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Quick Facts

Countries	Iraq
Specific Location	Basra Governorate
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2018-05-21
Borrower	Government of Iraq
Sectors	Energy, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 250.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 250.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the objective of the project is to improve the reliability and enhance the operational and commercial efficiency of electrical services in the Basra Governorate.

The project will consist of the following three (3) main components:

1. Transmission Network Reinforcement (US$100 million). The component is proposed to finance activities aimed at increasing the transmission network capacity to the Basra region in order to: (i) address network capacity limitations to meet existing electricity power demand; (ii) meet expected future load growth; (iii) provide operation flexibility and hence improved electricity supply reliability; and (iv) reduce transmission network technical losses. The proposed activities include: (i) 132/33/11KV substations rehabilitation and upgrades; (ii) 132KV transmission network reinforcement; and (iii) supply and installation of 132/33/11KV mobile substations. The proposed scope is expected to increase the transmission network capacity by about 1.10GW. As of 2016, the network was able to transmit a peak capacity of 2.8GW compared to a system peak demand of about 3.2GW.
2. Distribution Network Reconstruction and Operational and Commercial Efficiency Enhancement (US$ 85 million). The investments are proposed to include activities related to: (a) distribution network rehabilitation and reinforcement to meet both current and future electricity demand, reduce technical losses and increase operations flexibility; and (b) Design, supply, install and commission of an Integrated Management Information System (MIS) covering electricity distribution core business functions namely; network operations and maintenance, commercial, and management of corporate resources.
3. Institutional Capacity Strengthening and Project Implementation Support (US$ 15.0 million). This component aims at supporting the decentralized electricity services and operationalization of the electricity law with regard to the corporatization of the South Electricity Distribution Directorate The component activities will support to strengthen the capacity of the directorate in key electricity distribution service functions, namely, operations and commercial services through developing and implementing a Business Improvement Plan (BIP) including a “smart management” change process. The change process will be tailored to uniquely respond to the country’s fragility and governance challenges associated with the informal sectarian/party “quota system” of inclusivity with regard to public sector jobs.

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