# EVALUATION OF DIFFERENT ELECTRICITY FEED IN TARIFF IN REDUCING CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSION

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#### ABSTRACT

One of people's life fundamental aspects is energy. Demand for energy is increasing from year to another year. The primary energy sources for the whole world are fossil fuel such as crude oil, coal and natural gas. However, the world is facing energy crisis because these sources are depleting because it is non renewable sources. It is projected by International Energy Outlook has projected that energy deman increase to 812 Exajoule in 2035 [31]. Burning fossil fuel to extract energy can contribute to global warming because burning these sources can produce GHG emission such as CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>X</sub> and CO. Thus, renewable energy sources such as solar, wind and hydro is replacement for fossil fuel sources because RES can produce cleaner energy compare to fossil fuel sources. However, RES technologies are not mature yet and the technologies installing RES are still expensive. So, supporting mechanism is introduced to help promoting RES. One of the most successful supporting mechanisms is FiT. European countries such as Spain and Germany have many experiences in implementing FiT. For example, Germany is one of leading PV install country even though the geographical location of Germany has low solar radiation. This is due to Germany had introduced FiT in 2000 and this has transform PV industry in this country. Malaysia has introduced BIPV since July 2005 because solar is the most promising energy source in Malaysia due to geographical location is in equatorial region. Thus, 2011, Malaysia had implement FiT to support promoting RES. In this project, financial analysis result shows implementing FiT has give 15% to 20% IRR and 4 to 9 years payback period for rooftop PV system. At the same time, average reduction of  $CO_2$  for 3 houses with PV system in Kuala Lumpur is 166.67 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>. Thus, this has showed that FiT can help promoting BIPV in Malaysia.

#### ABSTRAK

Tenaga adalah salah satu keperluan asas yang penting bagi manusia. Dari tahun ke tahun, permintaan terhadap tenaga semakin bertambah kerana tenaga boleh membantu pertumbuhan sosial dan ekonomi sesebuah negara. Sumber utama tenaga di seluruh dunia ini ialah bahan api fosil seperti gas asli, minyak mentah dan batu arang. Akan tetapi, sumber tenaga ini semakin berkurangan kerana ianya bukan sumber tenaga yang boleh diperbaharui. International Energy Outlook telah meramal sebanyak 812 Exjoule permintaan tenaga pada tahun 2035 [31]. Pembakaran bahan api fossil boleh menyumabangkan pemanasan global.kerana pembakaran ini boleh melepaskan gas kesan rumah hijau seperti CO2, NOX dan CO. oelh itu, sumber diperbaharui telah mengganti bahan bakar fossil sebagai sumber tenaga kerana tenaga yang dihasilkan adalah bersih dan tidak menyumbangkan kepada kesan rumah hijau. Namun demikian, teknologi sumber diperbaharui sangat mahal dan ini menyebabkaan FiT diperkenalkan untuk membantu mempromosikan sumber tenaga diperbaharui. Banyak negara di Eropah telah berpengalaman dalam FiT. Sebagai contoh, Jerman ada peneraju suria PV di dunia walaupun negara tersebut tidak terletak di kawasan khtulistiwa. Ini kerana Jerman telah memperkenalkan FiT pada tahun 2000 dan ini telah membangunkan sistem tenaga PV di Jerman. Malaysia telah memperkenalkan projek BIPV pada tahun 2005. Dan pada tahun 2011, FiT telah diperkenalkan di Malaysia. Dalam projek ini, kajian ekonomi telah dikaji terhadap sumbangan FiT dalam mempromosikan BIPV. Hasil daripada kajian tersebut pulangan balik sebanyak 15% ke 20% dan pulangan modal selama 4 ke 9 tahun apabila FiT dijalankan dalam sistem BIPV di perumahan. Dalam masa yang sama, 3 buah rumah di Kuala Lumpur boleh mencapai purata pengurangan sebanyak 166.67 tan CO<sub>2</sub>. Oleh itu, FiT telah membantu mempromosikan BIPV di Malaysia.

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ARTs BIPV	-	Advance Renewable Tariffs Buliding Integrated Photovoltaic
CDM	-	Clean Development Mechanism
$CH_4$	-	Methane
СО	-	Carbon Monoxide
$CO_2$	-	Carbon Dioxide
DSO	-	Distribution System Operator
EEG	-	Renewable Energy Sources Act
FIAHs	-	Feed in Approval Holders
FiT	-	Feed in Tariff
GHG	-	Greenhouse Gas
GJ	-	Giga Joules
GWP	-	Global Warming Potential
IRR	-	Internal Rate of Return
KeTTHA	-	Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water
kW	-	kilo Watt
kWh	-	kilo Watt hour
kWp	-	kilo Watt peak
MEA	-	Metropolitam Electricity Authority
MEMR	-	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources
MW	-	Mega Watt
NASA	-	National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NEC	-	National Energy Committee
NGTP	-	National Green Technology Policy
NO <sub>X</sub>	-	Nitrogen Oxide
NPV	-	Net Present Value
PED	-	Primary Energy Demand
PLN	-	Perusahaan Letrik Negara
PV	-	Photovoltaic
RE	-	Renewable Energy
REP	-	Renewable Enery Payment
RES	-	Renewable Energy Sources
RM	-	Ringgit Malaysia
SEDA	-	Sustainable Energy Development Authority
SO <sub>2</sub>	-	Sulphur Dioxide
SP	-	Simple Payback
TNB	-	Tenaga Nasional Berhad
USA	-	United State of America
USD	-	United State Dollar
VSPP	-	Very Small Power Producer
WFC	-	World Future Council

# LIST OF SYMBOLS

Ĉ	-	Boundary layer thickness
n	-	Number of years/ credit escalation rate
r	-	Discount rate
C <sub>ener</sub>	-	Annual energy saving
C <sub>capa</sub>	-	Annual capacity saving
C <sub>RE</sub>	-	Annual renewable energy production
C <sub>GHG</sub>	-	GHG reduction income
Ι	-	Incentive
G	-	Grant
$e_{base}$	-	Base GHG emission factor
$e_{prop}$	-	Proposed case GHG emission factor
$E_{prop}$	-	Proposed case annual electricity produced
$\lambda_{prop}$	-	Fraction of electricity lost in transmission and distribution
<i>e</i> <sub>cr</sub>	-	GHG emission reduction credit fee
<i>e</i> <sub>CO2</sub>	-	Emission factor for CO <sub>2</sub>
<i>e</i> <sub>CH4</sub>	-	Emission factor for CH <sub>4</sub>
$e_{N_2O}$	-	Emission factor for N <sub>2</sub> O

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## **CHAPTER 1**

### INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Introduction

Nowadays, the world is facing energy crisis. The sources of energy especially fossil fuel is depleting because it is non-renewable energy. The projection for the exhaustion of fossil fuel sources is 30-50 years. However, the world is still depending on fossil fuel as energy sources as the primary energy. Example of fossil fuel energy sources are crude oil, natural gas and coal. The world consumption is shown in **Figure 1.1**. As shown in **Figure 1.1**, in 2010, 86.9% of energy consumption is from the fossil fuels where 33.5% are from crude oil, 23.8% are from natural gas and the remaining is contributed by coal. 5.22% of energy consumption is from nuclear energy, 6.46% is from hydroelectric while renewable energy contributes 1.3%. In Malaysia, natural gas demand is 60.3% of primary energy demand (PED) in 2010 followed by crude oil 1.1%, coal at 30.4% and hydro at 5.4% share of PED [1]



Figure 1.1: World Consumption [2]

Besides that, the combustion of fossil fuel in energy sector contributes to the emission of greenhouse gas (GHG) such as sulfur oxide and carbon dioxide where the GHG emission will give the impact to global warming. Figure 1.2 shows the emission of  $CO_2$  by fuel. In order to reduce the emission of GHG, renewable energy is the most suitable replacement for fossil fuel in energy sector.



Figure 1.2: Global CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions [2]

Mostly electricity in Malaysia is fueled by fossil fuels sources such as natural gas and coal. However, there are some major concerns in using fossil fuels as primary energy such as GHG emission and fossil fuel depletion. It is estimated that Malaysia will reach 339 million tones of  $CO_2$  in 2030. According to [3], energy

sector is the biggest contributor to the emissions of  $CO_2$  (GHG) with 42% followed by transportation 28% and industry sector 20% as shown in **Figure 1.3**. The GHG emissions are contributing to global warming.



Figure 1.3: CO<sub>2</sub> Emission by Sector [3]

Malaysia will be net importer for crude oil in 2014 [4]. This is due to the fluctuation price of crude oil. Due to the strong growth demand in transportation and industrial sector, import dependency is expected to reach 32% in 2030 from a net exporting position of 54% in 2002 [3].

Natural gas is projected to deplete by 2027 in Malaysia [4]. For global, natural gas will be exhausted in the next 50 years. The reliability and sustainability of natural gas is a major problem to electricity sector as this source is one of the primary energy in Malaysia. Meanwhile, for coal, this source is 100% imported from Indonesia, China and Australia [4] [5]. The import dependency will rising from 24Mteo in 2002 to 33.4Mteo in 2030. It also has been projected that coal will be exhausted for the next 100 years.

Government of Malaysia is concern about GHG emission and depletion of fossil fuel. The GHG emission is increasing as demand for energy increasing. Thus, the demand for fossil fuel is also increasing in order to satisfy the consumers demand. In 2009, Malaysia introduced National Green Technology Policy (NGTP) in order to reduced demand for fossil fuel in Malaysia. This policy conserves the natural environment and resources by minimizing the negative impact of human activities. This can be done by green technology that refers to development and application of products, equipments and systems that give less harm on environment.

Now, the question is how to increase the usage of renewable energy sources (RES) among the consumer? There are several ways to introduce RES. The government can give more education about RES to the people. They can do advertisement and give subsidies to consumer who uses RES to satisfy their demand on energy. Thus, by doing these steps, the usage and demand for RE can be increased. However, the major concern is how efficient the consumer can use energy supplied by RES and how to give confidence to the consumer that RES is profitable to them. The most effective solution to these issues is by introducing feed in tariff (FiT). FiT has been used by many developed countries such as Germany, Denmark, Spain, USA and Canada. It is an effective way to increase RES demand.

### **1.2 Problem Statement**

FiT had been applied in many developed countries. Thus, many designs have been introduced to improve FiT in order to achieve their target in  $CO_2$  reduction and total capacity of renewable energy produce for their country.

However, Malaysia is still new in FiT. The efficiency of FiT in Malaysia is still being questioned. Introducing FiT in RES is to attract more investor to invest in RES. However, the investors in Malaysia still feel unsecure in this investment because the RES technology is very expensive. Financial impact towards investor is a major concern in this investment even though there are government incentives and subsidiaries. Thus, how far can FiT help to attract more investor and at the same time promoting the RES like Germany, a successful country in implementing FiT.

The reduction of  $CO_2$  is a major concern. Implementing renewable energy sources (RES) can reduce the emission of  $CO_2$  from energy sector. FiT is claimed can help to promote RES installation and at the same time increase the reduction of  $CO_2$  emission. The main concern is how far FiT can help Malaysia in achieving  $CO_2$  reduction. However, effectiveness of FiT to help Malaysia in promoting RES needs to be study and analyze.

### 1.3 Objectives

- 1. To study different approach of FiT designs in different country.
- To analyze the impact of FiT design towards investor financial and reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emission order
- 3. To compare effectiveness of Malaysia FiT design with other country.

### **1.4 Scope of Projects**

In this project, the design of FiT from different selected countries (developed and developing) will be studied and compared with FiT in Malaysia. There are many eligible technologies for FiT in Malaysia. The most promising RES was solar power energy. Malaysia was promoting BIPV (building integrated photovoltaic) in order to increase photovoltaic (PV) energy system by introducing attractive FiT rate. This project is only concentrated on implementing FiT to BIPV for residential in Malaysia. Thus, the effect of implementing FiT towards financial and environment ( $CO_2$  reduction) is studied and analyzed. Financial effect for Malaysia is compared with Germany BIPV (residential), one of the most successful countries in implementing FiT.

### **1.5** Structure of Thesis

**Chapter 1:** This chapter describes the introduction to the energy demand and why diversion from conventional energy to renewable energy as the sources of alternative energy. In addition to that it provides introductory explanations about problem statement, project objectives and scope of project.

**Chapter 2:** A review of the topic literature in the previous researches is presented in this chapter, which includes the basic designs of FiT and some reviews of selected countries experience in FiT.

**Chapter 3:** This chapter describes the methodology of this project. The steps and procedures to analyze effect of FiT in BIPV will be discussed. The steps of setting RETScreen and important input data are showed in this chapter.

**Chapter 4:** This chapter discusses and analyzes the results of FiT. The effect in financial and environment will be discussed and analyzed.

**Chapter 5:** The project is concluded in this chapter. Recommendations for future works were also discussed in this chapter.

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