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Panama has organised its electricity sector into three main areas: generation, distribution and transmission. Generation Generators must enter the market through a concession, a licence or by...

1.06 UTILITIES. The electrical contractor shall install a fully operational electrical service as described in the plans. Arrange with the utility company for the services and install the services in accordance with their requirements, regulations and recommendations.

In Panama, the average cost in 2023 of residential electricity is around \$0,170 per kWh while the cost for businesses is around \$0,185 per kWh. This includes all components of the electricity bill such as the cost of power generation, distribution and taxes.

This Renewables Readiness Assessment (RRA), undertaken by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in close co-operation with the Government of Panama, examines the energy sector holistically. The study identifies key actions to expand renewable energy development in the short to medium-term.

In Central America, Costa Rica has long been known as a leader in sustainable development and renewable energy, with almost 100% of all electricity needs provided by green technologies.

Known as the National Energy Plan, state leaders in Panama have been busy updating regulatory frameworks and the country's electricity grid to foster a green energy revolution that will ensure sustainable development for decades to come.

In the recent Renewables Readiness Assessment Panama report released by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), officials recommended upgrading the nation's regulation of power purchase agreements (PPAs) to enable the connection of more solar and wind power facilities to the national grid.

"Favorable legislation and attractive legal frameworks can boost the deployment of renewable energy, which in turn can contribute to low-carbon economic growth and improve energy security," said IRENA Director-General Adnan Z. Amin.

"Panama's abundant potential for renewable energy resources offers the country the opportunity to cost-effectively meet its long-term energy needs and underpin its transition to a sustainable energy future."

The report was well received by government officials in Panama City, and the rising interest in green technologies has caught the attention of international renewable energy companies, which have been organizing expos such as RECAM Week to showcase their products.



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According to IRENA, Panama has significant potential to develop a myriad of renewables, including hydropower, wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, and tidal energy along its Pacific and Caribbean coastlines.

Latin American companies such as OTEPI are already stepping up to the plate to deliver new technologies in the underdeveloped renewable energy market, partnering with UGE International Ltd., a global leader in distributed renewable energy solutions for businesses.

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