

Electric Power

Expanding BEV Business through Alliances with the Automotive Industry

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Summary

- Electrification in non-electric sectors, especially in the transportation sector, is progressing based on the premise of decarbonized power sources, with the aim of achieving CN.
 - Considering the Japanese government's aim of achieving 100% electric vehicle sales for new passenger cars by 2035, and that complete vehicle OEMs are promoting electrification on a global scale, the introduction of BEVs on a large scale is expected to increase electricity demand by 55.5 billion kWh by the year 2050 for passenger cars alone.
- To meet the increasing electricity demand, suppliers are advancing investments in decarbonized power sources, and use of renewable energy is increasing. On the demand side, the introduction of solar power, storage batteries, BEVs, etc., is expected to lead to a transition to an electricity system where large-scale and distributed power sources coexist.
 - However, the increase in variable renewable energy (solar and wind), means it is necessary to address the changing supply-demand balance. Amid these changes, BEVs are expected to be an important resource for supply-demand stabilization. By maximizing the use of renewable energy, there is a possibility that up to approximately 144.3 billion kWh per year of zero-emission thermal power can be replaced by 2050, with anticipated reductions in fuel costs for Japan.
- The large-scale introduction of BEVs and the introduction of low marginal cost renewables are expected to diminish the dominance of large-scale power sources. At the same time, complex supply-demand adjustments utilizing a diverse range of distributed resources will become necessary. However, for the electricity industry, there is potential for expanded business opportunities through increased electricity demand and developing charging infrastructure through leveraging customer touchpoints.
- The mass introduction of BEVs, the integration of distributed power sources into the electricity system and the incorporation of IoT into most equipment and devices constituting the power system will allow for real-time assessments of electricity information. These changes are advancing the development of a smart grid, which supplies high-efficiency, high-quality, and highly reliable electricity through integrated control on both supply and demand sides. The connection between power systems and the transportation sector will lead to coupling between sectors, creating new business domains.
- In light of this, creating a comprehensive alliance framework between the electricity and automotive industries is essential. This strategy involves not only monetization through the effective use of BEVs but also enhancing the value of owning BEVs through providing value-added experiences to users. This multifaceted business approach will be a key success factor for the electricity industry in the era of mass BEV introduction.
 - Addressing the automotive industry's need for non-fossil fuel energy sources and contributing to decarbonization across the entire value chain through providing solutions are crucial steps. These efforts are essential for paving the way for alliances and must start from the present.



PowerHighlightsA Winning Strategy for the Electricity Industry - Expanding BEV Business through Alliances with
the Automotive Industry



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(1) Changes in External Environment

Advancement in electrification in all sectors based on the premise of decarbonization of power

sources and producing carbon neutrality

- To achieve carbon neutrality, it is important to: (1) reduce CO2 emissions from the non-electric power sector, (2) reduce CO2 emissions from the electric power sector, and (3) absorb/utilize CO2 emitted in areas where decarbonization is difficult.
 - In non-electric sectors, advancing electrification as much as possible allows for the procurement of decarbonized electricity, thereby reducing CO2 emissions. For areas that cannot be electrified, it will be necessary to utilize hydrogen, methanation, and synthetic fuels.
 - Decarbonization is a fundamental requirement for the power sector. This necessitates maximizing the use of renewable energy and nuclear power, in addition to reducing CO2 emissions from thermal power generation through the use of hydrogen and ammonia. Capturing, utilizing, and storing CO2 through CCUS and carbon recycling will also be essential.



Image of transition to carbon neutrality

Source: Compiled by Industry Research Department Mizuho Bank, Ltd. from the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy



Power(1) Changes in External EnvironmentWith the Japanese government and complete vehicle OEMs pushing for electrification, Japan'selectricity demand is set to increase

- The Japanese government is aiming for 100% electric vehicles in new passenger car sales by 2035 and complete vehicle OEMs are advancing electrification globally.
- As electric vehicles are introduced on a massive scale, Japan's electricity demand will increase

Japanese Government / Complete Vehicle OEM Electrification Targets



variety of published materials.



Power(1) Changes in External Environment[Our Estimate] With the mass introduction of BEVs, electricity demand is expected to increase by55.5 billion kWh

- The estimated increase in domestic electricity demand with the mass introduction of BEVs was produced by focusing on passenger cars
 - By the cross-section in 2050, both privately owned vehicles and MaaS vehicles will be widespread
- By the 2050 cross-section, the number of BEVs introduced is expected to exceed 12.34 million vehicles, more than 76 times the current figure, and assuming annual mileage and electricity consumption remain the same, electricity demand will significantly increase to 55.5 billion kWh

Basis for electricity demand estimation due to the electrification of vehicles (focusing only on passenger cars)



Forecast of increased electricity demand due to vehicle electrification



is the same on an FY basis

Source: Both charts created by Industry Research Department Mizuho Bank, Ltd. from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry materials



(2) Changes in Industrial Structure

[Our Estimate] In pursuit of CN, supply from decarbonized sources must meet increasing electricity demand

- Aiming to achieve carbon neutral by 2050, electricity demand will increase due to the progression of electrification, etc., and is assumed to be about 1.2-1.6 trillion kWh by 2050
- A simulation the power source composition required to meet the electricity demand of 2050, assuming decarbonization of the power sector
 - Solar and wind power will significantly expand, increasing renewables to about 55%, while thermal power is expected to decrease to about 28%

Forecast of domestic electricity demand



Forecast of domestic power source composition



Source: Actual figures for 2021 and forecast figures for 2030 are from the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, with forecast figures for 2050 prepared by Mizuho Bank's Industry Research Department.



Power(2) Changes in Industrial StructureA transition to an electricity system where large-scale and distributed power sources coexist is
anticipated.

- Currently, the electricity system is centered around thermal and nuclear power, but with the increase in distributed power sources such as renewables on the generation side, and the increase in solar power, storage batteries, BEVs, etc., on the demand side, a transition to an electricity system where large-scale and distributed power sources coexist is envisioned.
 - The introduction of microgrids, which optimally control distributed power sources within an area, is also possible.

Transition to an electricity system where large-scale and distributed power sources coexist



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(2) Changes in Industrial Structure

[Our Estimate] Demand-side adjustments are necessary to respond to the output fluctuations of renewables.

- In power supply and demand, it is necessary to properly control fluctuating demand and supply to achieve simultaneous and equal amounts.
- Assuming certain premises for the power source composition and its operation, we have estimated hourly supply and demand under a scenario where zero-emission power is achieved.
 - Estimating the difference between power demand and variable renewable energy (solar and wind) + baseload power sources (general hydropower, geothermal, nuclear, biomass) on an hourly basis to calculate the surplus or deficit of supply.
 - Surplus and shortage times occur during numerous hours throughout the year. During times of surplus, charging to pumped storage, batteries, BEVs, etc., is required, and during shortages, discharging from BEVs or generation from zero-emission thermal power, etc., is required.

Hourly non-fossil power supply and demand in FY2050 (Concept)



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BEVs can become an important resource for stabilizing supply and demand.

- In 2050, the large introduction of variable renewables means charging BEVs during surplus periods of renewable energy and then utilizing their balancing function to complement the variability of renewables has become vital for supplying power.
 - During surplus periods, charging BEVs to create power demand can help avoid the restrictions in renewable output, promoting the effective use of surplus renewable power.
 - During periods without renewable generation, discharging from BEVs charged during surplus periods contributes to the stabilization of power supply and demand.
 - From a consumer perspective, charging during surplus periods of renewables allows for cheaper electricity rates. There is
 also the potential for reducing electricity bills through selling power.

The role of BEVs in an era with mass introduction of renewables



Source: Compiled by Industry Research Department Mizuho Bank, Ltd. based on a variety of published materials.



[Our Estimate] The use of BEVs could partially substitute for zero-emission thermal power

- The estimate of the amount of power BEVs can provide hourly makes assumptions about BEV battery capacity and the utilization rate of BEVs based on charging and discharging during hours of non-usage, ensuring the necessary power for driving is secured.
 - The annual power amount BEVs can provide in FY2050 is expected to be about 144.3 billion kWh (about 30% of the supply shortage).
- In FY2050, there are hourly cross-sections where supply capability is insufficient with non-fossil sources alone, but the use of BEVs can improve the supply shortage to a certain extent.
 - Utilizing BEVs can reduce the generation volume of zero-emission thermal power needed during supply shortages, potentially reducing fuel costs.



Hourly supply shortage amount and power amount BEVs can provide in FY2050



Power (3) Strengths The mass introduction of BEVs impacts the advantages held by various sectors of the power industry

- Up until now, each segment of the generation, transmission, distribution, and retail value chain in Japan was regulated to ensure stable supply, cultivating strengths within each sector.
- The large-scale introduction of BEVs and the introduction of low marginal cost renewable energy are expected to reduce the dominance of large-scale power sources, and the expansion of local consumption of distributed power sources is anticipated to reduce system power demand. However, there is also potential for an expansion in business opportunities through increased power demand and charging infrastructure development.

Anticipated changes in strength on the power value chain

	Strengths of major power companies	Anticipated environmental changes		Impact on existing strengths
Power Generation	 Own large-scale power sources such as thermal and nuclear power 	 Introduction of distributed renewables 	-	The dominance of large-scale power sources is reduced by the introduction of low marginal cost renewables BEVs could partially replace the balancing capability that thermal power had provided
Transmission and distribution	 Possess the necessary transmission and distribution networks and supply and demand adjustment technology and know-how to match supply and demand domestically Results in a low rate of power outages 	 Increase in BEV system connections 	-	Investment in facilities is required to resolve system congestion Complex supply and demand adjustments utilizing a variety of distributed resources are required
Retail	 Abundant touchpoints with corporate and individual customers (potential aggregation resources) through supplying power 	 Increase in power demand due to an increase in BEVs using electricity Changes in demand patterns due to BEV charging 		If abundant touchpoints with customers can be maintained, it's possible to capture increased power demand through promotions such as menus in EVs Opportunities for involvement in new areas through charging infrastructure development and aggregation

Source: Compiled by Mizuho Bank Industry Research Department



The power system is advancing towards smart grids

- Alongside the expansion of distributed power sources, most of the equipment and devices constituting the power system will have IoT functionality. This shift will produce a smart grid that provides real-time information and supplies high-efficiency, highquality, and high-reliability power through integrated controls on both the supply and demand sides.
- Large-scale power sources, transmission and distribution networks, distributed power sources, and consumer devices producing demand are connected both physically and over the internet, enabling the optimization of power supply and demand at the level of individual buildings such as homes, factories, buildings, or regions.

Image of a smart grid



Note: EMS: Energy Management System, HEMS: Home EMS, BEMS: Building EMS, FEMS: Factory EMS CEMS: Community EMS Source: Compiled by Mizuho Bank Industry Research Department



(4) Implementation of CPS

Decentralization, shift to smart grids, and mass introduction of BEVs lead to sector coupling with the transport sector.

- Currently, alongside efficient operation of individual facilities and devices using AI, etc., the construction of virtual power plants (VPPs) bundling distributed power sources and consumer devices that produce demand is progressively advancing towards smart grids.
- A power system with smart grids, starting with BEVs, can potentially lead to sector coupling through connections with the transport sector.

Examples of new business areas through the smart grid



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Examples of new business areas

1) Efficient operation of facilities and devices

- Al-based prediction of renewable generation volume
- Formalization of tacit knowledge of technicians in O&M of power plants
- Inspection of transmission lines by AI and drones

(2) Efficient operation of multiple facilities and device

- Integrated control of distributed power sources and devices producing consumer demand at site level by HEMS, BEMS, FEMS
- Construction of VPP using aggregators
- Construction of microgrid using a distribution license

(3) Sector coupling

- Producing hydrogen with surplus renewables and utilizing it in industrial and transport sectors
- Integration of energy management and fleet management



Power (5) Winning Strategies for Japan

Growth opportunities exist in expanding BEV business through a comprehensive alliance between the power and automotive industries

- Construction of a comprehensive alliance framework between the power and automotive industries, envisioning a growth strategy
 for the power industry in an era of mass BEV introduction
 - Not only monetizing the effective use of BEVs but also enhancing the value of BEV ownership through providing value-added experiences to BEV users is important for multifaceted business development

Comprehensive alliance concept between the power and automotive industries



Note: Abbreviation for Balancing Group. Refers to a group of operators who serve as the adjustment unit for imbalances (deviations between planned values and actual supply and demand) under the simultaneous and equal amount planning system. Source: Compiled by Mizuho Bank Industry Research Department

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Power(6) Measures to Take and Challenges/BarriersTo produce alliances, the power industry needs to contribute to the decarbonization of the
automotive industry

- Addressing the automotive industry's need for non-fossil fuel energy sources and contributing to decarbonization across the entire value chain through providing solutions are crucial steps. These efforts are essential for paving the way for alliances and must start from the present.
- Deepening cross-industry discussions is necessary, such as incentivizing individual users to participate in BEV utilization
 platforms and exploring the role of MaaS operations, which only offer limited power supply capabilities.

Strategies for building an alliance with the automotive industry



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A fuel cost reduction for Japan's power industry is expected with the introduction of BEVs.

By substituting a portion of zero-emission thermal power with BEVs, a fuel cost reduction of up to 1.3-2.0 trillion yen is expected in the cross-sections of 2040 and 2050.



Prospects for potential fuel cost reductions through BEVs

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