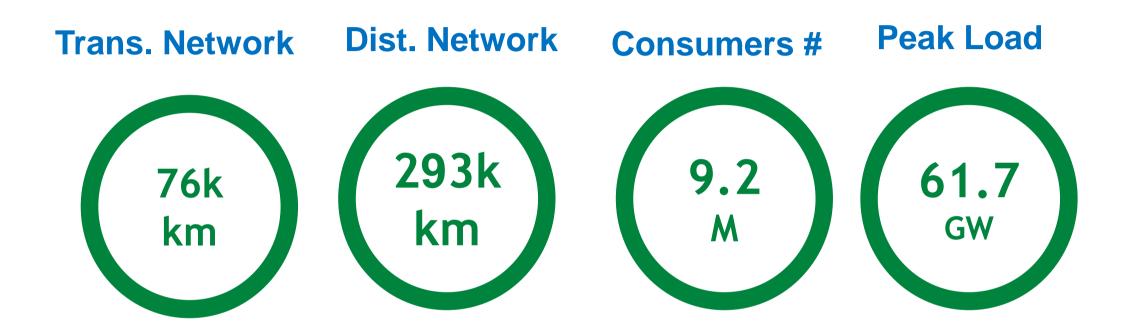


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# Regulatory Approach to Maintain Security of Supply in Saudi Arabia

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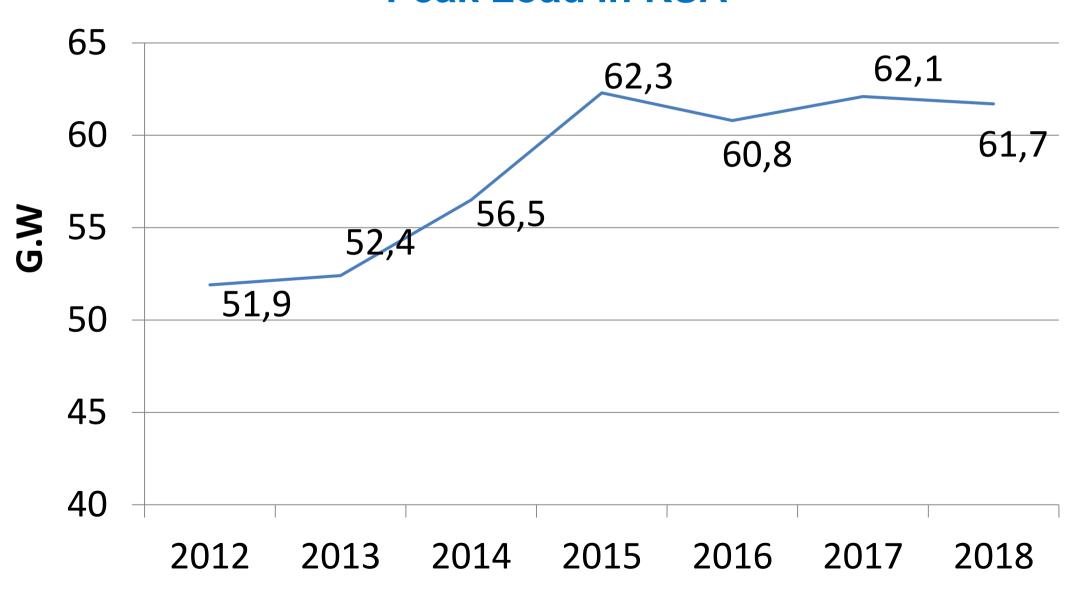
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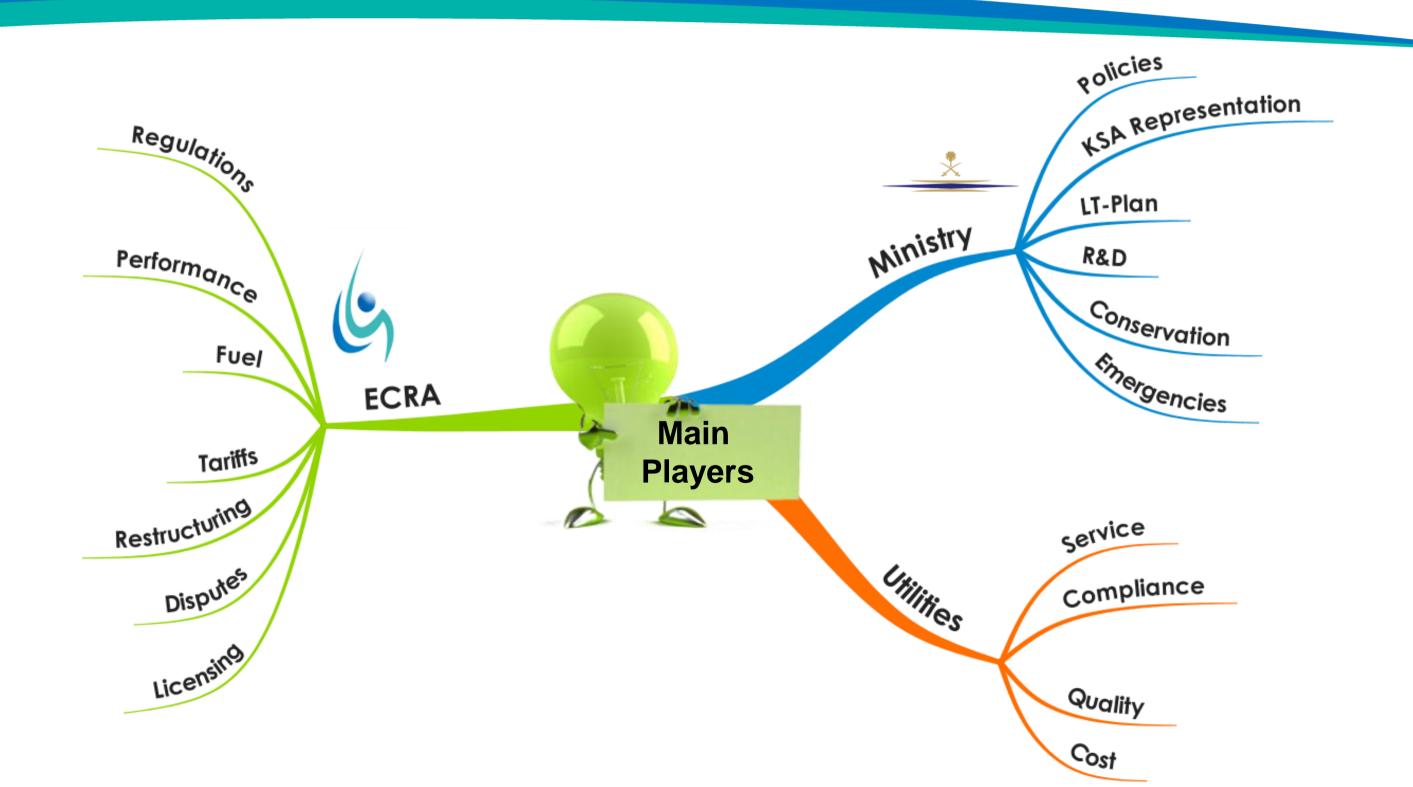
- Electricity demand in KSA has been growing significantly over the last years
- Major investments are needed
- Low energy prices that do not encourage investments

#### **Peak Load**





#### **KSA Electricity Industry Main Players**

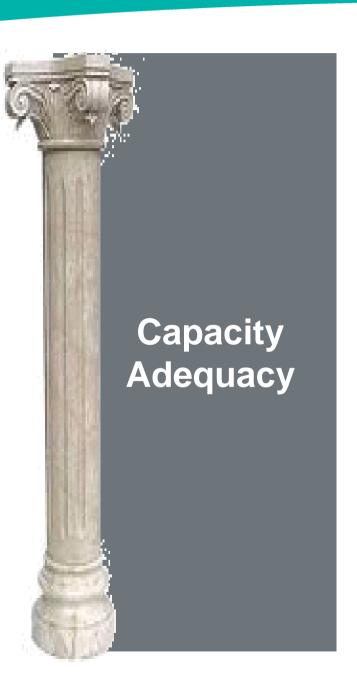


## **Security of Supply**

#### **Initiatives**



**Policies and Regulatory Framework** 



Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

- Meeting forecasted annual peak and energy demand.
- Established reserve margin, through a combination of supply-side and demand-side resources
- 25 years plan

**Generation Mix** 

- Technology diversification
- Target (9.5 GW by 2023)
- Utility scale RES auctions

Interconnection

- National
- Regional



Capability Statements

- Description of the current and future power system
- Presents the 5 and 10 years system plan
- The ability to evaluate the projects

DSM

- Implement a cost-effective portfolio of five DSM programs
- Establishing a National ESCO

Network SoS Criteria

- Defined capacity demand groups and repair time
- Contingency and network planning



Gen Planning Criteria

- Reserve margin (10 to 15%).
- Loss of Load Expectation
- Cost vs. risk

Technical Codes

- Developed Saudi Grid and Dist codes
- Technical rules to enable renewable integrations



Small Scale Solar PV Regulation

- Net Billing scheme
- Allow consumers to install PV

Smart Meters & Smart Grids

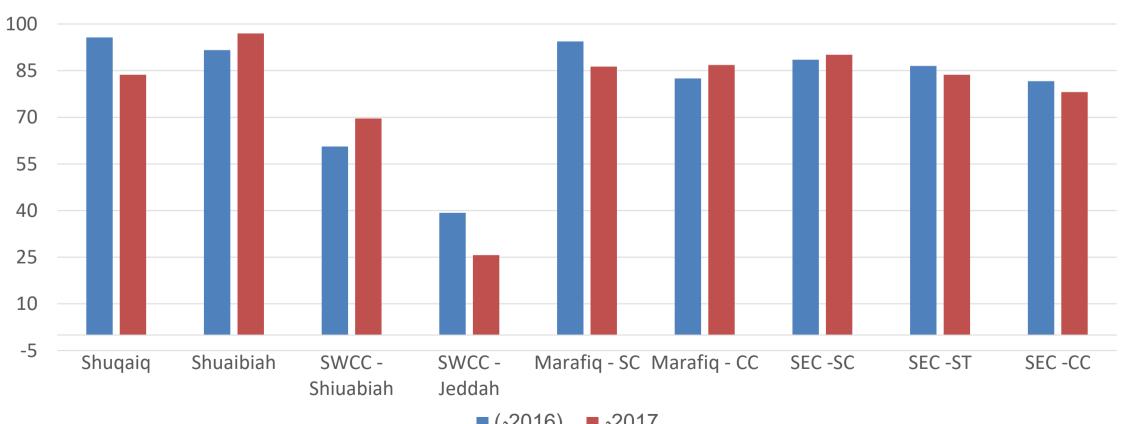
- Minimum functional requirements
- Smart Grid applications on transmission and distribution



**Key Performance** Indicators

- KPIs adopted (2009)
- Considering SOS aspects including
  - ✓ Plant Availability %
  - ✓ Forced & Planned Outage Rates

Availability Factor %



# Conclusion

- The SoS regulatory framework provides appropriate system capabilities to maintain normal supply to consumers.
- The Regulator is responsible to ensure that the regulatory environment promotes consumers benefiting from an efficient level of reliability.
- The cost of providing SoS should be appropriately traded off against the costs and risks associated with a loss of supply.

