.

Phase III - Interconnection of GCC North & South Grid (2010).

Import / Export  
Transmission Limit

Kuwait	1200 MW
KSA	1200 MW
Bahrain	600 MW
Qatar	750 MW
UAE	900 + 400 MW
Oman	400 MW

Kuwait

Al Zour

1200 MW

310 KM

1200 MW

Al Fadhili

HVDC  
Back-to-back  
Connection

112 KM

Ghunan

600 MW

Bahrain

Jasra

90 KM

Arabian Gulf

Saudi Arabia

Oman

Qatar

Doha

290 KM

750 MW

900 MW

Salwa

100 KM

Shuweihat

150 KM

UAE Network

Gulf of Oman

400 MW

Al Oha

52 KM

Al Wassit

United Arab Emirates

Oman

Green Line = 220 kv  
Blue Line = 400 kv

Source : [www.gccia.com.sa](http://www.gccia.com.sa)

# Emirate of Abu Dhabi

## GCC / ENG Grid Interconnections

	MW
<b>Western GCC Grid</b> (Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Saudi Arabia)	900
<b>Eastern GCC Grid</b> (Oman)	400
<b>Emirates National Grid</b> (Other UAE Emirates)	1150
<b>Total Abu Dhabi Interconnections</b>	<b>2450</b>

## GCC / ENG Grid Interconnections

	Total GCC / ENG Grid Interconnections (MW)	Percent of 2003 Peak
<b>Bahrain</b>	600	<b>39.1%</b>
<b>Kuwait</b>	1200	<b>16.0%</b>
<b>Oman</b>	400	<b>15.3%</b>
<b>Qatar</b>	750	<b>32.4%</b>
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	1200	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>Abu Dhabi</b>	<b>2450</b>	<b>59.3%</b>

Abu Dhabi 2003 peak was 4134 MW.

Saudi Arabia 2003 Peak 26,272 MW

Eastern Region 2003 Peak 8,280 MW (*region that will directly connect to GCC grid*).

Central Region 2003 Peak 8,415 MW (*only Saudi region connected to Eastern Region*).

# ADWEC's Response to ENG / GCC Interconnections

ADWEC has started to monitor the GCC countries & UAE Emirates :

- Total Generation Capacities (MW)
  - New Capacity
  - Retired Capacity
  - Substitute Capacity
- Peak Demand
- Demand Profile
- Timing and Delays in New Capacity & Maintenance Outages

Monitoring exercise will analyze the impact of the GCC / ENG grids on Abu Dhabi.

The monitoring exercise is in early stages and will be regularly updated.

**Continuously updated** – static studies quickly become outdated.

# ADWEC GCC / ENG Monitoring

- Collect information on **new capacity** primarily from public sources.
- Three electricity **peak demand growth** assumptions examined.

## GCC Grid Analysis - Annual Electricity Demand Growth Scenarios

Low	Base	High
4%	6%	8%

- Peak Demand / Capacity analysis done for each GCC country.
- **20% Reserve Margin** assumed in order to calculate **Required Capacity**.

**Required Capacity = 1.2 x Peak Electricity Demand Forecast**

- Unplanned capacity is assumed to be in multiples of **500 MW**, creating surpluses.

# Potential Regulatory Issues

GCC / ENG grids will provide **emergency supplies**, but what about economic trade?

- **Privatisation** creates **pricing** and **settlement issues**.
- Domestic consumers should not **subsidise** electricity **exports**.
- **No cross-subsidization** - clear allocation of **fuel costs**.
- Exports should not receive **subsidies** – unless policy decision explicitly taken.
- Electricity exports will increase **variable O&M revenues** to IPPs / IWPPs.
- Regulators will need to carefully consider capacity installed mainly for exports.

# Pricing Issues

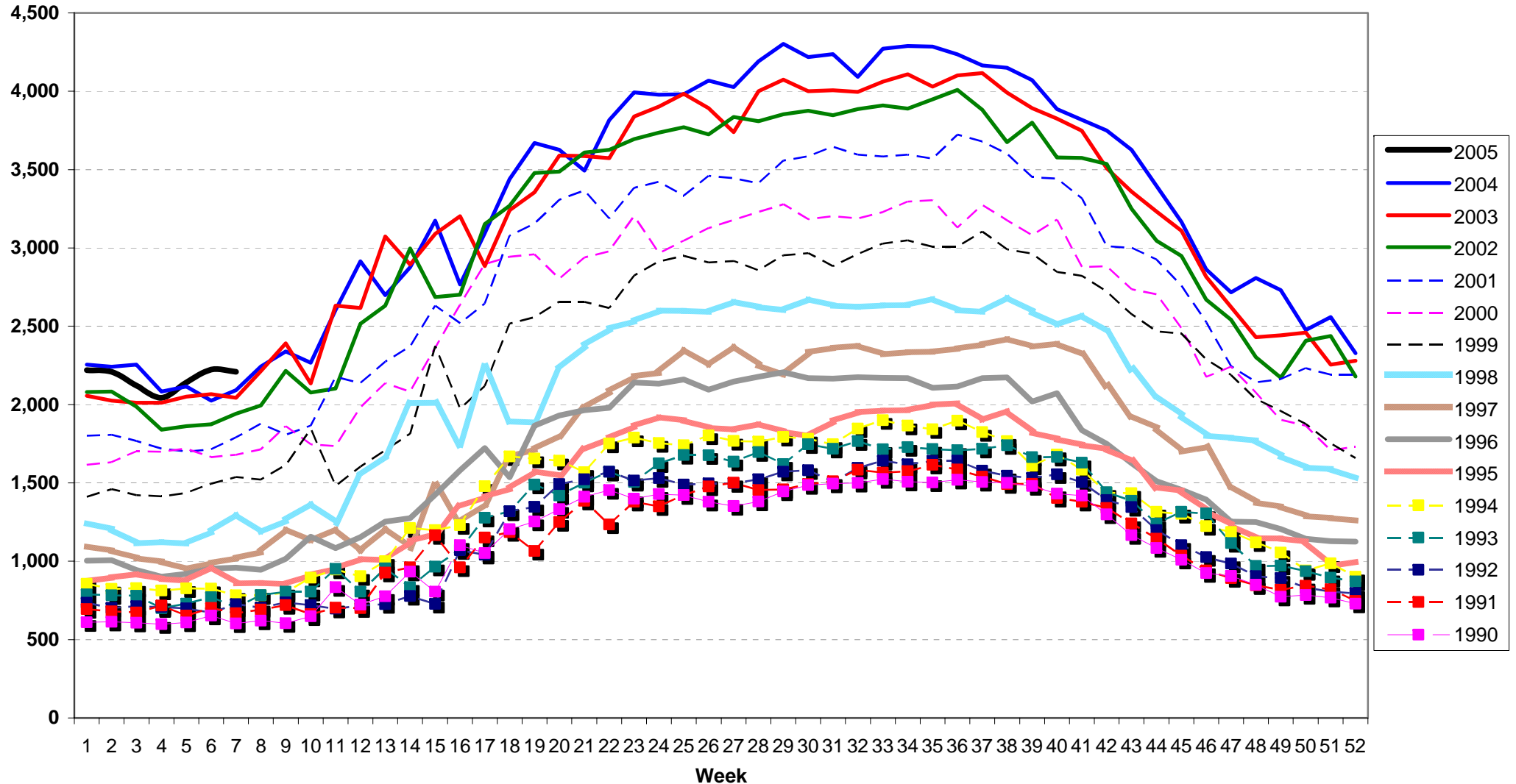
- Relative electricity Export / Import prices will determine the prospects for trade.
- **Import price** (variable O&M + fuel + transmission)  $\leq$  **domestic price**.
- **Export price**  $\Rightarrow$  **Economic Production Costs**.
- Exports will improve generation **fuel efficiency**, thereby lowering unit fuel costs.
- Should **importing** country also benefit from exporter's **lower unit fuel costs**?
- Differences in **fuel input prices** create opportunities for electricity trade.
- Should export price include **Availability Costs**?
- **Wheeling charges** need to be defined.



**Emirate of Abu Dhabi  
&  
GCC / ENG Grids  
Lessons**

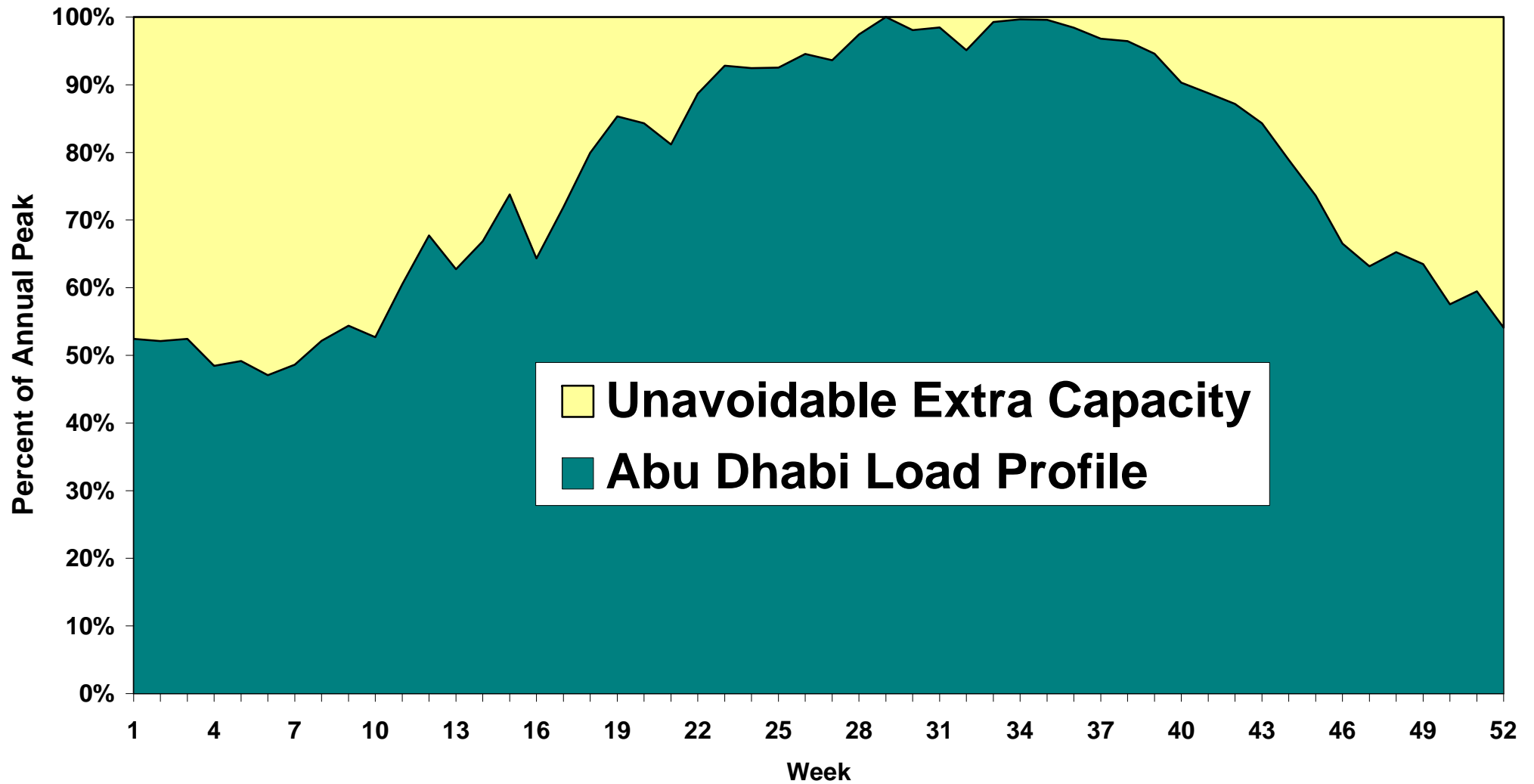
# Abu Dhabi Demand Profile

## Weekly Electricity Peak 1990 - 2005 (Gross MW)



**Kuwait, Qatar and Dubai have similar Demand Profiles**

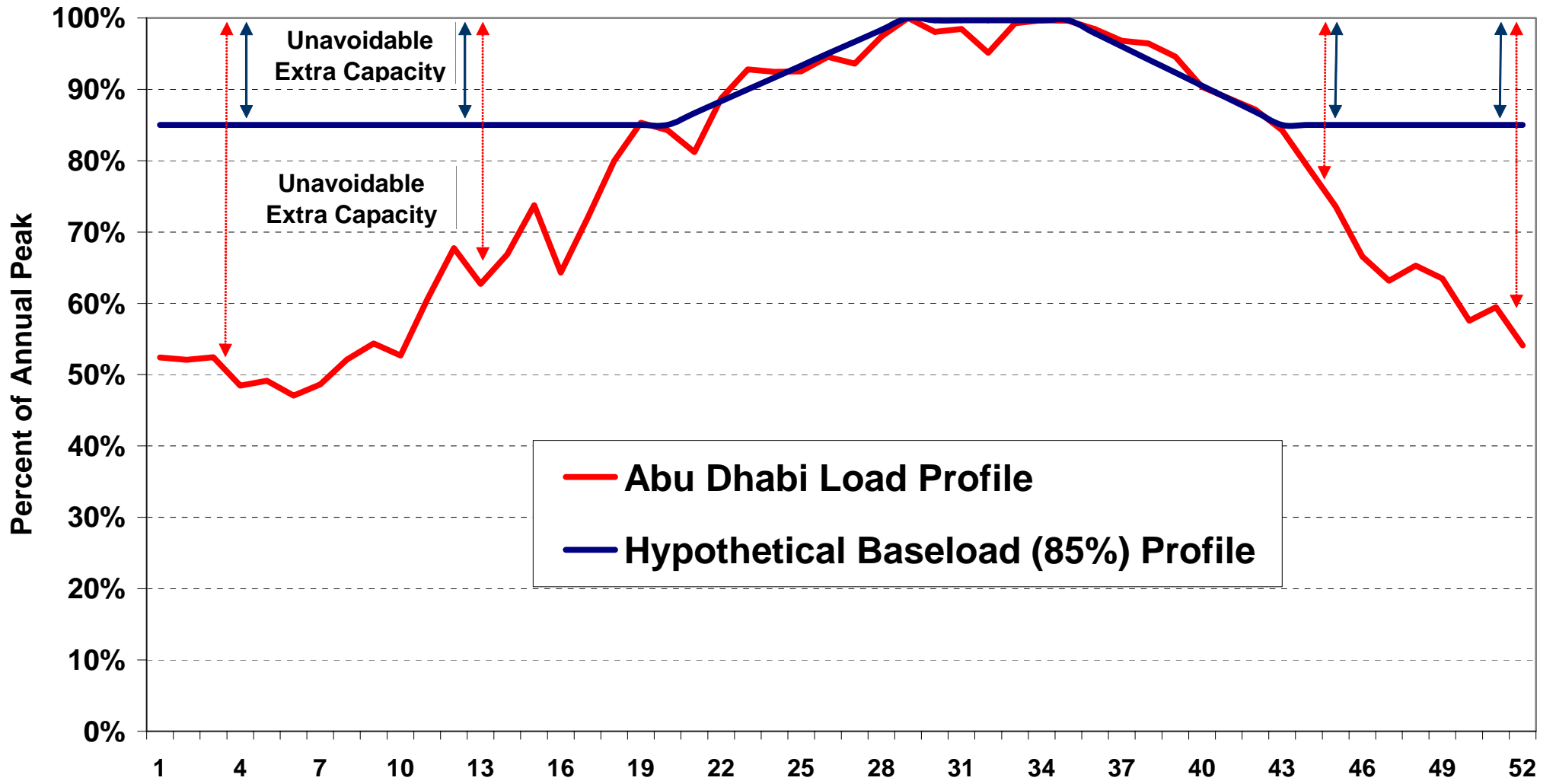
# Abu Dhabi Weekly Load Relative to Annual Peak



**Like other systems Abu Dhabi has unavoidable extra capacity**

# Unavoidable Extra Capacity v Load Profile

## Abu Dhabi Load Profile v Example Baseload Profile



**Baseload demand profiles typically have less spare capacity  
- Creates Potential for Trade**

# Factors Determining Electricity Trade

- **Demand Profile** – determines spare capacity

**Winter** – high spare capacity / low electricity demand

**Summer** – low spare capacity / high electricity demand

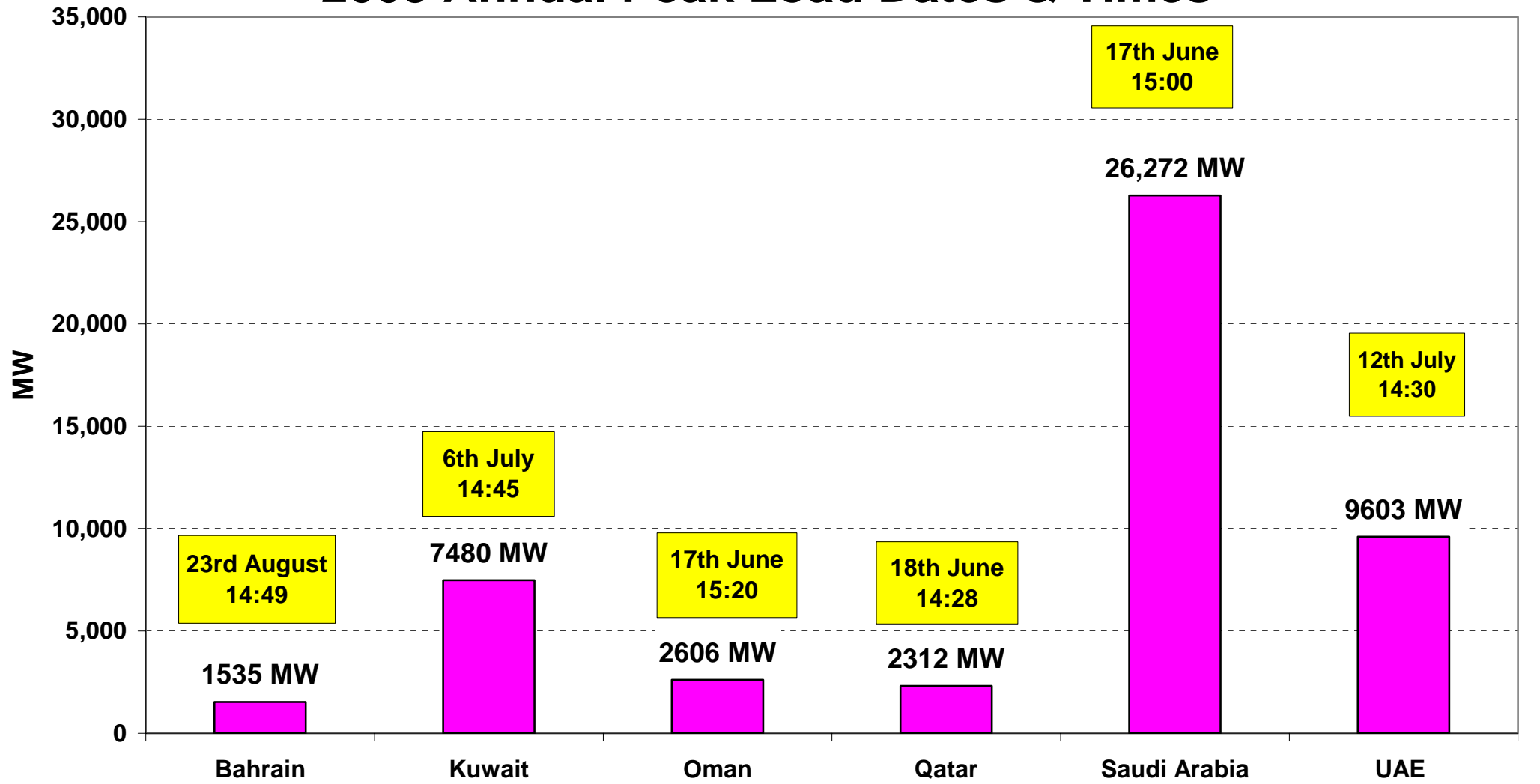
Suggests greatest potential for economic trade in **Spring / Autumn**.

**Air conditioning** dominated profiles v **Baseload** Profiles.

- Requirement to **maximise water production**.
- Countries relative **cogeneration** (electricity & water) v **single cycle** capacities.
- May need to generate some electricity to **support local transmission system**.
- Scheduled / unscheduled **maintenance outages**.
- **Timing** of Annual Peak demands.
- High electricity Summer demand during **non-peak hours** – **high trade potential**.

# 2003 GCC Annual Peak Demands

## 2003 Annual Peak Load Dates & Times



Source: [www.gcc-cigre.org](http://www.gcc-cigre.org)

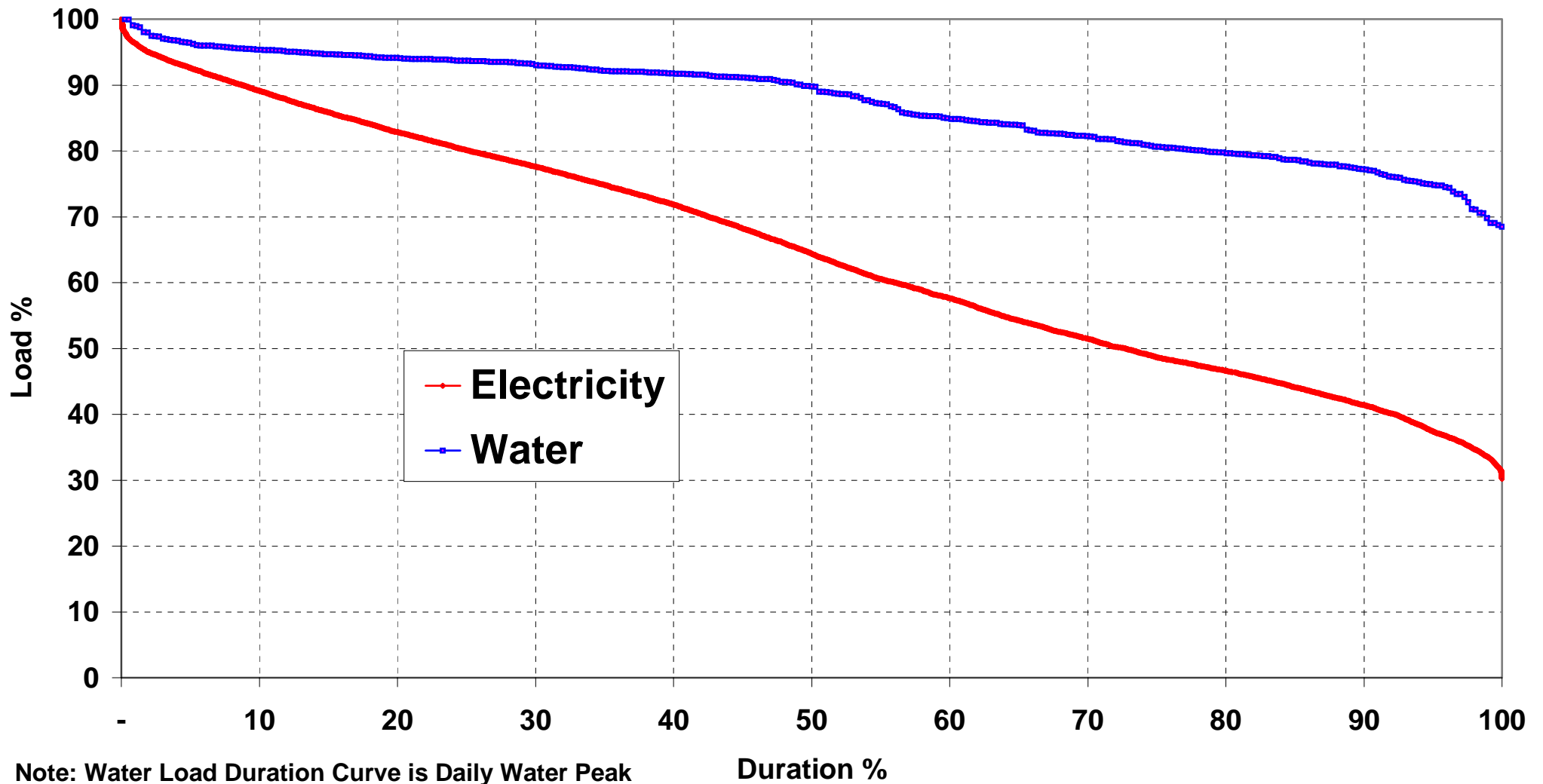
**Oman, Qatar & Saudi Arabia peaks happened within 24 hours in 2003**

# Temperature & Water Issues

- Capacity in AD is installed on the basis of **Reference Site Conditions** (e.g. 46°C).
- During Winter gas turbines may produce more electricity :  
**ADWEA IWPP** (4.9 GW = GT + ST) **Capacity +10%** extra electricity in Winter.  
Approximately **+500 MW** extra electricity available in Winter.
- Extra temperature related output partly offsets **maintenance outages** in Winter.
- Abu Dhabi's IWPP cogeneration stations often need to produce **30% - 35%** of electricity capacity in order to **maximise water production**.
- **Alternative plant types** may avoid the need to generate electricity for water production purposes (e.g. RO and waste incinerators for distiller steam).

# Abu Dhabi Load Duration Curves

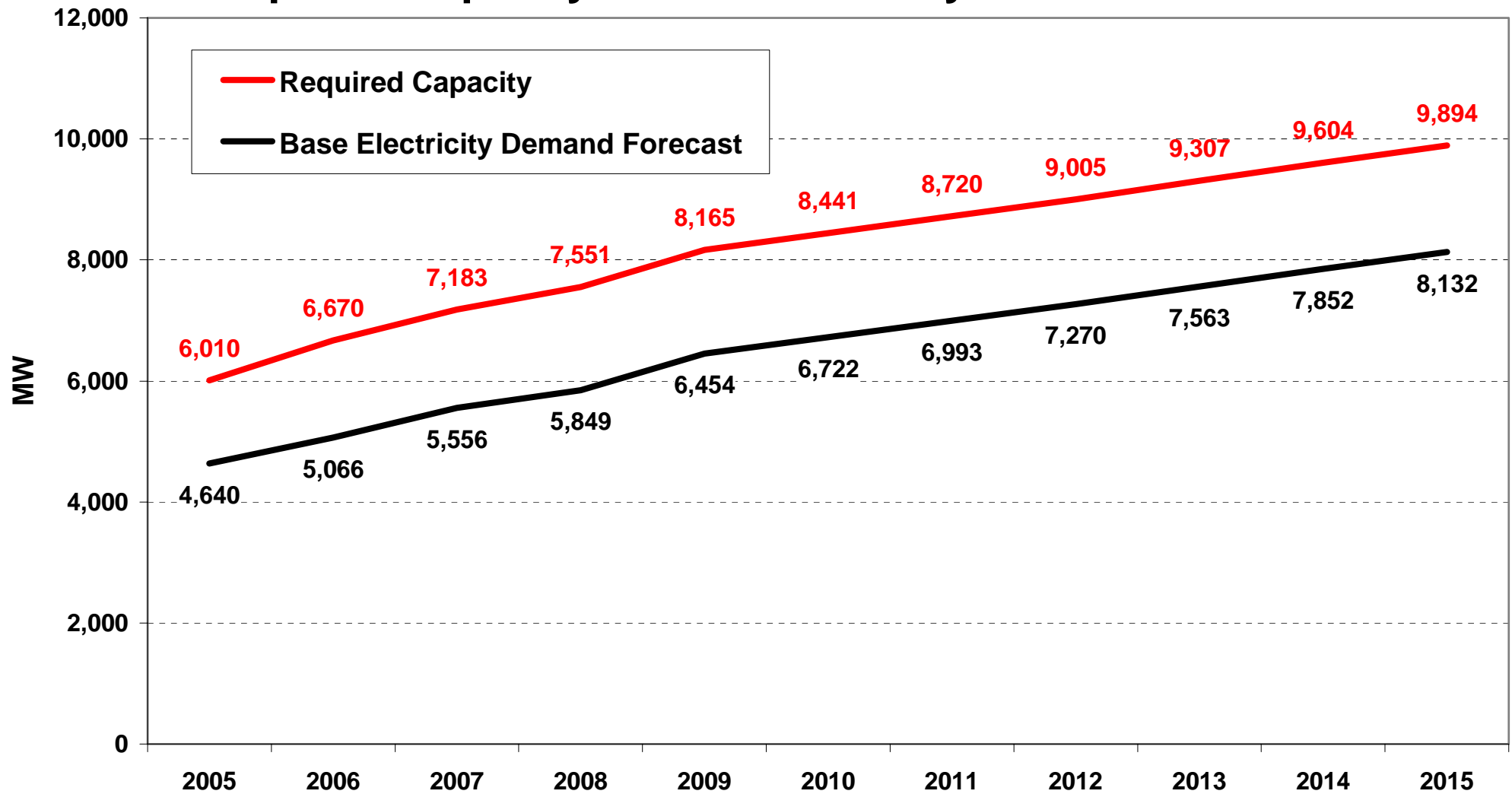
## Emirate of Abu Dhabi 2004 Load Duration Curves



**Conclusion: Water production varies less than electricity**

# Abu Dhabi Required Capacity

## Required Capacity - Base Electricity Demand Forecast

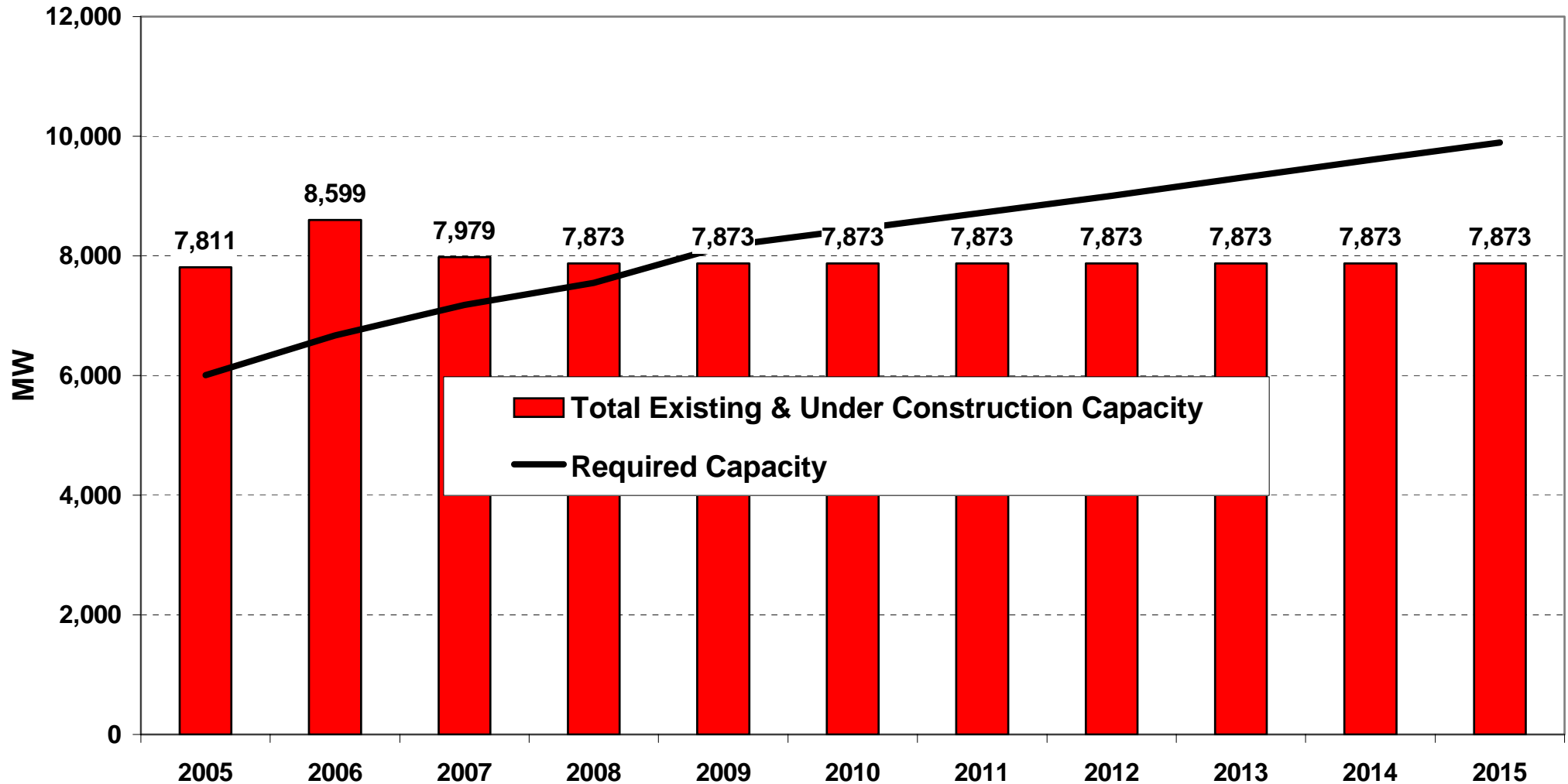


**Reserve capacity might be used for interruptible exports**

Note: Required Capacity based on LOLE of 0.1

# Abu Dhabi Required Capacity v Planned Capacity

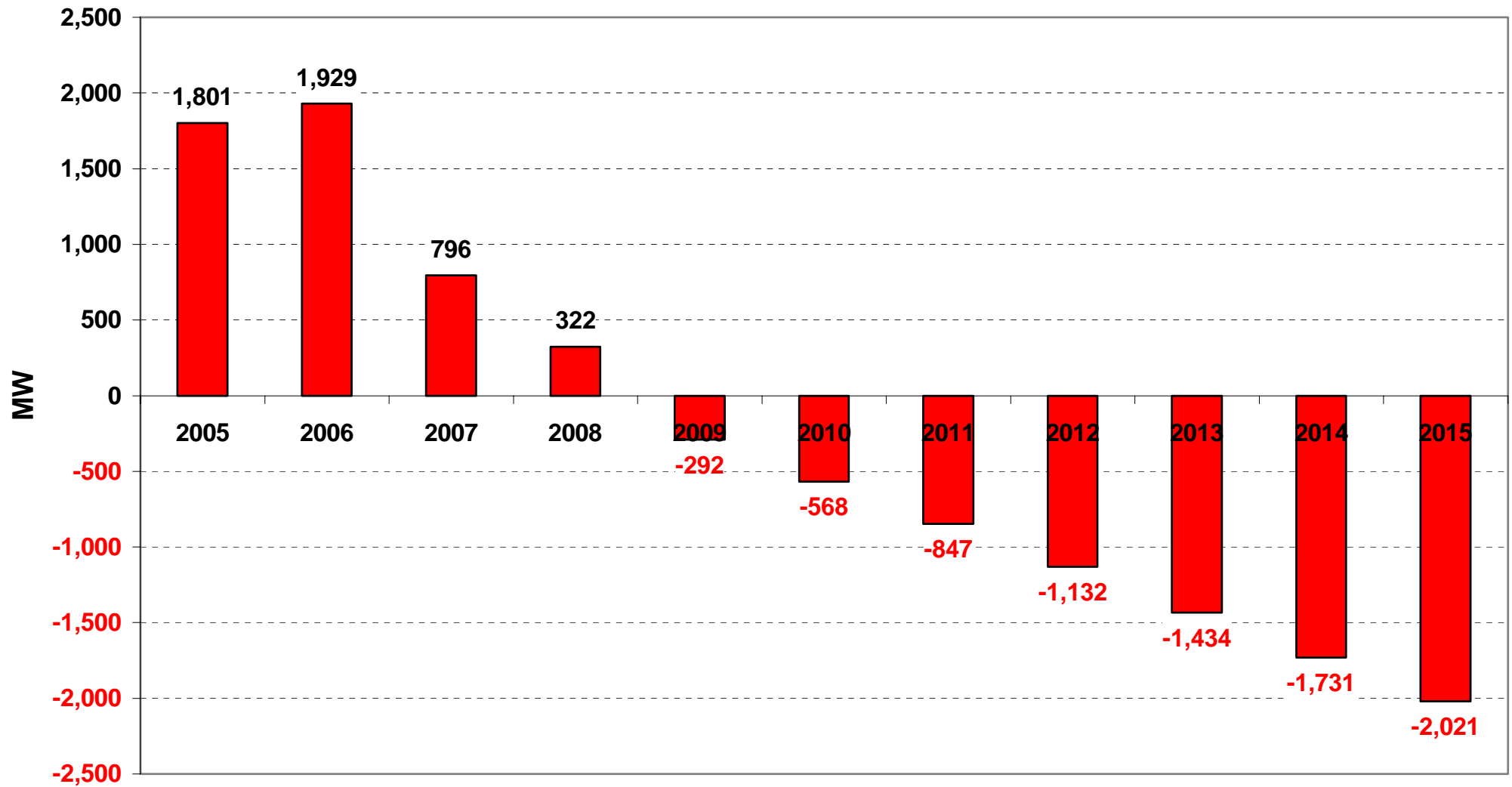
**Existing / Planned Electricity Capacity v Capacity Requirements**  
(Base Electricity Demand Forecast)

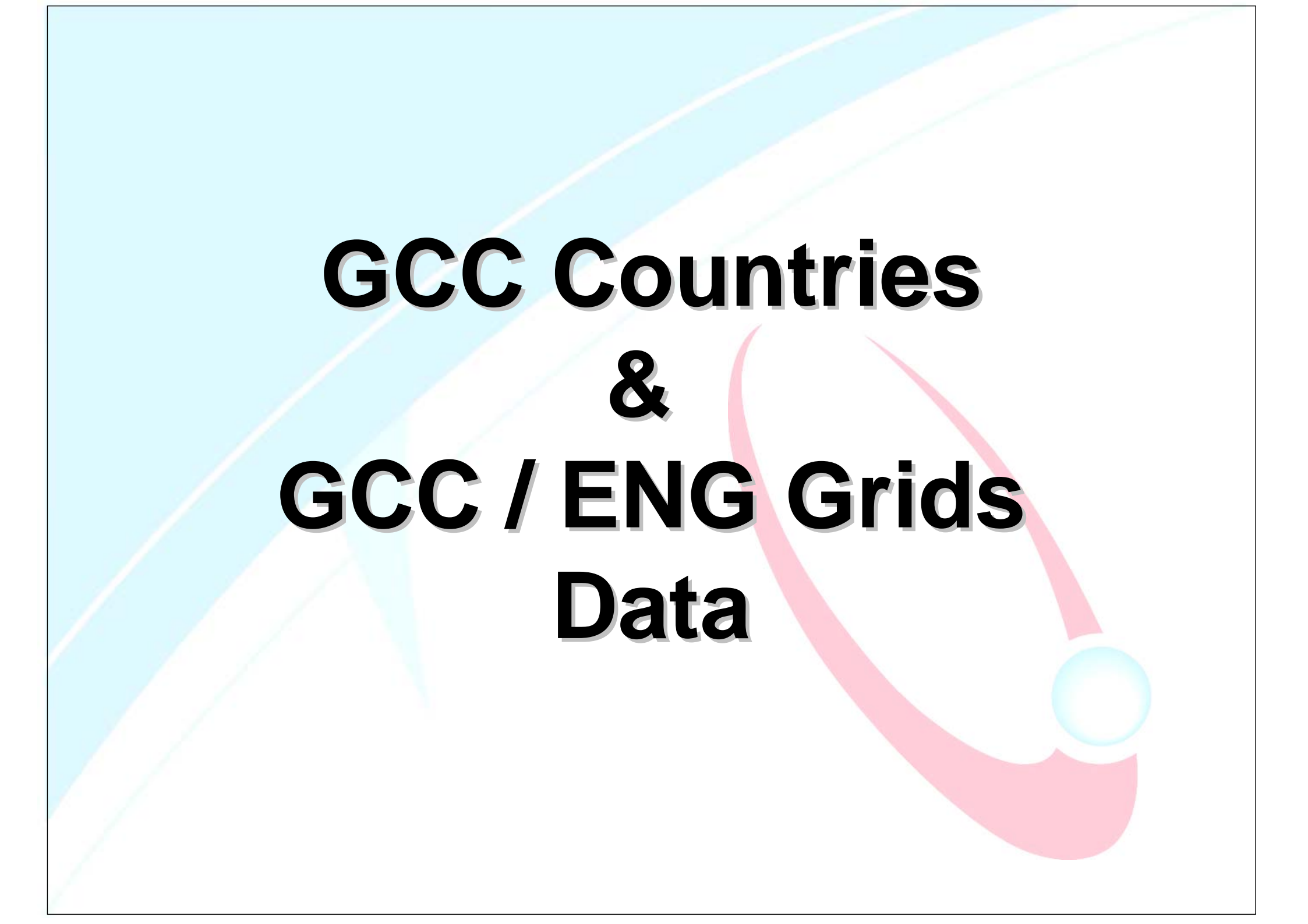


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# Abu Dhabi Potential Exports

## Electricity Capacity Surplus / Deficit





**GCC Countries  
&  
GCC / ENG Grids  
Data**

# Bahrain Highlights

- 2004 Peak = **1,647 MW**
- Capacity = **1,879 MW**
- Last 5 years average annual demand growth of **6.5%** p.a.
- GCC Grid interconnection = **600 MW** = 36.4% of 2004 peak.

## New Capacity

2004	Al-Hidd Phase II	<b>700 MW</b>
2006 April	Al-Ezzal Phase I	<b>470 MW</b>
2007 May	Al-Ezzal Complete	<b>1000 MW</b> (including Phase I).
2011 – 2020	MEW Proposed station	<b>3000 MW</b> (phased).

Rifa station (700 MW) currently being rehabilitated to extend its life.  
Manama (< 100 MW) gradually being retired (finish end – 2005).

## Ministry of Electricity and Water

New capacity not required after Al-Ezzal until 2011 if **6.5%** demand growth persists.

MEW peak electricity demand forecast:

2010 = **2,468 MW**  
2020 = **4,312 MW**

Note : All of the above data is taken from publicly quoted sources and are not ADWEC estimates.

# Kuwait Highlights

- 2003 Peak = 7,480 MW
- Capacity = 9,300 MW
- Recent years electricity demand has grown at 5% - 6% p.a.
- GCC Grid Interconnection = 1200 MW = 16% of 2003 peak.

## New Capacity

Two new stations are under construction, Al-Zour South and Al-Zour North.

Al-Zour South will consist of eight open cycle gas turbines.

Al-Zour North 5 x 500 MW turbines.

2004 August	Al-Zour South Phase I	480 MW
2005 May	Al-Zour South Complete	1000 MW (including Phase I)
2006 late	Al-Zour North	Scheduled to begin operations
2009	Al-Zour North Complete	2500 MW

Forecasts suggest electricity demand will grow at 7% - 9% p.a.

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# Oman Highlights

- 2003 Peak = **2,606 MW**
- Capacity = **2,900 MW**
- Electricity consumption is growing at **4% – 5%** per annum
- GCC Grid Interconnection = **400 MW** (via Abu Dhabi) = 15.3% of 2003 peak.

## New Capacity

By 2006, **3,260 MW** of capacity will be required

Government raising capacity from **2,268 MW** (end 2002) to **3,260 MW** (end 2006).

Oman's Government forecasts electricity demand will be **75%** higher in 2015.

2008	Sohar	<b>1,400 MW</b>	Aluminium smelter plant
2006	Sohar IWPP	<b>585 MW</b>	(33 MGD)
2004	Qarn Alam	<b>140 MW</b>	(captive power station)
2003	Al Kamil IPP	<b>285 MW</b>	(replace diesels in Sharqiyah region).
2003	Barka IWPP	<b>427 MW</b>	(20 MGD)
2003	Salalah IPP	<b>200 MW</b>	(replace the diesel units in Salalah and Raysut)

Next IWPP expected to add **450 MW** (20 MGD) to the existing Barka plant.

Expected to include the acquisition of the Government **687.5 MW** Rusayl plant.

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# Qatar Highlights

- 2004 Peak = **2,520 MW**
- Capacity = **3,069 MW**
- Electricity consumption is growing at **8% – 9%** per annum.
- GCC Grid Interconnection = **750 MW** = 29.8% of 2004 peak.

## New Capacity

2004	Ras Laffan IWPP	<b>750 MW</b>
2006	Ras Laffan II (B) IWPP Phase I	<b>600 MW</b> (15 MGD)
2008	Ras Laffan II (B) IWPP Complete	<b>1025 MW</b> (60 MGD) including Phase I.
2002	Ras Abu Fontas B Expansion	<b>380 MW</b> (total station 1030 MW)

Electricity demand is forecast to reach **5000 MW** by 2012.

Proposed **1000 MW** captive power station for a world scale aluminum complex.

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# Saudi Arabia Highlights (i)

- 2003 Peak = 26,272 MW
- Eastern Region 2003 Peak = 8,280 MW  
(region that will directly connect to GCC grid).
- Central Region 2003 Peak = 8,415 MW
- GCC Grid Interconnection = 1,200 MW = 4.6% of 2003 peak (26,272 MW).
- Peak Electricity Demand growth forecast 4% - 4.5% p.a.

Eastern region currently only interconnected to Central Region (380 kV / 60 Hz link).

By 2006, SEC expects to have two major transmission islands:

**Eastern - Central region** – Approximately Two-Thirds of consumption.

**Western - Southern region** – Approximately 30 percent of consumption.

**Northern region** accounts for remainder.

The SEC says eventually all the regions will be connected.

- Western Region 2003 Peak = 7,411 MW
- Southern Region 2003 Peak = 1,791 MW

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# Saudi Arabia Highlights (ii)

## New Capacity

Station	Capacity MW	Completion Dates	Other
Riyadh's PP9 Expansion	480	Scheduled completion September 2004. (started February 1st 2004!)	SEC's ultra-fast program
Riydah PP9 Expansion	1200	February 2005 contract award imminent.	SEC
Najran Expansion	50	Bids submitted on 10/1/2005	SEC
Qurrayat Expansion	25 - 30	Bids due by 29/3/2005.	SEC
Marafiq (Jubail) IWPP Phase I	2400	Completion 2007 / 2008	Phase I (RFP issued in July 2004) - Pre-qualify bids by 28/2/2005
Phase II	1500 - 2000		+300,000 cubic meters of water a day
Al Shoaiba Phase III (Shuaiba / Shouaiba IWPP) - Western Province	650 - 900	PCOD September 2008 (49 months after RFP issued)	+ 194 MGD
Al Shuqaiq II IWPP - Western Province	700	Expressions of interest invited in 2005	+ 24 MGD
Ras Al-Zour (Ras Az Zour / Ras AlZor) IWPP - Eastern Province	2500	No timeframe set (timetable for first 4 IWPPs 2006 - 2010)	+ 176 MGD
Al Jubail III IWPP - Eastern Province	1100	No timeframe set (timetable for first 4 IWPPs 2006 - 2010)	+ 75 MGD
SADAF IPP	260	Completion 2005 Q2	Currently under development.
Saudi Aramco IPP	1074	Phased basis March - December 2006	Project with Saudi Oger & International Power.
<i>Ras Tanura (150MW and 645,000lb/h steam)</i> <i>Ju'aymah (308MW and 1,250,000lb/h steam)</i> <i>Shedgum (308MW and 1,250,000lb/h steam)</i> <i>Uthmaniyah (308MW and 1,250,000lb/h steam)</i>			

## Large number of short term non-IWPP projects

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# Saudi Arabia Highlights (iii)

## New Capacity

Station	Capacity MW	Completion Dates	Other
Shuaiba (Shoaiba) Power Plant Expansion	1100	First turbine by mid-2006	Contract should include an option to build a further 3 units on the same site which could be exercised within 12 months.
Jeddah PP3 Expansion Scheme	640	2005	18 x 80 MW turbines.
Al Khafji Captive Power Plant	90	May 2004	3 GTs x 30 MW = 90 MW
Hail Power Station Expansion	100	Under Construction	2 x 50 MW
Tabuk Project Expansion	120	Awarded May 2003.	Client is SEC.
Asir & Bisha Station Expansions - Southern Region	330	Contract awarded February 2004	Client SEC South
Riyadh SEC Turnkey Plant	240	Fall 2005	Client SEC
Jizan Plant Expansion - Southern Region	200 3 Gas Turbines	1st GT August 2005 2nd GT November 2005 3rd GT August 2006	
Qassim Upgrade	300	Project under construction.	
Berri Gas Plant (Saudi Aramco)	300	April 2005	Saudi Aramco is actively planning power generation facilities to save electricity costs at the plants it operates.
Arar	100 - 120	-	Client SEC
Rafah	50 - 60	-	Client SEC
Rabigh IWSP (Saudi Aramco Captive Power Plant)	400	Bid closing date 30/4/2005	Client Saudi Aramco
Maaden Captive Power Plant	1500		Captive Power Plant.

## Large number of short term non-IWPP projects

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# Saudi Arabia Highlights (iv)

## New Capacity

### SEC 2010 – 2017 Proposed Power Generation Projects

Station	MW	MGD	Completion Dates	Region
Muzahimiyah / Al-Mazahimiyah	1,725		2010-2012	Central
Rabigh-II / Rabigh 2	2,400	150	2011-2013	Western
Qurayyah-II / Al-Qurayyat 2	3,600	150	2012-2014	Eastern
Sulbokh / Salboukh	1,725		2012-2014	Central
Power Plant #10 / Riyadh PP10	1,725		2014-2016	Central
Yanbu-II / Yanbu 2	2,400	150	2014-2016	Western
Shuqaiq-II / Shuqaiq 2	600	23	2015-2017	Southern
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,175</b>			

## Conclusion

The impact of Saudi Arabia on the GCC Grid is difficult to predict because of

- Limited transmission facilities within and between regions (e.g. national grid).
- Large number of short-term expansion projects.
- Installation of substitute capacity for SEC electricity (Saudi Aramco / Marafiq).

In practice Saudi Arabia's modest GCC Grid interconnection of 1200 MW limits the impact of Saudi Arabia on the GCC Grid.

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# United Arab Emirates Highlights (i)

## 2003 Capacities

	ADWEA	DEWA	SEWA	FEWA	UWEC	Total
Peak	4,116.0	2,784.0	1,217.1	1,042.5		9,159.6
Installed Capacity	5,530.0	3,833.0	1,751.0	1,191.0	660.0	12,965.0

Source: UAE Ministry of Energy

## Abu Dhabi

End-2005 Capacity : **7,811 MW** (see previous Abu Dhabi slides for details)

2010 Required Capacity : **8,441 MW** (LOLE 0.1)

2004 Peak : **4,320 MW**

2004 Peak Growth : **4.5%**

Demand Forecast : **5.9%** p.a.

1990 – 2004 Demand : **7.7%** p.a.

2015 Demand : **8,132 MW**

## Dubai

Ambitious economic development plans imply rapid electricity demand growth.

Early 2004 Capacity : **4710 MW**

2010 Capacity : **9,800 MW**

2004 Power Consumption : **14%** p.a.

2005 – 2012 Power Consumption : **15% - 18%** p.a.

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# United Arab Emirates Highlights (ii)

## New Capacity

### (i) Abu Dhabi

Existing planned & under construction capacity will reach **7,873 MW** by 2008.

From 2009 new, as yet unplanned, capacity will be required.

Plans to retire approximately 500 MW at Abu Dhabi Power Station in 2006.

Other older capacity is scheduled for retirement in 2007 / 2008 (1.3 GW).

### (ii) Dubai

Phase II of the Aweer Power station (H Station) : **400 MW** (2006)

L Station Phase I : **860 MW**                      (*work in progress*)

L Station Phase II : **1200 MW**                      (*2007 – 2008*)

M Station Proposed at Jebel Ali.

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# Conclusions

- Electricity trade during **peak summer hours** will be limited.
- Electricity trade will be possible during **summer non-peak hours** & **winter months**.
- **Spring** / **Autumn** months will also provide some opportunities for electricity trade.
- Unavoidable capacity **surpluses** will be significant during the **winter months**.
- Current type of plant mix means that **maximising water production** forces stations to continue to generate electricity during winter, alternative plant mix boiler / MSF.
- Electricity exports lower unit generation costs due to **increased fuel efficiency**.
- Variations in **load profiles** will provide opportunities for some electricity trade.
- **Lumpiness** of new capacity additions will create surplus capacity in certain years.



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