



# **Presentation to CTA: Electricity Pricing Assessment for Mozambique**

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## **Electricity Pricing Analysis Objectives**

- Assess cost and quality of electricity supply for Mozambican industry
- Compare cost and quality of supply with South Africa, Zambia and another country, in this case, Romania
- Identify key cost elements in Mozambican electricity tariff
- Assess impacts of tariffs on domestic industries vis-à-vis regional competitors
- Identify most effective steps to make electricity supply for industry more competitive

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## General Approach

- Investigate level and structure of electricity tariffs in the four countries
  - Type of tariff - e.g., cost of service, revenue cap, etc.
  - Cost coverage
  - Impacts on efficiency, trade and investment
  - Treatment of generation
  - Charges for other services

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## General Approach

- Compare cost and quality of electricity supply in Mozambique with cost and quality in 3 other countries
  - Impacts on cost structures of industry
  - Impacts on trade & investment in electricity
  - Impacts on trade & investment in electricity-using industries

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## General Approach

- Assess key impacts of Mozambican electricity pricing vis-à-vis other countries
  - Critical assessment of industry level impacts
  - Identify key strengths & weaknesses of Mozambique as a location for industry
  - Recommend measures to improve competitiveness of country as a location for electricity-using industries

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## Background: Electricity Sector in Mozambique

- Electricity generating capacity stands at 2.392 GW,
  - 90% of generation capacity is at the Cahora-Bassa Hydroelectric facility
  - Total generation is ~ 15.1 TWh
- Mozambique exports (net) roughly 35% of its total generation, 10.5 TWh, mostly to South Africa and Zimbabwe (minor)
- The aluminum plant at Mozal accounts for more than 60% of current consumption and almost 100% of imports.
- Current domestic peak demand for electricity in the country is just over 300 MW.

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## Background: Regional Power Issues

- Mozambique is member of SAPP, with total generating capacity > 54 GW
- Largest generator in system is South Africa, with >36 GW
- Eskom's transmission system is a vital element in SAPP commerce
- Increasingly, Eskom is unable to export firm power to its "normal" customers, Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe
- Power supply crisis in South Africa has led to load shedding, voltage reductions and supply insecurity throughout region
- Eskom has been slow to respond, leading to both peril and opportunities for other SAPP members

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## Background: Regional Power Issues

- Eskom's supply problems may lead to reduced output from mining industry
- South Africa is not likely to possess significant exportable electricity surpluses again until the end of the next decade
- Other generating countries, including, Mozambique and Zambia, may have short term opportunities in generation
- Costs for next generation coal plants in South Africa will run in excess of US\$0.065/kWh at the generation busbar
- Prices for industrial customers in South Africa will need to move to US\$0.08 and higher within 2-3 years for Eskom to avoid catastrophic financial losses

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### Structure of Electricity Tariffs

Country	Tariff Type & Description	Time of Day Differential
Mozambique	Cost + rate of return - Distribution tariff is unified with distinct charges for customer categories	No
South Africa	Cost + rate of return + revenue cap "clawback", multi-year - Price cap for distinct distribution components	Time of day & seasonal
Zambia	Revenue Requirement - Distribution tariff is unified with distinct charges for customer categories	Industrial only
Romania	Cost + rate of return for large customers, price cap for smaller customers	Time of day

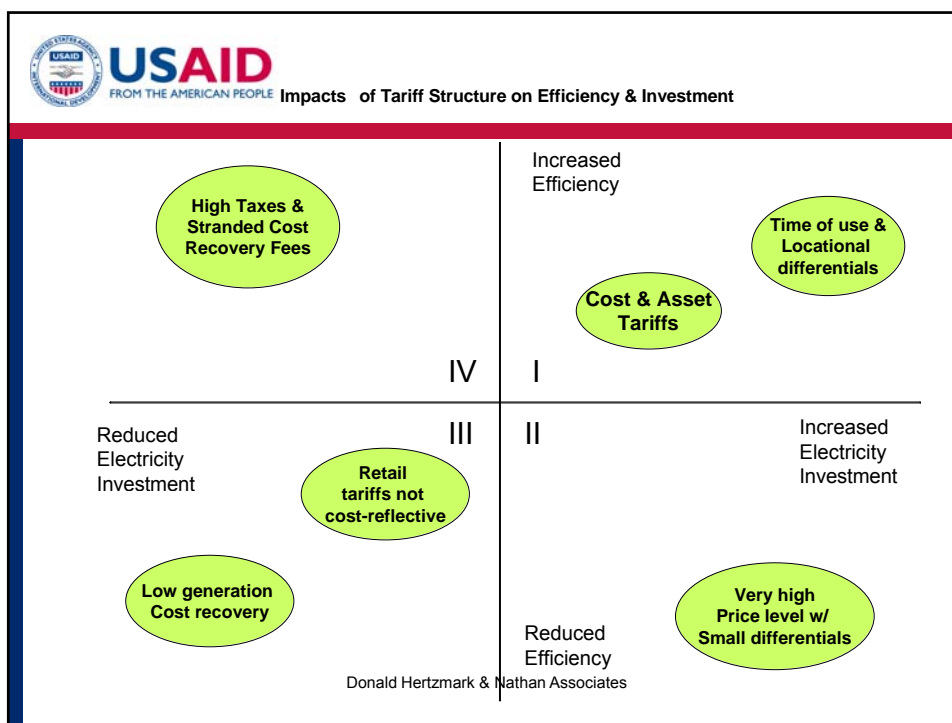
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### Level of Electricity Tariffs (USD/MWh)

Country	Industrial	Commercial	Residential
Mozambique	45-60	120	90
South Africa	17-104, in peak season, 12-27 in low season, "normal" tariff is = ~19-34/MWh	75 (average)	70 (average)
Zambia	54	77	38-106
Romania	99	99	87-105

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### Impacts of Electricity Tariffs

- Distinguish network tariffs from energy and service charges
- Unbundling of tariffs is a key contributor to improved financial stability of utility & appropriate pricing signals to generators & users of network

**Trade and investment (network):**

- Optimal transmission tariffs, while desirable, are not necessary to stimulate trade and investment
- A “good enough” tariff that covers costs and sends the right signals on congestion and location is an excellent starting point

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## Impacts of Pricing Policies on Trade and Investment (cont)

- Subsidizing your customers, especially if they are foreigners, will not stimulate investment from them to improve transmission service
- Transmission and generation prices have asymmetric impact:
  - Effective pricing system is necessary but not sufficient for good outcomes,
  - Inefficient pricing system is sufficient in itself to assure bad outcomes

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## Impacts of Electricity Tariffs (cont.)

### Cost Coverage & Efficiency

- Cost coverage in full is a feature of countries that have successfully restructured
- Many countries (NO! make that *all*) use some sort of cross-subsidy to protect certain classes of electricity users
- Where cross-subsidies are significant relative to the overall tariff revenue, potentially beneficial effects of separate tariffication of transmission are lost in the noise of the transfer payments

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## Brief Summary of the Findings *(cont.)*

### Incentives & Efficiency:

- Countries with successfully restructured systems tend to feature more incentive clauses for promoting improved efficiency
- These include locational and/or temporal price differentials and plus some element of ancillary services tariffs
- Successful tariffication of transmission and distribution may require additional capabilities on part of regulators
- Regional goals & timetables can be useful to provide benchmarks for performance

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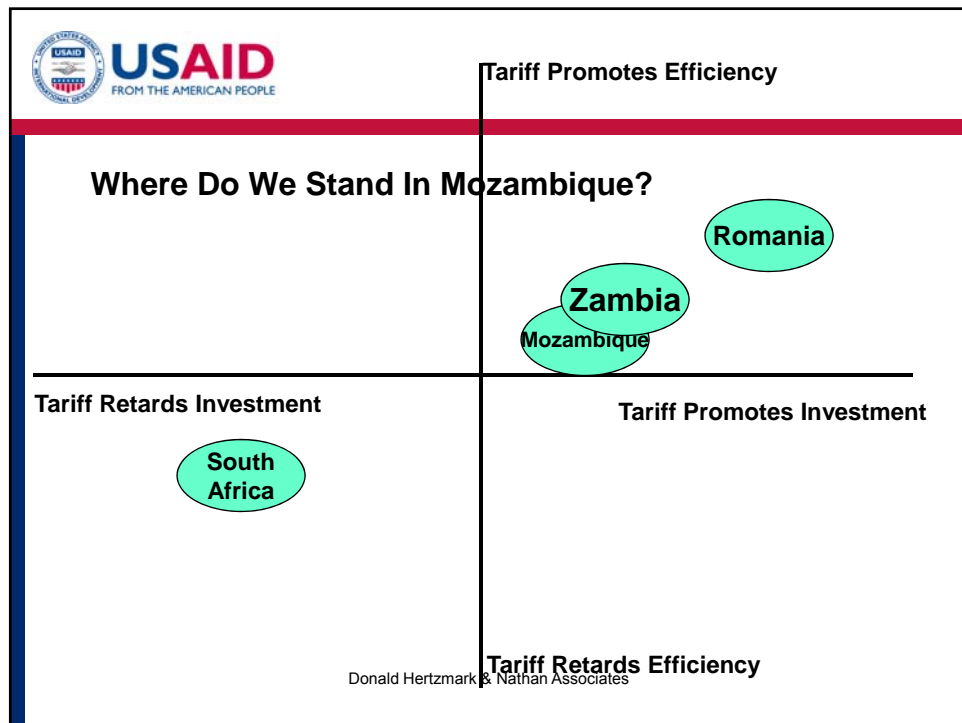
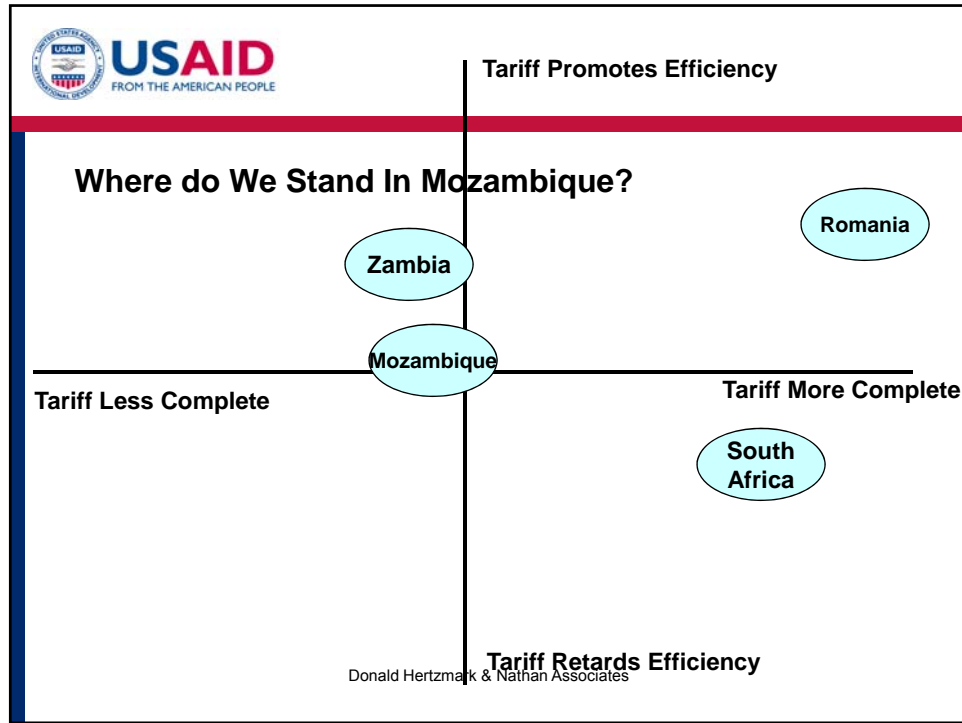
### What is a “good enough” tariff and why does it matter?

- Prices only have to be “good-enough” to stimulate some trade and investment - especially if significant transmission investment is needed.
  - A “good-enough” tariff will
    1. Cover all costs of transmission, including new capacity
    2. Provide “reasonable” signals regarding congestion and location of new generation
    3. Reflect energy policy priorities - renewables, cogeneration, etc.

A few years of “good-enough” can provide enough financial strength to implement a more sophisticated tariff

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## Energy Tariffs & Treatment of Generation

- No separate charge for generation in Mozambique
- South Africa has fully unbundled tariffs
  - Significant departures from full cost coverage
  - Small charges for capacity
  - Baseload period charges too low
- Zambian situation is similar to Mozambique, but with greater customer subsidies
- Romania passes through energy costs of generation so current prices rising rapidly

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## General Assessment of Industrial & Commercial Tariffs in Mozambique

- Commercial customers carry heavy burden
  - Includes small “industrial” facilities
  - Industrial tariff needs to make further distinctions according to voltage, power factor, etc
- Industrial customers are currently disadvantaged relative to South Africa, on par with Zambia
  - Industries that operate around the clock in SA will pay, on average,, less than half what industries in Mozambique pay for electricity
  - BUT (and this is a BIG but), prices in South Africa are set to rise by greater amount than prices in Mozambique

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### Impacts of High Industrial Tariffs

- Consider a firm with a demand for 2 MVA and a load factor of 80% (1,152,000 kWh/month)
- In Mozambique an industrial customer will pay US\$51,840-69,120/month
- In South Africa an industrial customer will pay US\$28,296 (low season) to \$56,569 (high season)
  - Weighted average monthly bill is US\$35,365
  - Savings over Mozambique is ~\$US 16-24k per month
  - South African firms enjoy a 32-49% cost advantage
  - New tariff structure for Eskom should eliminate this differential

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### Impacts of High Industrial Tariffs

- Zambian firms will pay slightly more, on average, than will Mozambican firms
- In Romania industrial tariffs are considerably higher than Mozambican levels

**Finding 1:** Average industrial tariffs in Mozambique have put the country's industry at a distinct competitive disadvantage in the past vis-à-vis South Africa, but not against other regional countries

**Finding 2:** The competitive advantage of South Africa is about to disappear

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### Service Quality Issues

- Industrial customers in Mozambique are subject to frequent short outages and voltage fluctuations
- Until recently, domestic grid instability was main cause of service quality problems
- Impacts of service quality deficiencies include
  - Inability to use continuous processes
  - Damage to electronic components
  - Additional costs of backup generation and power conditioning

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### Service Quality Issues

- Network problems in South Africa now contribute to network problems in Mozambique
- Grid problems in Zambia on way to solution through significant investments in new transmission

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### **Strengths & Weaknesses of Mozambique as an Industrial Location**

- Long coastline favors bulk trade
  - Increasing output of primary commodities favors country, but:
  - Poor condition of ports plus poor inward rail/road infrastructure make competition with RSA ports difficult
- Limited transmission grid reduces possible locations for factories
  - Northern part of country is virtually off limits for electricity-using industries
  - Natural gas output not adding significant value to national economy

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### **Strengths & Weaknesses of Mozambique as an Industrial Location**

- Electricity system needs much work to become a competitive asset
  - Network infrastructure needs significant expansion
  - Sub-transmission needs strengthening & broadening
  - Long distance transmission relies too much on single lines
- Generation does not take full advantage of domestic resources
  - Gas not used well to improve & expand network capability
  - Coal needs to be further developed for Northern grid system

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### **Strengths & Weaknesses of Mozambique as an Industrial Location**

- Interconnections with RSA and SAPP need to be looked at more strategically
  - East-West links v. North-South ones
  - Need to address “*who-whom*” questions for coal, gas & new hydro
    - Who is going to develop new capacity?
    - Who is going to pay for new capacity?
    - For whom is this capacity being developed?
  - What is going to be role of private sector?
  - Why should gas-fired CCGT power plants be built in RSA instead of Mozambique?

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## **Appendix: Risk Analysis of Power Costs in Southern Africa**



## **Future Electricity Costs in Southern Africa are Highly Uncertain**

- Planners need a framework that can help them assess:
  - Relative importance of various cost drivers
  - Controllability of key cost drivers
  - Degree of certitude about information
  - Relative riskiness of different cost drivers

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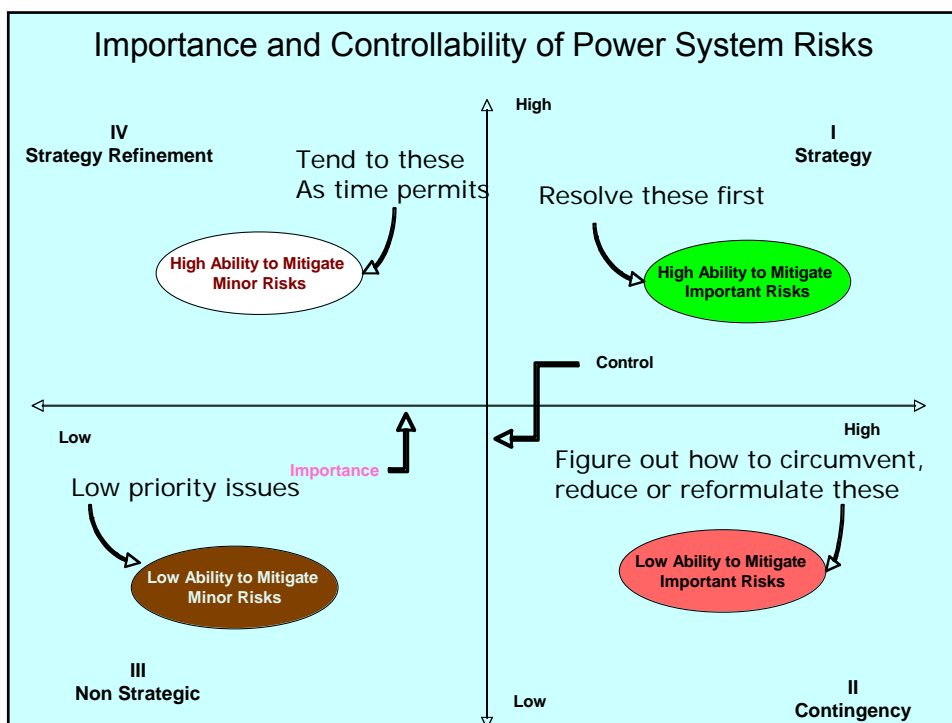


## **Generation Cost Analysis**

- Investment involves risks & uncertainties
  - Many factors contribute
  - Some are controllable, some not
  - Some are important, some less so

It is critical to identify and categorize risks in generation planning. The following framework provides a way.

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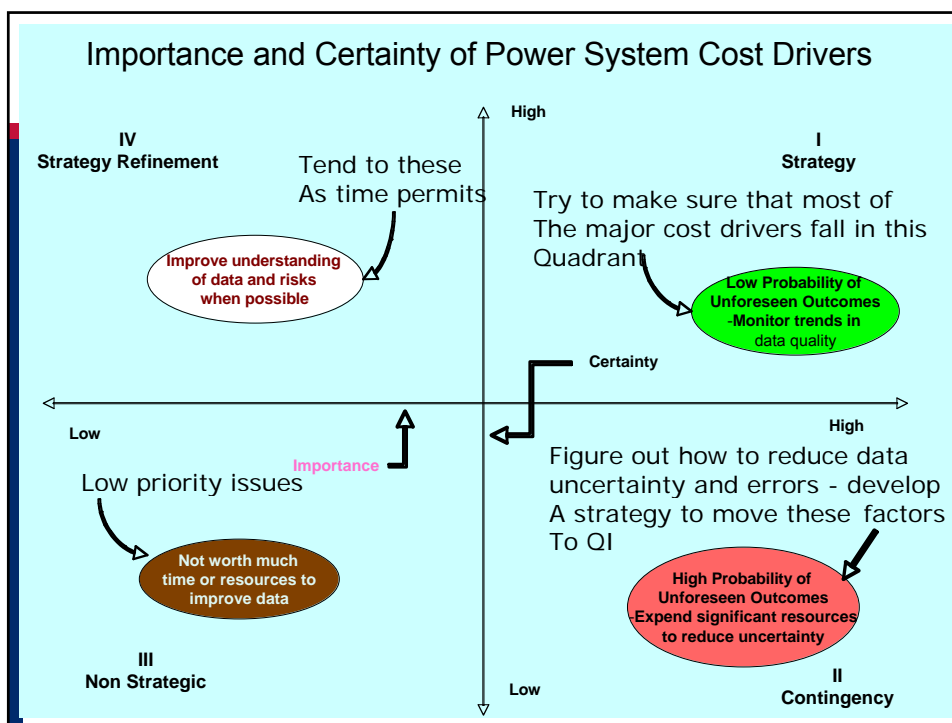


### Analytical Framework for Risk Mitigation

- Figure out where your project stands in the risk matrix
  - Figure out the key attributes of the risks that you face
  - Figure out the tools that you will need to
    - Identify
    - Quantify
    - Mitigate

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### Analytical Framework - What to Do About Risk

- Every cost driver is subject to risks of varying controllability, importance and certainty
- But some of these cost drivers can play a greater role in success or failure than others
- Some issues just keep coming up

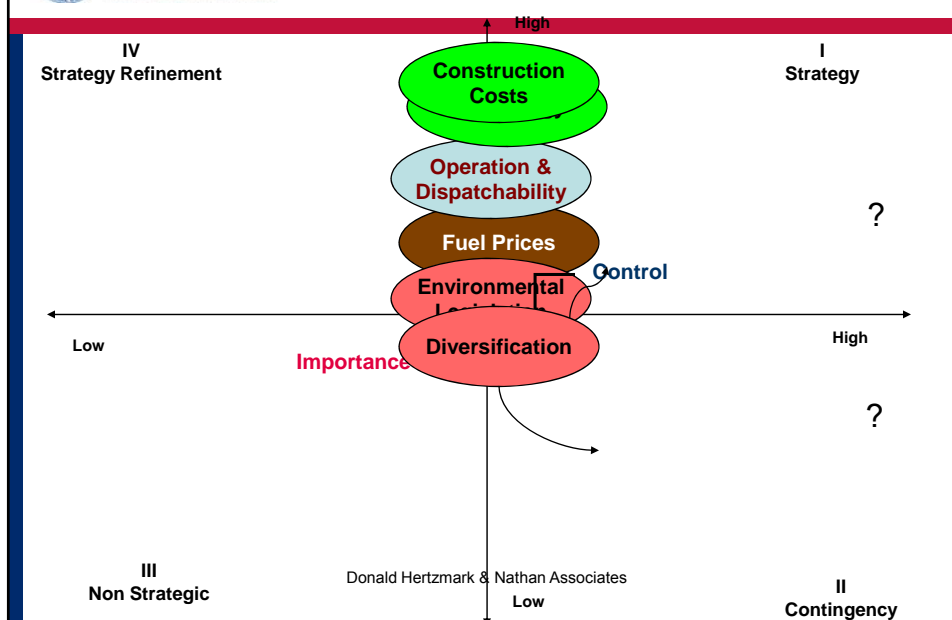
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## Analytical Framework - What to Do About Risk

- Fuel prices
- Plant dispatchability and load concurrence
- Construction cost
- Environmental standards
- Technology concerns
- Diversification (or its absence)
- Other operational factors
- Market risk – consisting of both supply-side and demand-side risks

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## Risk Identification & Mitigation - What to do?

- Eskom identified more than 80 distinct cost drivers for its future generation program
  - Most were important
  - Most were not seen as controllable
- 80 cost drivers is parameter overload
  - How to simplify
  - Can simplification lead to identification of mitigation measures?

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## Risk Identification & Mitigation - What to do?

- Globalization
  - Contracting for  $P_{90}$  expansion program
  - Identification of measures for less likely outcomes
- Massive System Expansion
  - Super-normal duty cycle for existing plants
  - Scarce resources devoted to construction or maintenance of 6 □ quality control
- Skills Shortages
  - Staff skills development
  - Dedicated staff for  $P_{90}$  expansion requirements

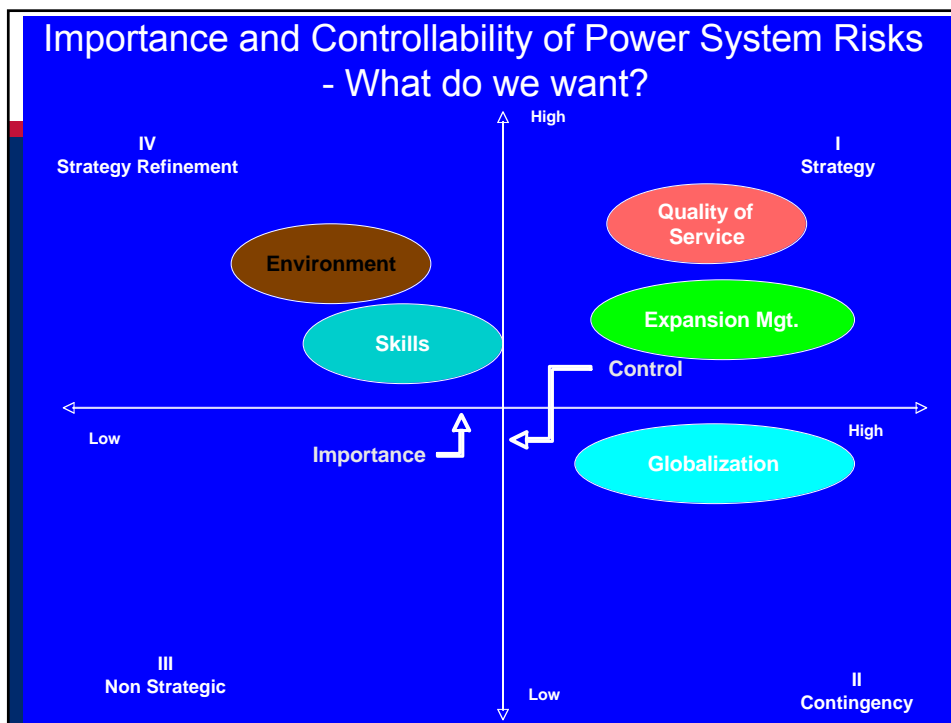
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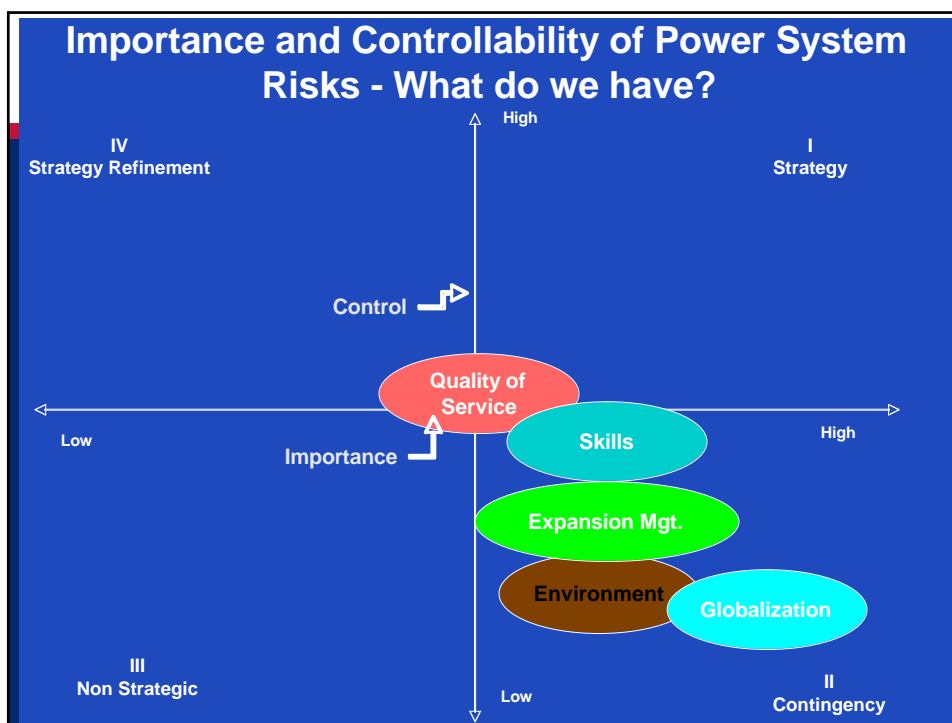


## Risk Identification & Mitigation - What to do?

- **Environment**
  - Clarification of governmental policies & priorities
  - Fuel & technology choices stabilized
- **Quality of Service**
  - Pricing quality of service
  - Improved load management

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### Suggested Approach

- Associate cost drivers with themes - what goes where?
- Assess controllability, importance, certainty
- Assess potential mitigation measures - how can these uncontrollable and very important cost drivers be brought under better control?

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