

# REGION II: Cagayan Valley

## At a Glance...

### SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE

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|---|---|
| <b>Provinces</b>                          | Cagayan<br>Isabela<br>Nueva Vizcaya<br>Quirino<br>Batanes Islands   |
| <b>Land Area</b>                          | 26,838.0 sq. kms.   |
| <b>Population</b>                         | 2,813,159   |
| <b>Density</b>                            | 109 persons / sq. km.   |
| <b>GRDP</b>                               | Php 25.0 billion  |
| <b>Top Three Sectors</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Industry Sector</li> <li>▪ Service Sector</li> <li>▪ Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry Sector</li> </ul> |
| <b>Major Products</b>                     |   |
| Agricultural<br>(Raw and<br>Manufactured) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rice</li> <li>▪ Tobacco</li> <li>▪ Corn</li> <li>▪ Onion</li> <li>▪ Garlic</li> </ul>                    |
| Non- Agricultural                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copper</li> <li>• Iron</li> <li>• Nickel</li> </ul>  |

Source: National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB)

## A. ENERGY SITUATIONER

### A.1 ENERGY RESOURCES

#### a. Geothermal

Estimated geothermal reserve in the region is 160 megawatts (MW), 135 MW of which is possible reserve while the remaining 25 MW is probable reserves.

#### b. Hydropower

The region hosts 42 sites for possible hydropower potential totaling 432 MW (Table 1).

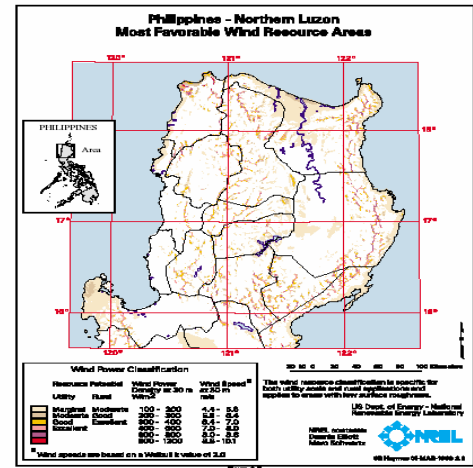
**Table 1. LOCATIONS OF HYDROPOWER POTENTIAL RESOURCES**

| Location      | Number of Sites | Estimated Capacity (MW) |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Isabela       | 8               | 72                      |
| Quirino       | 19              | 179                     |
| Nueva Viscaya | 15              | 181                     |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>42</b>       | <b>432</b>              |

#### c. Wind

From the wind energy mapping studies, the combined Batanes and Babuyan Island wind farms has been identified as one of the six Philippine sites with the highest wind energy potential, generating 50 watts per square meter ( $W/m^2$ ). Dinapigu, Isabela is also being considered as an additional potential site under the Wind Investment Promotion Round. Wind energy estimates are presented in Figure 1.

**Figure 1. POTENTIAL WIND ENERGY SITES**



#### d. Coal

The region has an *in-situ* reserves estimated at 82.6 million metric tons (MMMT) located in the Cagayan Basin. The basin covers several towns in Cagayan and Isabela provinces.

#### e. Other energy sources

Identified potential sites for ocean energy in the region are Batan Island and Babuyan Island in Batanes province.

As for gas, the Cagayan basin has an area of 24,000 square kilometers (sq. kms) with an estimated gas reserves of 2 billion cubic feet (BCF).

### A.2 DOWNSTREAM FACILITIES

As of 2005, the region has an oil storage capacity of 175.2 thousand barrels (MB). The region hosts a depot, 160 gas stations, 5 liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) bulk and 5 LPG refilling plants (Table 2).

**Table 2. DISTRIBUTION OF DOWNSTREAM OIL FACILITIES**

| Province      | Depots          |                       | LPG Refilling Plants | Gasoline Stations |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|               | Number of Units | Storage Capacity (MB) |                      |                   |
| Cagayan       | -               | -                     | 2                    | 56                |
| Isabela       | 1               | 175.2                 | 2                    | 72                |
| Nueva Vizcaya | -               | -                     | 1                    | 25                |
| Batanes       | -               | -                     | -                    | -                 |
| Quirino       | -               | -                     | -                    | 7                 |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1</b>        | <b>175.2</b>          | <b>5</b>             | <b>160</b>        |

When the San Antonio gas producing field was discovered in Echague, Isabela in the 1990s, the Philippine National Oil Company – Energy Development Corporation (PNOC-EDC) put up and operated a 3-MW mine-mouth power plant. Recognizing the potential non-power use of natural gas, a compressed natural gas (CNG) pilot refueling station was likewise constructed in the San Antonio Gas Plant in 2000, through the ASEAN-New Zealand Cooperation Program *Natural Gas Utilization in Transport*. The project looks into the potential of CNG as an alternative fuel to the transport sector, and has since served as a major source of CNG for PNOC vehicles in the area, as well as a demonstration center for CNG initiatives.

### A.3 POWER AND ELECTRIFICATION

Table 3 shows that Cagayan Valley is host to the biggest hydroelectric power plant in Luzon – the Magat Hydro Electric Power Plant, which has been contributing 360 MW to the Luzon grid for more than three decades now.

There are also three (3) mini-hydropower plants in the region, namely: the Magat mini-hydropower plant A and B and the Tumauni mini-hydropower plant, all in Isabela.

The PNOC-EDC-operated 3 MW small-scale mine-mouth natural gas-fueled power plant in Echague, Isabela, which was put up in 1994, has a rated capacity of 3 MW of electricity.

**Table 3. EXISTING POWER PLANTS**

| Plant              | Capacity (MW) |               | Location         |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
|                    | Installed     | Dependable    |                  |
| <b>Natural Gas</b> |               |               |                  |
| San Antonio        | 3.00          | 3.00          | Echague, Isabela |
| <b>Hydropower</b>  |               |               |                  |
| NIA Baligatan      | 16.21         | 16.21         | Ramon, Isabela   |
| Magat              | 360.00        | 360.00        | Ramon, Isabela   |
| Magat Minihydro A  | 1.44          | 1.44          | Ramon, Isabela   |
| Magat Minihydro B  | 1.08          | 1.08          | Ramon, Isabela   |
| Tumauni Minihydro  | 0.25          | 0.25          | Tumauni, Isabela |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>381.98</b> | <b>381.98</b> |                  |

Electric cooperatives (ECs) in the region include the Cagayan I Electric Cooperative (CAGELCO I), Cagayan II Electric Cooperative (CAGELCO II), Isabela I Electric Cooperative (ISELCO I), Isabela II Electric Cooperative (ISELCO II), Nueva Vizcaya Electric Cooperative (NUVELCO), Quirino Electric Cooperative (QUIRELCO) and Batanes Electric Cooperative (BATANELCO). System loss and the electricity purchased and sales of each EC are indicated in Table 4.

**Table 4. REGIONAL ELECTRICITY PROFILE BY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, 2005**

| Name of Cooperative | Electricity Purchased/Generated (GWh) | Electricity Sales (GWh) | System Loss (%) | Classification |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| BATANELCO           | 5                                     | 4                       | 6.0             | S              |
| CAGELCO I           | 128                                   | 110                     | 13.0            | EL             |
| CAGELCO II          | 77                                    | 64                      | 16.0            | EL             |
| ISELCO I            | 216                                   | 184                     | 14.5            | ML             |
| ISELCO II           | 104                                   | 86                      | 16.6            | EL             |
| NUVELCO             | 77                                    | 69                      | 9.7             | EL             |
| QUIRELCO            | 39                                    | 34                      | 13.6            | L              |

ML-Mega Large, EL-Extra Large, L-Large, S-Small  
 Note: Classification is based on the following criteria: (i) volume of average MWh Sales; (ii) number of service customers (iii) average kilometers of lines

Under the barangay electrification program, 2,213 of the 2,311 total barangays in the region have been energized as of end 2005, which represents a 95.8 percent electrification level (Table 5).

**Table 5. STATUS OF BARANGAY ENERGIZATION BY PROVINCE, as of 2005**

| Province      | Coverage     | Energized Barangays | Energization Level (%) |
|---------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Batanes       | 29           | 29                  | 100.00                 |
| Cagayan       | 820          | 781                 | 95.24                  |
| Isabela       | 1,055        | 1,020               | 96.68                  |
| Nueva Viscaya | 275          | 251                 | 91.27                  |
| Quirino       | 132          | 132                 | 100.00                 |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2,311</b> | <b>2,213</b>        | <b>95.76</b>           |

The region's household energization status as of 2004 stood at 84.5 percent, representing a total of 440,319 households energized out of the total 521,200 potential households.

### A.4 BENEFITS TO HOST COMMUNITIES

As of 2005, the region has received an accumulated financial benefits amounting to PhP 52.3 million for the implementation of 93 projects. These funds, which are sourced from one percent of one centavo for every kilowatt-hour sold, are used to fund the electrification (EF), development and livelihood (DLF) and reforestation, watershed management, health and/ or environmental enhancement (RWMHEEF) projects of the host barangay, town or province (Table 6).

**Table 6. SUMMARY OF APPROVED PROJECTS, as of 2005**

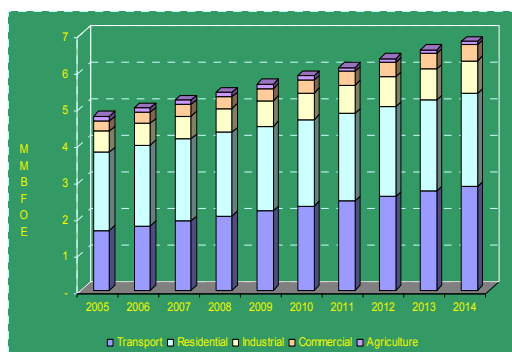
| Type of Fund | Number of Projects | Total Amount (PhP million) |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| EF           | 29                 | 28.05                      |
| DLF          | 33                 | 9.03                       |
| RWMHEEF      | 31                 | 15.25                      |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>93</b>          | <b>52.33</b>               |

## B. ENERGY DEMAND FORECAST

Total regional energy demand will register an average volume of 5.9 MMBFOE (0.8 MTOE), with demand growth posted at 4.1 percent annually. The region's energy demand will account for 2.9 percent of the total energy demand of the country.

The importance of energy in the economic development of the region is highly evident in the residential and transport sectors, which will account for the biggest shares in the regional energy demand (Figure 2).

**Figure 2. FINAL ENERGY DEMAND, BY SECTOR (MMBFOE)**



Petroleum products are the main fuels in the region (Table 7). Major petroleum products to be used will be diesel, basically for the transport sector, and LPG, primarily for cooking in the residential sector.

**Table 7. SECTORAL ENERGY DEMAND (MMBFOE)**

|                      | 2005        | 2006        | 2010        | 2014        |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>4.75</b> | <b>4.98</b> | <b>5.86</b> | <b>6.81</b> |
| Oil and Oil Products | 2.52        | 2.71        | 3.41        | 4.12        |
| Biomass              | 1.95        | 1.97        | 2.08        | 2.23        |
| Other Renewables     | nil         | nil         | nil         | Nil         |
| Electricity          | 0.28        | 0.30        | 0.37        | 0.46        |
| <b>Industry</b>      | <b>0.56</b> | <b>0.59</b> | <b>0.73</b> | <b>0.90</b> |
| Oil and Oil Products | 0.08        | 0.08        | 0.09        | 0.10        |
| Biomass              | 0.44        | 0.47        | 0.59        | 0.74        |
| Other Renewables     | nil         | nil         | nil         | nil         |
| Electricity          | 0.04        | 0.04        | 0.05        | 0.05        |
| <b>Commercial</b>    | <b>0.28</b> | <b>0.30</b> | <b>0.36</b> | <b>0.43</b> |
| Oil and Oil Products | 0.11        | 0.11        | 0.14        | 0.17        |
| Biomass              | 0.09        | 0.10        | 0.11        | 0.13        |
| Other Renewables     | nil         | nil         | nil         | nil         |
| Electricity          | 0.08        | 0.09        | 0.11        | 0.13        |
| <b>Residential</b>   | <b>2.14</b> | <b>2.21</b> | <b>2.36</b> | <b>2.53</b> |
| Oil and Oil Products | 0.57        | 0.63        | 0.76        | 0.90        |
| Biomass              | 1.41        | 1.40        | 1.38        | 1.36        |
| Other Renewables     | nil         | nil         | nil         | nil         |
| Electricity          | 0.16        | 0.18        | 0.22        | 0.27        |
| <b>Transport</b>     | <b>1.64</b> | <b>1.76</b> | <b>2.30</b> | <b>2.84</b> |
| Oil and Oil Products | 1.64        | 1.76        | 2.30        | 2.84        |
| <b>Agriculture</b>   | <b>0.13</b> | <b>0.12</b> | <b>0.11</b> | <b>0.10</b> |
| Oil and Oil Products | 0.13        | 0.12        | 0.11        | 0.10        |
| Electricity          | nil         | nil         | nil         | nil         |

Total may not tally due to rounding off

## Residential

Households will account for 40.2 percent of the regional energy demand over the planning period. Demand in this sector is estimated at an average volume requirement of 2.4 MMBFOE (0.3 MTOE).

Major fuel used in households is renewable energy, with an average share of 58.5 percent. Petroleum products will rank second with an average share of 32.4 percent followed by electricity, which will account for an average share of 9.2 percent of the sector's energy demand.

## Transport

This sector will account for an average share of 39.2 percent of the region's total energy demand. Over the planning period, the transport sector will post an average volume requirement of 2.3 MMBFOE (0.3 MTOE).

Petroleum products will be the dominant fuels in the sector. Demand for diesel and gasoline are estimated to account for an average share of 74.5 and 24.1 percent, respectively.

## Industrial

About 12.5 percent of the region's energy demand will be shared by the industrial sector, which will post an average volume requirement of 0.7 MMBFOE (0.1 MTOE) for the planning period.

Major fuels in this sector are renewable energy, with an average share of 81.4 percent, followed by petroleum products with an average share of 12.2 percent. Electricity will account for an average share of 6.4 percent of the total sectoral energy demand.

## Commercial

Energy requirement in this sector will account for 6.2 percent of the region's total energy demand. Over the reference period, the commercial sector will require an average volume of 0.4 MMBFOE (52.1 KTOE) to fuel its growing enterprises.

Major fuels in this sector are petroleum products, which will account for an average share of 39.3 percent, followed by biomass with an average share of 30.7 percent.

## Agricultural

Energy requirement in agriculture will account for 1.9 percent of the region's total energy demand. Considered the least energy-intensive among the sectors, energy requirement in agriculture is projected to post an average volume requirement of 0.1 MMBFOE (16.2 KTOE) over the planning period.

Petroleum products will be the dominant fuels in the sector. Demand for diesel is estimated at an average share of 88.2 percent. Fuel oil will follow, with an average share of 8.4 percent.

## C. SECTORAL PLANS AND TARGETS

### ❖ TRANSMISSION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Table 8 lists the transmission infrastructure projects required to meet customer demand and to ensure reliability, adequacy and stability of the nationwide transmission system during the planning period.

Table 8. TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECTS

| Project Name                                   | Description   | Target Date of Completion |
|--|---|---------------------------|
| <b>Projects to increase dispatch in Luzon</b>  |   |                           |
| Magat-Santiago Reinforcement project           | To relieve constraint element at Magat-Santiago 230 lines   | Dec 2012                  |
| <b>Transmission Project for Implementation</b> |   |                           |
| New Gamu S/S project                           | To provide new delivery point to ISELCO II.   | 2007                      |
| <b>Indicative Project – Transmission</b>       |   |                           |
| Magat-Santiago Reinforcement                   | To allow full dispatch of Magat Plant that could not be maximized due to lack of provision for N-1. | 2012                      |

### ❖ DISTRIBUTION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

To ensure reliability of supply at the distribution level, the distribution development plan of ECs in Region II is shown in Table 9.

Table 9. DISTRIBUTION DEVELOPMENT PLAN

| Name of Cooperative                  | 2005    | 2006    | 2010    | 2014    |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Total Number of Customers</b>     |         |         |         |         |
| Residential                          | 539,901 | 559,034 | 646,481 | 762,764 |
| Commercial                           | 34,179  | 35,674  | 45,096  | 60,430  |
| Industrial                           | 3,448   | 3,523   | 3,868   | 4,294   |
| Others                               | 50,551  | 52,476  | 68,487  | 123,174 |
| <b>CAGELCO I</b>                     |         |         |         |         |
| System Loss (%)                      | 13.0    | 11.8    | 8.6     | 4.6     |
| Electricity Purchase/Generated (GWH) | 127     | 131     | 156     | 188     |
| Electricity Sales (GWH)              | 110     | 115     | 142     | 178     |
| <b>CAGELCO II</b>                    |         |         |         |         |
| System Loss (%)                      | 16.0    | 14.4    | 11.1    | 9.5     |
| Electricity Purchase/Generated (GWH) | 76      | 80      | 102     | 134     |
| Electricity Sales (GWH)              | 64      | 69      | 91      | 121     |
| <b>ISELCO I</b>                      |         |         |         |         |
| System Loss (%)                      | 14.0    | 13.0    | 8.5     | 7.6     |
| Electricity Purchase/Generated (GWH) | 215     | 224     | 265     | 334     |
| Electricity Sales (GWH)              | 184     | 194     | 242     | 308     |
| <b>ISELCO II</b>                     |         |         |         |         |
| System Loss (%)                      | 16.6    | 15.1    | 7.0     | 2.5     |
| Electricity Purchase/Generated (GWH) | 104     | 108     | 126     | 159     |
| Electricity Sales (GWH)              | 86      | 91      | 117     | 155     |
| <b>NUVELCO</b>                       |         |         |         |         |
| System Loss (%)                      | 10.4    | 7.9     | 7.1     | 7.1     |
| Electricity Purchase/Generated (GWH) | 77      | 82      | 120     | 190     |
| Electricity Sales (GWH)              | 69      | 75      | 111     | 176     |
| <b>QUIRELCO</b>                      |         |         |         |         |
| System Loss (%)                      | 13.6    | 11.7    | 9.3     | 9.3     |
| Electricity Purchase/Generated (GWH) | 20      | 21      | 30      | 46      |
| Electricity Sales (GWH)              | 34      | 37      | 54      | 83      |
| <b>BATANELCO</b>                     |         |         |         |         |
| System Loss (%)                      | 6.0     | 5.9     | 5.4     | 5.4     |
| Electricity Purchase/Generated (GWH) | 5       | 5       | 9       | 18      |
| Electricity Sales (GWH)              | 4       | 4       | 8       | 16      |

### ❖ EXPANDED RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

Ninety-eight barangays are targeted for energization in the region by 2008. Barangay energization using line extension will need a total of 275 circuit-kilometers (ckt.-kms.) of distribution lines and a corresponding 185 megavolt amperes (MVA) of substation capacity by 2008. To maintain and improve reliability of service, another 1,638 ckt.-kms. of distribution lines have been earmarked for rehabilitation within the planning period (Table 10).

Table 10. EXPANDED RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM

| Year         | Barangays  | Expansion                      |                   | Line Rehabilitation (ckt.-kms.) |
|--------------|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
|              |            | Distribution Lines (ckt.-kms.) | Substations (MVA) |                                 |
| 2006         | 27         | 57.05                          | 20                | 94.95                           |
| 2007         | 37         | 36.84                          | 20                | 156.20                          |
| 2008         | 34         | 159.38                         | 20                | 112.05                          |
| 2009         | -          | 21.48                          | 10                | 384.21                          |
| 2010         | -          | -                              | 25                | 249.99                          |
| 2011         | -          | -                              | 30                | 136.86                          |
| 2012         | -          | -                              | 20                | 106.87                          |
| 2013         | -          | -                              | 30                | 238.16                          |
| 2014         | -          | -                              | 10                | 158.99                          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>98*</b> | <b>274.75**</b>                | <b>185**</b>      | <b>1,638.28**</b>               |

\*Source: DOE  
\*\*Source: NEA

### ❖ ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

#### Geothermal

During the planning period, geothermal development in the region will focus on exploratory works for the possible development of the 20-MW Baua Geothermal Project located in Cagayan. The project involves the drilling of a total of 7 wells during the planning period. By 2014, steam availability is expected to reach 27.1 MW (Table 11).

Table 11. GEOTHERMAL MEASURABLE SECTORAL TARGETS

|                               | 2005 | 2006 | 2010  | 2014  |
|-------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Number of wells to be drilled | -    | -    | 1     | -     |
| Steam Availability (Cum. MW)  | -    | -    | 15.19 | 27.06 |

#### Hydropower

The region can contribute a combined indicative capacity addition of 539 MW of hydropower resources during the planning period. These will be sourced from four (4) possible projects, as indicated in Table 12.

Table 12. INDICATIVE HYDROPOWER CAPACITY ADDITIONS

| Plant        | Location           | Classification | Potential Capacity (MW) | Year Available |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Adalam       | Aglipay, Quirino   | Large          | 46                      | 2010           |
| Diduyon*     | Aglipay, Quirino   | Large          | 345                     | 2011           |
| Abuan*       | Ilagan, Isabela    | Large          | 60                      | 2013           |
| Ilaguen*     | San Ramon, Isabela | Large          | 88                      | 2014           |
| <b>Total</b> |                    |                | <b>539</b>              |                |

\*With feasibility study