Electricity source

The graph on the left shows the different types of energy sources used to produce electricity in Vanuatu during the month of March 2019. The main energy source was diesel combustion that contributed 79.6% of the total electricity produced. The hydro in Santo generated 9.9% of electricity whilst solar, the windmills at Devils point and Copra oil contributed 4.4%, 4.2% and 1.9% respectively.

Electricity generation by area

The top part of the table on the right shows the total energy production from all available energy sources and the total quantity of diesel used to generate electricity in each concession areas in March 2019. The bottom part of the table reveals the respective contribution in % of the available energy generation sources in each concession area.

Renewable Energy Generation

The graph on the right presents the % portion of electricity generated from renewable energy sources1 during the month in Vanuatu. The 2018 renewable contributions can be compared with the year-to-date (YTD) 2019. Furthermore, it provides an overview on where ‘Vanuatu renewable electricity generation’ stands in comparison to the NERM’s2 target.

Fuel cost index

Graph on the right discloses the fuel price index. It is not showing the price per liter of diesel but the evolution or movement of fuel price for 2018 and 2019. The index started with 100pt base in January 2016.

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1 Renewable sources include copra oil, hydro, solar and wind.
2 Update National Energy Road Map 2016 - 2030
About the Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA)

The URA is the independent economic regulator for water and electricity services in Vanuatu, established by the URA Act no. 11 of 2007 with amendments.

As part of its functions, the Commission is monitoring the provision of electricity and water by utility companies and public services, promoting access and the long term interest of the customers.

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The URA welcomes suggestions and feedbacks from readers of this report. Any readers desiring to seek clarity from the URA should they do not understand any part of this report.

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Electricity Price

UNELCO’s tariff for the month of March 2019 is 49.17 Vatu/kWh. VUI’s applicable tariff of March 2019 is 38.52 Vatu/kWh.

UNELCO’s actual operational parameters for a reporting month are typically utilized to compute electricity tariff for the following month, for instance the February 2019 parameters were used to determine the March 2019 tariff. VUI’s electricity tariff on the other hand remains the same as it is adjusted on an annual basis.

Total Electricity Generated and Sold within the concession areas.

Total power produced increased by 10.91% from preceding month and comparing it with the equivalent month in previous calendar year, the total power generated increased by 4.9%.

Total power sold during the month increased by 18.8% from previous month and increased by 4.6% for the corresponding month in 2018.

The data utilized in creating this monthly energy snapshot does not include electricity production outside of a concession agreement or MOU.

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\(^3\) Union Electrique du Vanuatu Limited, <<UNELCO LIMITED>>, supply electricity in Port Vila, Malekula and Tanna

\(^4\) Vanuatu Utilities Infrastructure, supply electricity in Luganville and Port Olry, Santo

\(^5\) Monthly energy sold in UNELCO’s Concessions for the reporting month is estimated based on actual proportion of energy sold to total energy produced in comparable month for the previous calendar year.