ENERGY PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

European Power Reference Case
Comprehensive energy market intelligence and forecasting for the next 25 years.
Energy is a complex industry, with volatile fuel, emissions and energy prices, ever-changing regulations, environmental pressures and varying demand forecasts. Therefore, comprehensive energy market intelligence and dependable forecasts are critical, whether building a new generation asset, providing financing for new generation, considering entry/exit from a market or defining your operational strategies.

Market participants, financial institutions and regulators require independent and unbiased market projections to help them value assets, evaluate market opportunities and make confident investment decisions.

Collecting reliable input data and formulating credible assumptions, comprehensive market simulation and analysis to forecast long-term electricity market prices requires significant resources and expertise. ABB can help.

ABB produces a fundamental analysis of the European electricity markets twice a year using the ABB Ability™ Capacity Expansion (investment planning) and ABB Ability PROMOD® (electricity market simulation) tools. This provides a market-based, fundamental view of European power, gas, coal, oil and CO₂ markets. The view accounts for the interdependency of these markets and provides electricity market projections based on consistent economic assumptions.

This market analysis and its reporting, called the European Power Reference Case, considers current and projected new generation resources; cross-border interconnection limits and losses; operations in neighbouring markets; and the demand for electricity. It includes a fundamental base forecast of wholesale electricity market clearing prices, which are comprised of hourly, monthly and annual prices for the next 25-year horizon.

European Power Reference Cases for the countries shown in the figure include:

- Three market scenarios: base case, and high and low natural gas price
- Spring and autumn long-term energy market forecast reports and detailed databases for various European countries
- Hourly, monthly and annual power price forecasts
- Natural gas, coal, oil and CO₂ price projections
- Webcasts summarizing Power Reference Case methodology, inputs and key results

ABB’s Power Reference Cases and market databases are also available for North America and various countries in Asia-Pacific.
ABB’s European Power Reference Case provides an in-depth, comprehensive, integrated, and fundamental analysis of:

**Gas prices**
Considers power and non-power sector demand, production cost by basins, transportation network to liquid market centers, and tariffs to the market areas.

**Coal prices**
Considers demand, production cost curves by mine, transportation network to the plants on heat input and SO₂ content.

**Emissions prices**
Considers current regulations on CO₂, SO₂ and NOₓ, existing unit emission rates and environmental controls, and options for retrofits or retirement.

**Penetration of renewable energy**
Considers national and EU targets, existing renewable generation, regional potentials, deployment history and characteristics of new renewable capacity.

**Capacity prices**
Considers cost curves for new generation, reserve margin requirements, technical-life / economic retirement options, and capacity market areas.

**Energy prices**
Considers detailed unit characteristics incorporating all forecasts presented above, hourly dispatch of units versus demand, scarcity adders at tighter reserve margins, and electricity transmission network.