South Asia Market Development: A Global View of Key Ingredients for Success

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Cross Border Trading: Key Ingredients

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  - Discussions with grid operator, ministry, exchanges, state utilities et al.
Key Themes

Value of New Cross-Border Infrastructure

- Development of cross-border interconnections would enhance resource diversity: wind resources (Sri Lanka), hydro resources (Bhutan/Nepal), natural gas resources (Bangladesh)

- India serves as the critical “connecting grid” as well as market for power
Key Themes

**Value-added from markets**

- Enable fair pricing and rationalizing of price and supply across the borders
- Maximize efficient use of interconnections
- Provide price transparency to support long term contracts
- Markets are at cross-border level: Markets within national borders bound up in national equity/policy issues (e.g. agriculture subsidies)
Close-In Observations

- DC ties have shown promise in cross-border applications
- Operational rules must accompany infrastructure development
- Allocation of generation and transmission rights must accompany development: financial vs. physical
- Continued support at all levels of government: Utility can’t “choose” between national policy and financial viability
Key Ingredients

The Obvious

- Adequate transmission and generation infrastructure
- Long term purchase power arrangements
- Operational Protocols for cross-border facilities
- Cross-border regulatory regime
Key Ingredients

The Less Obvious

- Transmission pricing
- Access rights to transmission—physical vs. financial
- Congestion Management
- Counterparty Rules and settlement processes
- Grid Code Enforcement
Lessons Learned...

• Jurisdictional similarities: US/India
  o Federal/State issues

• Helpful US Experiences
  - Transmission rights allocation
  - Integrated dispatch
  - Institutional structures

• Divergent Experiences
  - Unique national issues
  - Regional institutions
Key Ingredients Summary

- Adequate Infrastructure
- Grid Code
- Transmission Pricing and Cost Allocation
- Establishment of Balancing Markets
- Handling schedules and deviations
- Emergency Procedures
- Billing and Settlements
- Dispute Resolution
Higher Level Observations

- Cross-Border Issues Create Their Own Set of Complexities
- Issues are solvable at the wholesale level without having to revamp entire retail structure
- Buy-In needed at multiple levels
- Start small and meet the achievable goals
- Build on rather than retreat from impact of game changing events—blackouts etc.
LET’S TALK...

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