

HIGHLIGHTS

The average demand (including the average reserve schedule), recorded at 10,233 MW in February 2021, was higher than the previous billing at 9,857 MW and lower than same month last year at 10,578 MW. From 04–10 February 2021 – the National Capital Region (NCR), Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), Tuguegarao City, Batangas, Tacloban City, Iligan City, Lanao del Sur, Davao del Norte and Davao City were under the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) while the rest of the country was under the Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ). From 11–28 February – the NCR, CAR, Batangas, Tacloban City, Iligan City, Lanao del Sur, Davao del Norte and Davao City were under the GCQ while the rest of the country was under the MGCQ.

An average supply margin of 2,509 MW was observed in this period, higher by 11 percent than January 2021 figures and lower by 2 percent than February 2020.

The WESM registered capacity stood at 20,871 MW at the end of the billing month.

The outage capacity averaged at 3,812 MW. About 56% of which involved coal plants while, in terms of category, about 70% were forced outages.

This period experienced an average effective supply of 12,742 MW, higher than the 12,127 MW of the previous billing month and lower than the 13,138 MW in February 2020.

Average GWAP reached PHP 2,227/MWh from PHP 2,669/MWh in January 2021. This is lower than the PHP 3,160/MWh of same month last year.

The secondary price cap was not imposed during the February 2021 billing month.

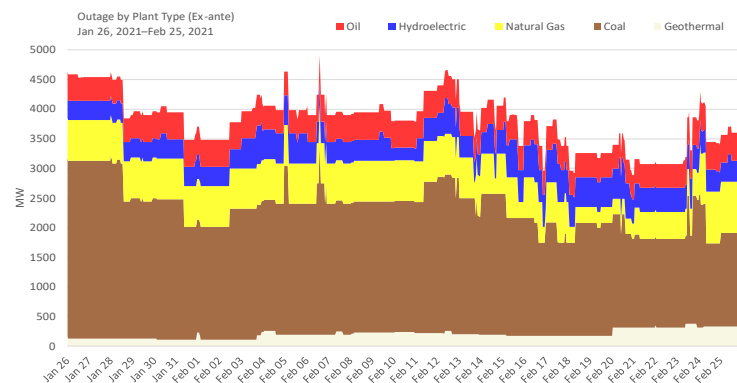
The top 5 participant groups accounted for about 77% of the average offered capacity. The Herfindahl-Hirschman Index (HHI) by major participant grouping indicated a moderately concentrated market based on the registered capacity.

Based on the effective supply, the pivotal plants during the billing month were –

1. Iligan Natural Gas Power Plant (about 4.57% of the time)
3. Pagbilao Coal-Fired Thermal Power Plant (about 0.67% of the time)
2. Sta. Rita Natural Gas Power Plant (about 0.67% of the time)
4. Masinloc Coal-Fired Thermal Power Plant (about 0.13% of the time)

The offer pattern analysis shows a decrease in quantity for hydroelectric and oil-based plants during the February 2021 billing month compared with the previous billing month, which was due to the outage of some plants. In contrast to this, the quantity for coal and natural gas plants increased due to the return from outage of some plants. Moreover, at the offered price, the increase for battery plants and the decrease for coal plants were notable.

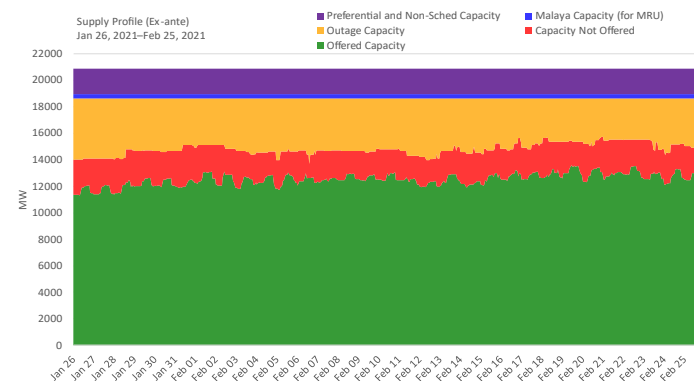
OUTAGE CAPACITY BY PLANT TYPE



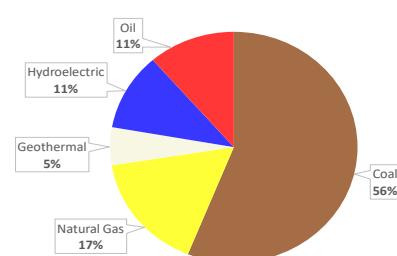
SUMMARY (PRICE, SUPPLY, DEMAND AND RESERVE SCHEDULE)

Particulars		February 2021 Billing Month	Previous Billing Month (January 2021)	Same Billing Month, Prev. Year (February 2020)	Percent Change From	
					Prev. Billing Month	Same Billing Month, Prev. Year
GWAP (PHP/MWh)	max	12,033.73	21,339.95	9,627.96	-43.61%	24.99%
	min.	-219.11	0.00	1,219.93	-	-117.96%
	w. ave.	2,226.97	2,668.83	3,159.71	-16.56%	-29.52%
Effective Supply (MW)	max	14,271.11	13,475.96	14,516.25	5.90%	-1.69%
	min.	11,475.08	10,513.00	11,721.84	9.15%	-2.11%
	ave.	12,741.72	12,127.39	13,137.69	5.07%	-3.01%
System Demand (MW)	max	11,417.85	11,035.83	11,895.43	3.46%	-4.01%
	min.	6,531.01	5,924.08	7,045.26	10.25%	-7.30%
	ave.	9,082.16	8,736.55	9,547.97	3.96%	-4.88%
Demand + Reserve Schedule (MW)	max	12,732.45	12,087.43	13,216.33	5.34%	-3.66%
	min.	7,585.41	6,658.08	7,915.46	13.93%	-4.17%
	ave.	10,232.57	9,857.47	10,577.69	3.81%	-3.26%
Supply Margin (MW)	max	4,456.51	5,004.73	4,325.35	-10.95%	3.03%
	min.	640.40	570.52	759.15	12.25%	-15.64%
	ave.	2,509.15	2,269.92	2,559.99	10.54%	-1.99%

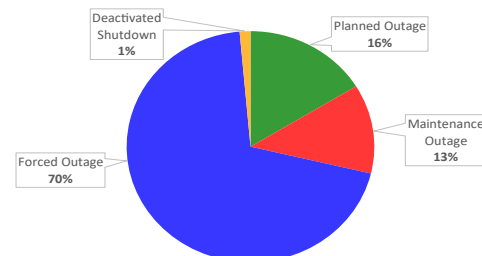
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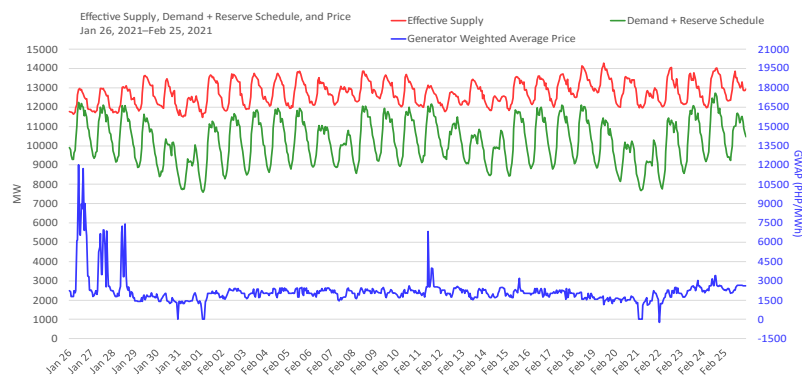
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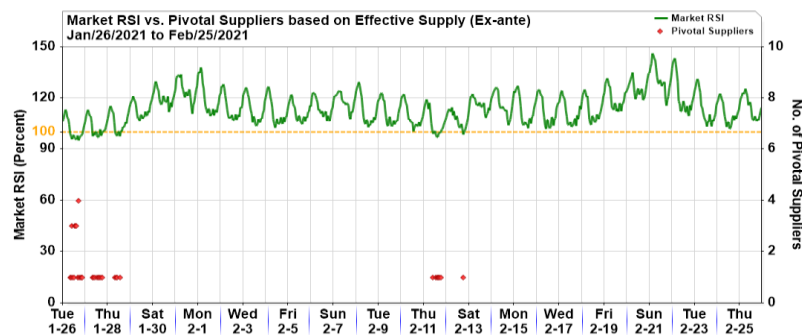
OUTAGE CAPACITY BY OUTAGE CATEGORY



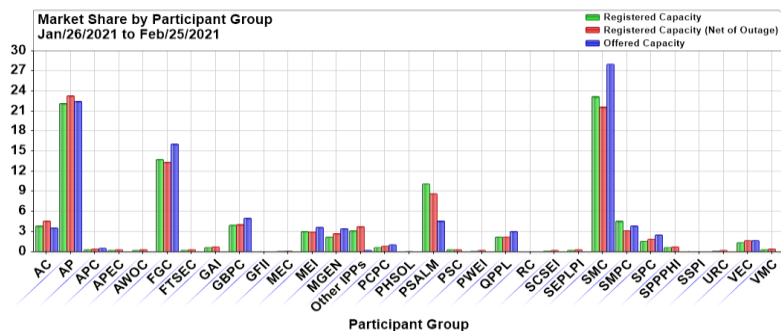
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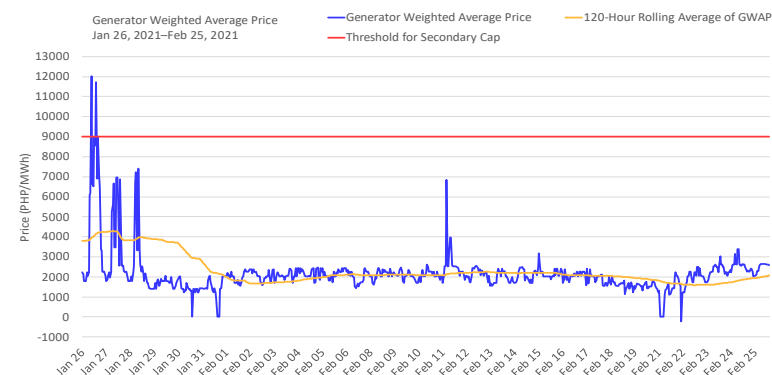
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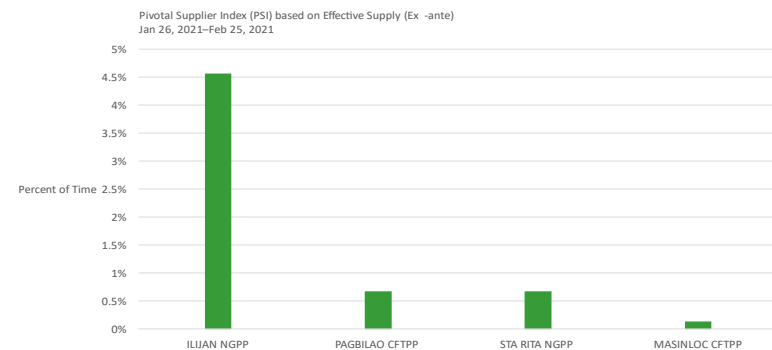
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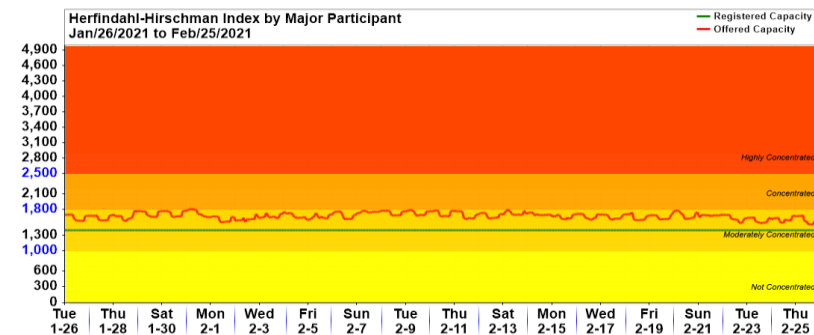
GENERATOR WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE



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HERFINDAHL-HIRSCHMAN INDEX



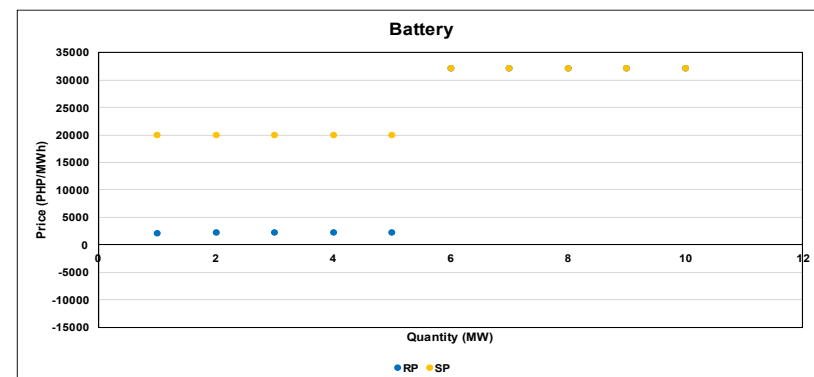
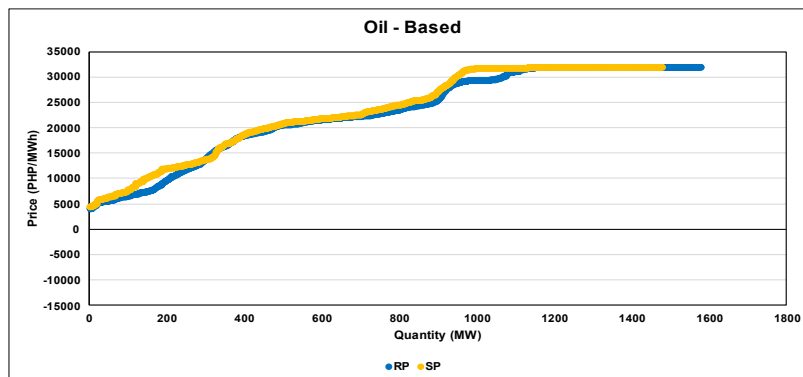
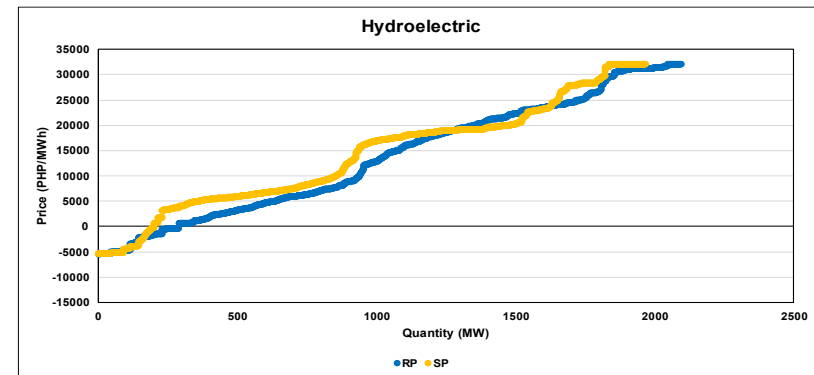
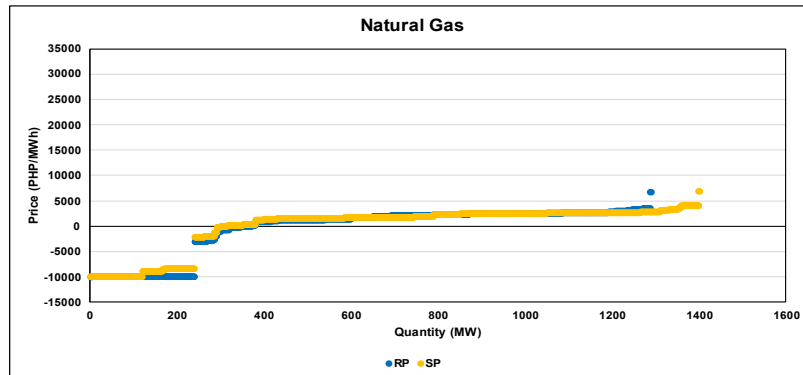
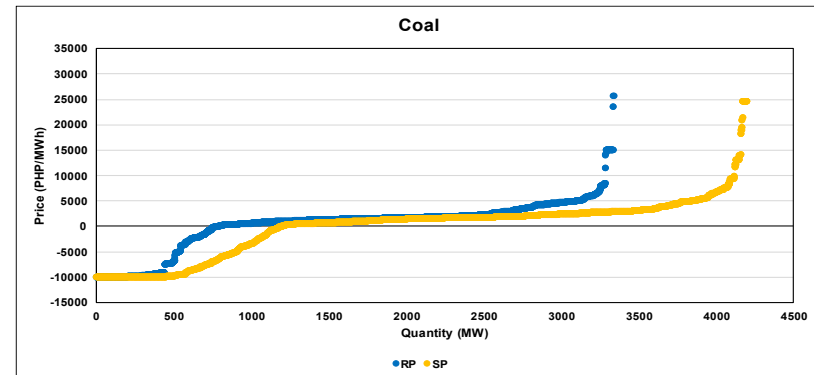
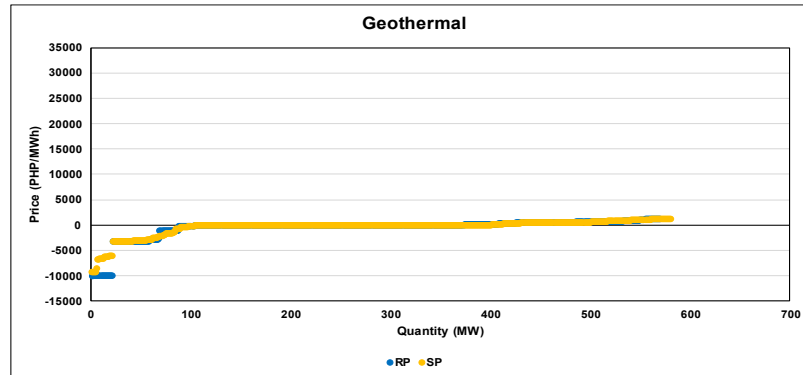
OFFER PATTERN ANALYSIS

Legend

RP: Reference Offer Price – January billing month (26 December 2020 to 25 January 2021, was used as a control for the comparison with the subject price)

SP: Subject Offer Price – February billing month (26 January 2021 to 25 February 2021)

Note: Pmin capacities were excluded in this Offer Pattern Analysis.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

HERFINDAHL-HIRSCHMAN INDEX (HHI) - is a commonly accepted measure of market concentration that takes into account the relative size and distribution of participants in the market. The HHI is a number between 0 and 10,000, which is calculated as the sum of squares of the participant's market share. The HHI approaches zero when the market has very large number of participants with each having a relatively small market share. In contrary, the HHI increases as the number of participants in the market decreases, and the disparity in the market shares among the participants increases. The following are the widely used HHI screening numbers: (1) less than 1,000 - not concentrated; (2) 1,000 to 1,800 - moderately concentrated; (3) greater than 1,800 - concentrated; and (4) greater than 2,500 - highly concentrated.

The HHI is calculated using the (i) registered capacity, (ii) registered capacity net of outage, (iii) offered capacity, (iv) metered quantity, and (v) spot transaction (metered quantity net of bilateral contract declarations).

MARKET RESIDUAL SUPPLY INDEX (Market RSI) - The RSI is a dynamic continuous index measured as ratio of the available generation without a generator to the total generation required to supply the demand. The RSI is measured for each generator. The greater the RSI of a generator, the less will be its potential ability to exercise market power and manipulate prices, as there will be sufficient capacity from the other generators. In contrary, the lower the RSI, the greater the market power of a generator (and its potential benefit of exercising market power), as the market is strongly dependent on its availability to be able to fully supply the demand. In particular, a RSI greater than 100% for a generator means that the remaining generators can cover the demand, and in principle that generator cannot manipulate market price. On the other hand, a RSI less than 100% means that the generator is pivotal in supplying the demand.

The RSI for the whole market (Market RSI) is measured as the lowest RSI among all the generators in the market. A Market RSI less than 100% indicates the presence of pivotal generator/s.

PRICE SETTING FREQUENCY INDEX (PSFI) - A generator trading node is considered as a price setter when its last accepted offer price is between 95% to 100% of its nodal price. A generating plant is considered as price setter if at least one of its trading nodes was price setter in a given trading hour. The price setters are determined from: (i) ex-ante for trading intervals without pricing error during ex-ante, (ii) ex-post with pricing error during ex-ante but without pricing error during ex-post, (iii) market re-run results for trading intervals with pricing error both in ex-ante and ex-post, and (iv) trading intervals where the price substitution methodology (PSM) was applied. For trading intervals affected by PSM, the unconstrained marginal plants are considered price setters. Further, in instances of regional price separation, price setters are determined separately for each region.

MARKET SHARE - The fraction of the total capacity or energy that a company or related group owns or controls in the market.

PIVOTAL SUPPLIER INDEX (PSI) - The pivotal supplier index is a binary variable (1 for pivotal and 0 for not pivotal) for each generator. The index identifies whether a generator is pivotal in supplying the demand. The PSI is calculated as the percentage of time that a generator is pivotal in a period (i.e. monthly).

CAPACITY FACTOR - The index assesses the performance of the generators in the market. A high capacity factor indicates the high utilization of the generators.

CAPACITY PROFILE - The hourly factors affecting supply, which include, among others, the offered capacity, outage capacity and ancillary services schedule.

MAJOR PARTICIPANT GROUP - The grouping of generators by ownership or control.

REGISTERED CAPACITY - The capacity registered by a generator with WESM.

REGISTERED CAPACITY (NET OF OUTAGE) - The capacity registered by a generator with WESM less capacity on outage.

OFFERED CAPACITY - The hourly offer to supply electricity submitted by a generator.

METERED QUANTITY - The hourly quantity of electricity generated by a generator.

SPOT TRANSACTION - The hourly quantity of electricity sold to the market by a generator net of bilateral contract declaration accounted for in the settlement.

ANCILLARY SERVICES SCHEDULES - The hourly quantity scheduled by the System Operator to provide regulating, contingency and dispatchable reserves.

EFFECTIVE SUPPLY - The hourly effective supply is equal to the offered capacity of all scheduled generator resources, nominated loading level of non-scheduled generating units and projected output of preferential dispatch generating units, adjusted for any security limit provided by the System Operator and other constraints considered during MMS simulation such as generator offered ramp rates. Scheduled output of plants on testing and commissioning through the imposition of security limit by SO and scheduled output of Malaya plant when it is called to run as Must Run Unit (MRU) are likewise accounted for in the effective supply.

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