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An Economy-Wide Evaluation of New Power Generation in South Africa: The Case of Kusile and Medupi

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Introduction

- In 2005, Eskom and the Department of Energy launched the New Build Programme (now absorbed into the Integrated Resource Plan) which includes the commissioning of two new modern coal-fired power stations, Kusile and Medupi, with a generation capacity of around 4800MW each
- Kusile and Medupi were scheduled to come online over a six-year period (2014-2019)
- The aim of this paper is to <u>evaluate the economy-wide impact that the</u> <u>additional power generation coming from Kusile and Medupi will have</u> <u>across a broad range of macroeconomic and industry variables</u>
- We use UPGEM, a dynamic CGE model of South Africa



Simulation Design: Basics

- In order to isolate and measure the economy-wide impact of any policy shock we run two separate simulations
- 1) Business-As-Usual (BAU) baseline forecast of the economy in the absence of the exogenous shock
- 2) Policy simulation which includes the exogenous shock
- Results are reported as percentage deviations over time between the BAU and the policy simulation run



Business-As-Usual Baseline Forecast

Picture of the future evolution of the economy up to 2030

Includes Kusile and Medupi

- It includes all the main macroeconomic variables for which reliable forecast exists (i.e. GDP, population growth)
- Includes the expected growth in the country's electricity generation capacity up to 2030, as per IRP (2013)
- Provides a baseline against which to measure a counterfactual scenario



Policy Simulation Design

- Excludes Kusile and Medupi
- We run a counterfactual policy simulation in which the additional 9600MW that is scheduled to come online between 2014 and 2019 is <u>eliminated</u>
- Electricity supply growth is set to zero per cent in 2014, 2015 and 2016. This simulates the elimination of the new generating capacity expected from Kusile and Medupi over this period
- From 2017 other sources of electricity generation, besides Kusile and Medupi, are expected to come online. For the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 electricity supply growth is set to 0.5 per cent
- From 2020 onward, no additional shocks are applied to the economy in the policy run



Policy Simulation: The Exogenous Shock



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Policy Simulation Results: Macroeconomic

Selected Macro Results (Cumulative Percentage Difference Relative to Baseline)

Macro Variables	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2030
Real GDP	-0,44	-0,90	-1,61	-2,37	-2,70	-3,15	-3,11	-1,00
Households	-0,98	-1,48	-2,26	-2,89	-2,55	-2,76	-2,10	-0,57
Investment	-2,77	-5,26	-7,85	-9,94	-9,58	-9,49	-7,02	1,22
Government	-0,98	-1,48	-2,26	-2,89	-2,55	-2,76	-2,10	-0,57
Exports	1,30	1,65	1,87	1,56	0,12	-0,74	-2,35	-1,49
Imports	-1,69	-2,68	-3,82	-4,61	-3,98	-3,91	-2,53	0,46
Capital	-0,01	-0,20	-0,56	-1,12	-1,84	-2,48	-3,07	-2,16
Labour	-0,81	-1,42	-2,25	-2,98	-2,90	-3,10	-2,51	0,49
Real Wage	-0,41	-1,12	-2,24	-3,73	-5,18	-6,73	-7,97	-11,84
Real Devaluation	1,68	1,76	2,01	1,78	0,23	-0,16	-1,56	0,06
Terms of Trade	-0,45	-0,60	-0,70	-0,63	-0,15	0,15	0,73	0,47
Export Price Index	-0,45	-0,60	-0,70	-0,63	-0,15	0,15	0,73	0,46
Consumer Price Index	-0,94	-0,80	-0,68	-0,23	0,96	1,45	2,47	1,76

Source: UPGEM (GEMPACK) and Author's Own Calculations



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Policy Simulation Results: Industry

Industry Output Results (Cumulative Percentage Difference Relative to Baseline)

Industry	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2030
Agriculture	-0,06	-0,12	-0,29	-0,54	-0,76	-1,01	-1,13	0,18
Coal Lignite	0,02	0,05	-0,05	-0,27	-0,64	-1,15	-1,65	-1,98
Mining of Metal Ores	0,10	0,19	0,14	-0,05	-0,42	-0,91	-1,38	-0,87
Other Mining	0,12	0,22	0,18	-0,03	-0,44	-0,99	-1,55	-1,53
Food	-0,25	-0,46	-0,85	-1,30	-1,44	-1,71	-1,65	0,25
Beverages, Tobacco	-0,06	0,01	0,02	0,02	0,04	-0,06	-0,10	1,41
Textiles, Footwear	-0,35	-0,90	-1,82	-2,87	-3,25	-3,74	-3,62	-0,93
Petroleum, Chemicals	-0,17	-0,87	-2,11	-3,73	-4,98	-6,14	-6,83	-5,00
Iron & Steel	-0,16	-1,73	-3,88	-6,38	-8,13	-9,36	-9,78	-5,14
Other Metal Equipment	0,20	-0,30	-1,12	-2,25	-3,41	-4,31	-4,93	-1,10
Electrical Machinery	-0,91	-2,18	-3,62	-4,99	-5,53	-5,89	-5,30	0,70
Transport Equipment	-0,07	-0,41	-0,93	-1,55	-2,05	-2,40	-2,47	1,69
Other Manufacturing	0,00	-0,26	-0,72	-1,36	-2,00	-2,54	-2,88	0,16
Electricity	-2,91	-6,20	-9,37	-11,99	-13,29	-14,56	-14,56	-14,56
Water	-0,13	-0,34	-0,67	-1,10	-1,43	-1,74	-1,88	-0,38
Construction	-2,45	-4,85	-7,34	-9,43	-9,33	-9,33	-7,20	0,85
Trade	-0,26	-0,75	-1,57	-2,54	-3,21	-3,88	-4,09	-1,09
Hotel & Restaurants	0,20	0,42	0,54	0,53	0,26	-0,18	-0,72	-1,11
Transport Services	0,05	0,10	0,01	-0,19	-0,53	-0,98	-1,41	-0,50
Post & Communication Services	-0,02	-0,04	-0,18	-0,42	-0,72	-1,10	-1,40	0,21
Business	-0,21	-0,47	-0,91	-1,40	-1,71	-2,04	-2,09	0,38
General Government	-0,95	-1,44	-2,21	-2,82	-2,47	-2,65	-1,98	-0,29
Education	-0,39	-0,75	-1,29	-1,84	-1,93	-2,15	-1,91	0,52
Health & Social Services	-0,32	-0,63	-1,09	-1,57	-1,69	-1,90	-1,74	0,53
Other Services	-0,16	-0,28	-0,47	-0,67	-0,73	-0,85	-0,80	1,09

Source: UPGEM (GEMPACK) and Author's Own Calculations



Conclusion

- Economic growth will be severely harmed in the medium term without the additional electricity generation capacity scheduled to be brought online through Kusile and Medupi.
- The problem of excess demand relative to tight supply in the electricity market will be greatly relieved once the additional capacity from Kusile and Medupi is installed
- Our simulation results clearly show the need for both stations' additional capacity in order to facilitate economic growth, prevent widespread blackouts and reduce upward pressure on electricity prices



Thank you

Suggestions, questions and comments are welcome

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Conclusion

Our results clearly show the additional generation capacity scheduled to come from these new power plants will improve the economy's ability to grow and attract investment, alternatively stated, the delays in constructing Kusile and Medupi are costing the economy as we speak



Business-As-Usual Baseline Forecast (Continued)

 Real GDP is expected to grow by 79.7 per cent from 2012 to 2030, representing an average growth of 3.1 per cent over the 19-year period



Business-As-Usual Baseline Forecast (Continued)

 Nominal electricity prices are expected to grow by 241.9 per cent and electricity generation capacity is expected to grow by 50.7 per cent over the 19-year forecast period

Base Run: Year-on-Year Percentage Changes in Electricity Output and Prices



Base Run: Cumulative Percentage Changes in Electricity Output and Prices

Policy Simulation Results: The Exogenous Shock



Policy Simulation Results: Industry

Figure 12: Selected Industry Output Results (Percentage Difference Relative to Baseline)

