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Integrating New Technologies While Maintaining Ressource Adequacy

Session 4 – Electricfication of heat



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European Commission Communication on a Roadmap for moving to a low carbon economy in 2050 (2011)



- Electricity will play a central role in the low carbon economy. It can almost totally eliminate CO2 emissions by 2050, and offers the prospect of partially replacing fossil fuels in transport and heating.
- Although electricity will increasingly be used in these 2 sectors, electricity consumption overall would only have to continue to increase at historic growth rates, thanks to continuous improvements in efficiency.



Energy Agreement 2012 – Iow carbon economy 2050 DK

- 2020: 50% wind power in electricity consumption
- 2020: 40% reduction of GHG emissions vs. 1990
- 2030: Coal out of power plants
- 2035: 100% renewable energy in electricity and heating sector
- 2050: 100% renewable energy

What will the future bring?: a low carbon economy



Historical and projected GHG emission without policy change up to 2020



Historical and projected GHG emission with new targets



Wind turbine and generation Development





We will reach 50% wind in 2020





Power system with high share wind



- the "abnormal" is the "new normal"

Four questions to ask:



Moderate expectations for flexible demand





High potentials for flexible demand





Benefits of electrification of heat



- Replacing fossil fuels
- On primary energy use
- On final end-use
- Sensitivity on price changes and security (HP)
- Decarbonisation remove emmissions non ETS ETS



The additional, policy related costs we add to our power bills, making electricity much more expensive to customers than fossil alternatives.

Financial barriers, which slow the progress of new technologies replacing old ones.

The way we compare different energy carriers and (currently) maintain a policy favouring fossil solutions for our energy using appliances, our heating and our transport (Primary Energy Factors).

Opposition between economics and company economics - taxation



Heating Price incl. fixed costs



Company economics
Economics

Conclusions



- Electric fication of heating supports low carbon economy
- There is a large potential for electrification of heat in DK and EU
- Progress in electrification is slow
- Heating technologies must compete on equal conditions
- Regulation must support electrification which is a precondition for low carbon economy