Natural Gas in China – Prospects for the Future





China Energy System's Decarbonization





China's energy consumption mix in 2022

1 ton of coal equivalent = 0.7 ton of oil equivalent

Data source: National Bureau of Statistics of China

Where the gas comes and go





The first YoY decrease in the decades





China Annual Gas Consumption by Sector

China Sectoral Gas Demand Change 2022 vs. 2021



Source: SIA Energy



Gas consumption is market and policy drived



The energy system challenges



- By 2022, China's installed wind power capacity has reached 365 GW and photovoltaic capacity has reached 393 GW, increasing 11.2% and 28.1% respectively compared to 2021.
- The flexibility of China's power system is insufficient, and the safety issues increasingly become concerns.



Data sources: China Electricity Council, National Energy Administration of China

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Compared to NOCs, Tier-2 LNG players are more downstream-oriented, they desire to be more integrated along the value chain

More Non-NOCs LNG terminals







More Non-NOCs LNG receiving capacity



LNG Receiving Capacity in Operation (Dec. 2022)

China LNG Receiving Capacity Outlook 2040



Tier-2 player's LNG receiving capacity will grow to 98 mmtpa by 2030 and 108 mmtpa by 2040, making up ~40% of total

More LNG contracts from Non-NOCs



Long Term LNG Contracts Inked by Chinese Buyers (2002-2022)



Tier-2 Players' Newly Signed Term Contracts by Pricing



*Sinochem's contracts with Foran and Guangzhou Development Gas Trading were excluded as they are the trading deals between tier-2 buyers. Source: SIA Energy

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Tier-2 Players' Newly Signed Term Contracts by Delivery



Source: SIA Energy

48 mmtpa of long-term LNG contracts in the last two years, Tier-2 players contributed half

Source: SIA Enerav



Outlook for the middle and long terms



- Before 2035, rapid development period. As a supplyment to coal, natural gas will mainly fill the gap left by the reduction in coal consumption, while integrate with new energy.
- 2035-2050, peak platform period, reach its peak around 2040, at approximately 650 billion cubic meters. Natural gas will mainly be driven by integrated development with new energy.
- After 2050, slow decline period. Carbon reduction will be achieved gradually through the withdrawal of decentralized utilization, with focusing on centralized utilization.

Prospects for the middle and long terms



Period	Energy Characteristics	Main Roles	Application Scenario	Reasons
Before 2035	Low Carbon & High Efficiency	Basic Energy	 Developed Coastal Provinces Coal-fired Boilers and Kilns 	 With the retirement of coal power and the withdrawal of coal-fired boilers and kilns, there will be a shortage of local power and energy supply, which requires natural gas to fill the gap.
After 2035	Flexibility & Easy Storage	Peak Shaving Energy	Power System	 Natural gas is helpful in solving the problem of "stable output" of wind and solar power.

> Before 2035, the role of a basic energy will be strengthened, due to the obvious advantages in low carbon and high efficiency

> After 2035, the role of a peak shaving energy will be more and more prominent, due to flexibility and easy storage

Outlook for the middle and long terms



China Gas Supply Forecast 2040



Source: SIA Energy

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The whole picture





Primary energy demand projection under China's carbon neutrality pledge

- China's carbon neutrality pledge is an important contribution to the fight against climate change; but the global emissions budget for limiting the global temperature rise to 1.5 °C is very tight.
- China's commitment to carbon neutrality means that by around 2045 solar energy will become the most dominant primary energy source, and by 2060 demand for coal, oil and natural gas will drop by more than 80%, about 60%, and more than 40% respectively.





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