Success of the REIPPPP and potential future considerations

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Abstract

Despite these criticisms, the more positive narratives from the REIPPPP have consistently come to the fore and resulted in global acclaim for the IPP Office and its implementation approach, which may now be used not only for deploying renewable energy, but also for the Gas IPP and Coal IPP procurement programmes. The REIPPPP is recognised by the international clean energy stakeholder community as a stellar programme and a model for public-private partnership for development of critical infrastructure projects. With so many positives to point to, energy sector stakeholders have recognised the good foundation set by the REIPPPP programme and proposed improvements to the current screening, evaluation, and selection metrics to further optimise renewable energy deployment. Over the past several months a few studies have been conducted which may highlight some areas for further optimisation of the procurement process. The purpose of this article is to sensitise the reader to these studies and present the findings in a manner that allows policy makers to consider the implications for long term, power-system planning, procurement processes, selection criteria, and decisions on the electricity generation mix over a 20-30 year horizon in the Integrated Resource Plan.