Impact of Changing Energy Patterns on EU Competitiveness

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Gas prices in major EU manufacturing economies 2–3 times higher than in the US ...





Shale oil and gas have given a significant cost advantage to US, but not to EU

EU labor costs 1.3–1.5 times higher than in the US



Labor and energy costs significantly limit EU competitiveness

Average manufacturing cost structures vs. US (2015 projections)





The energy market and the utilities in EU are facing major challenges

Stagnating demand	Electricity CAGR '10-'30 Gas CAGR '10-'30	+0.3% in '10-'20 +0.7% in '20-'30 vs. +2.2% in '90-'10 +0.6%	 Growth 4-5 times lower vs. '90-'10 Increase in energy efficiency Low GDP growth Shift in economic mix 	
Penetration of renewables	Capacity (%) '30 Generation (%) '30	55% (+25% vs. '10) 44% (+23% vs. '10)	 Renewables increasingly supported by favorable economics 	
Pressure on thermo-nuclear sources	Generation '30 vs. '10	- 600 TWh ~20% decline vs. '10	 Decline equivalent to closure of about 380 CCGT plants¹ Thermo-nuclear generation progressively crowded out 	
Limited retail client value	Dual Client	Limited client value	 Value of power client at risk Increasing churn and insolvency rates eroding attractiveness 	
Which opportunities?				

1. Assuming a CCGT 400 MW plant operating at 4000 hours / years Source: BCG analysis

A window of opportunity to enhance gas competitiveness

- Gas competitiveness improvement essential to enhance both utility performance and manufacturing cost structure
- EU utilities may tackle a window of opportunity for supplier diversification to enhance gas competitiveness
 - Progressive development of a contestable demand, following LT contract expiry, opportunity to reduce dependency on traditional gas suppliers
 - Traditional gas suppliers will continue to play anyway a major role in any scenario
- Development of import infrastructures remains the enabler for full supply diversification and security of supply



EU import volumes



In the power business, EU utilities should consider exploring other options to enhance value creation





1. Yesterday data refer to financial statement figures of Enel Produzione Spa, Enel Distribuzione Spa and Enel Energia Spa in 2005 2. Today figures refer to financial statement figures of Enel Produzione Spa, Enel Distribuzione Spa and Enel Energia Spa in 2012 Source: BCG analysis

Renewables have and are expected to take a large share of the EU generation market

EU power generation (2000–2030)





... but now Renewables are likely to continue to grow thanks to technological improvement and related cost reduction

Levelised cost of electricity €ct/kWh¹



Incentives progressively less relevant for renewables development



Note: Cost of capital set at 7% for all technologies 1. CO₂ cost assumed at = for all energy sources; 2. retail scale, assuming 900 full load hours per year in Germany, 1,300 in Italy (1150 hrs in North Italy, 1450 in the South of Italy) Source: EEG, EPIA, Fraunhofer iSE, IEA, IRE Universitat Stuttgart, BCG analysis

Energy Efficiency and related services market expected to steadily grow in the coming years



Clear opportunity for utilities to leverage on customer centricity to address Energy Efficiency and related services ... but with a selective sustainable approach (not simply based on incentives) and with a presence on the whole value chain

