Emissions and energy productivity

Meeting current and future commitments

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Agenda



40% isn't good enough







No one said it would be easy

It's just essential

The gap to be closed







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Energy productivity and reducing emissions : what is the relationship?



- 1. Pick a rise in energy productivity and calculate the change in total energy consumption.
- 2. Assume that the change in electricity consumption is the same as the change in total energy consumption.
- 3. Adjust the generation mix to meet the calculated electricity consumption, accounting for policy measures and constraints in the system. Determine the total emissions due to electricity generation.
- 4. Add the emissions due to energy use other than electricity, estimated by scaling the emissions in 2015 due to those sources in proportion to the change in total energy use.
- 5. Add emissions due to non-energy sources.





Doing it without 2xEP







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Doing it with 2xEP

falling demand drives

out coal and gas



(leading to closure of coal

fired generation

and gas generators)

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The message is clear



If we don't improve energy productivity beyond BAU, our options are:

- sweat over our current Paris climate target
- close more brown-coal fired power stations
- find much more gas
- have another fight over the RET

If we double our energy productivity we can:

- 'easily' meet our Paris climate commitments
- help address the current energy supply crisis





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