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Clarification on applicability of AMS-I.F for mini-grid involving import

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Procedural Background

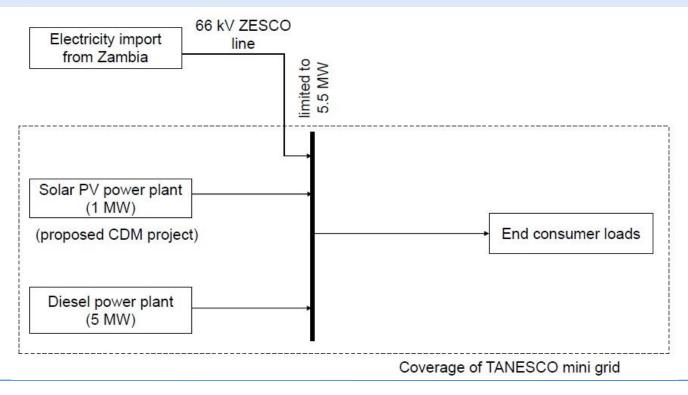
- In the context of Clarification request "SSC_748: Applicability of AMS-I.F for an isolated electricity network system with limited import from a grid of neighbouring country".
- MP requested guidance from the Board on applicability of an approved SB beyond its geographic coverage



Key Issues

Project (one of the CPAs of registered PoA):

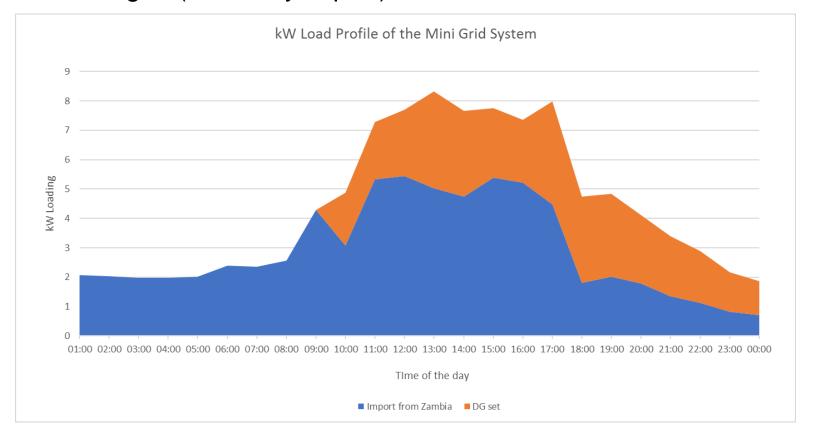
- Installation of Solar PV (1 MW) that supply electricity to a mini-grid system located in Tanzania.
- Mini-grid not connected to the national grid of Tanzania but it is connected to i) the national grid of Zambia with max power transfer limit of 5.5 MW (one-direction i.e., only import) and ii) Diesel Generator (5 MW).





Key Issues

 MP noted that the proposed project will potentially displace electricity from diesel generator (i.e. on site captive electricity) as well as supply from the grid (electricity import).





Key Issues

- Based on a technical perspective MP is of the view:
 - a) Baseline for Solar Electricity has two components- DG and import
 - b) EF for the DG portion based on historical generation or default EF (AMS-I.F)
 - c) SAPP grid emission factor (ASB0040-2018) may be applied for the portion of the electricity generated by solar plant that displaces the electricity import
- However, approved SB can be normally applied for CDM projects implemented in host countries for which SB is approved (Procedural issue)
- MP requested the Board to clarify whether the emission factor contained in the approved SAPP SB may be applied to mini-grid project activities implemented in a country that is not a SAPP member country but imports electricity (no export) from the SAPP grid.



Recommendation

• The Board may wish clarify the application of standardized baseline "ASB0040-2018: Grid emission factor for the SAPP" in the specific context of project i.e., in response to clarification SSC_748

