




# TONGA Renewable Hybrid Power System

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Security in the Pacific Island  
Countries

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# Introductions

- Pacific island countries –extreme weather volatilities & increasing energy & fuel costs
- PICs Energy Road Map Targets – 20% –100% renewable energy penetration targets.
- Few realised the complexity of these RE targets and the associated costs involves.
- High RE penetration to power grid – eg. Niue, Tuvalu, Samoa, & Fiji
- Tonga completed a study sponsored by the World Bank into how it will technically reached its 50% RE by 2020 using only solar and wind generation.
- Tonga has embraced the Renewable Energy Hybrid System shared by Japan (JICA).

# 1. PACIFIC FUEL PRICES AT A GLANCE

Figure 1: Regional retail prices including duty and taxes

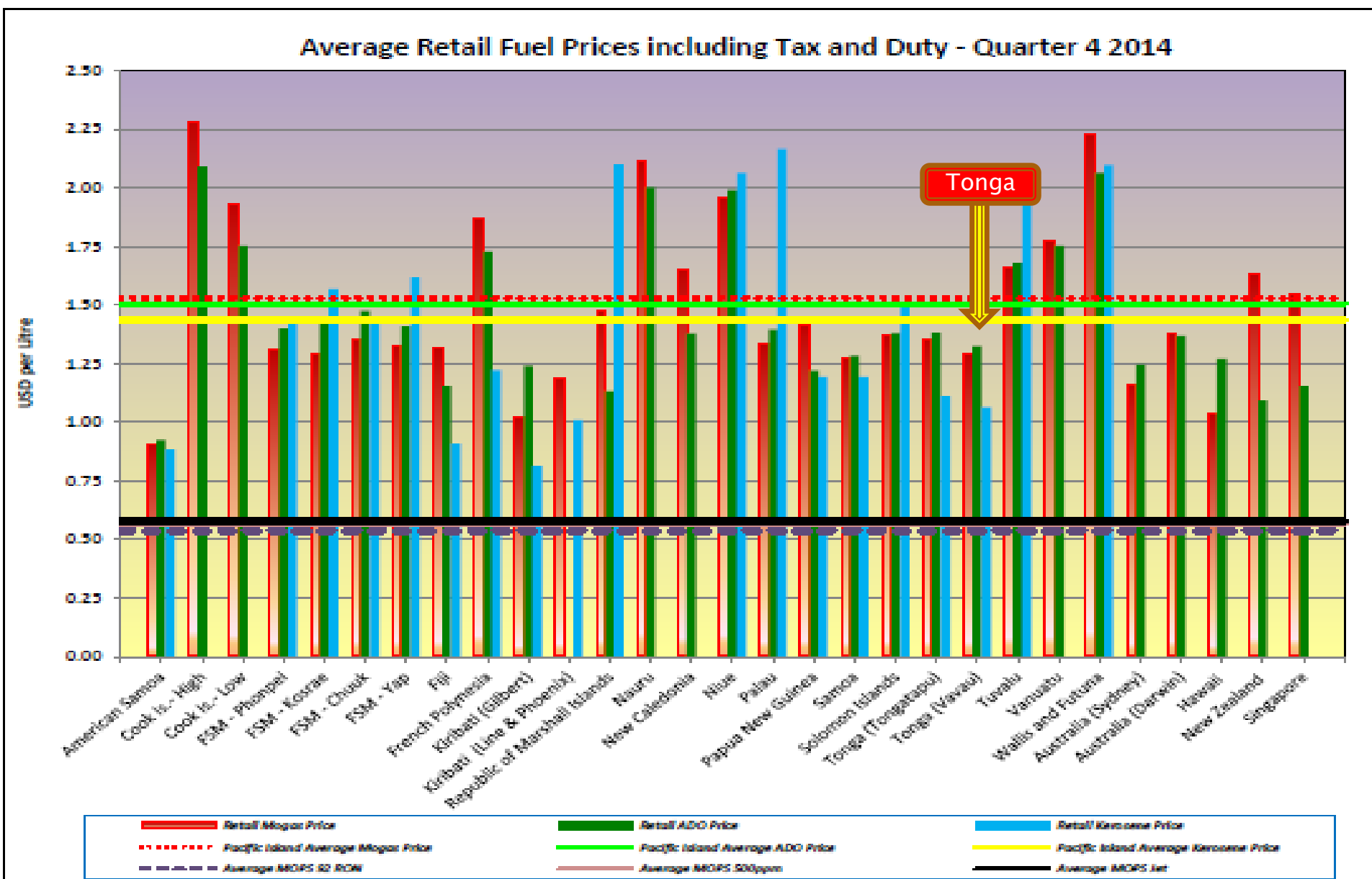
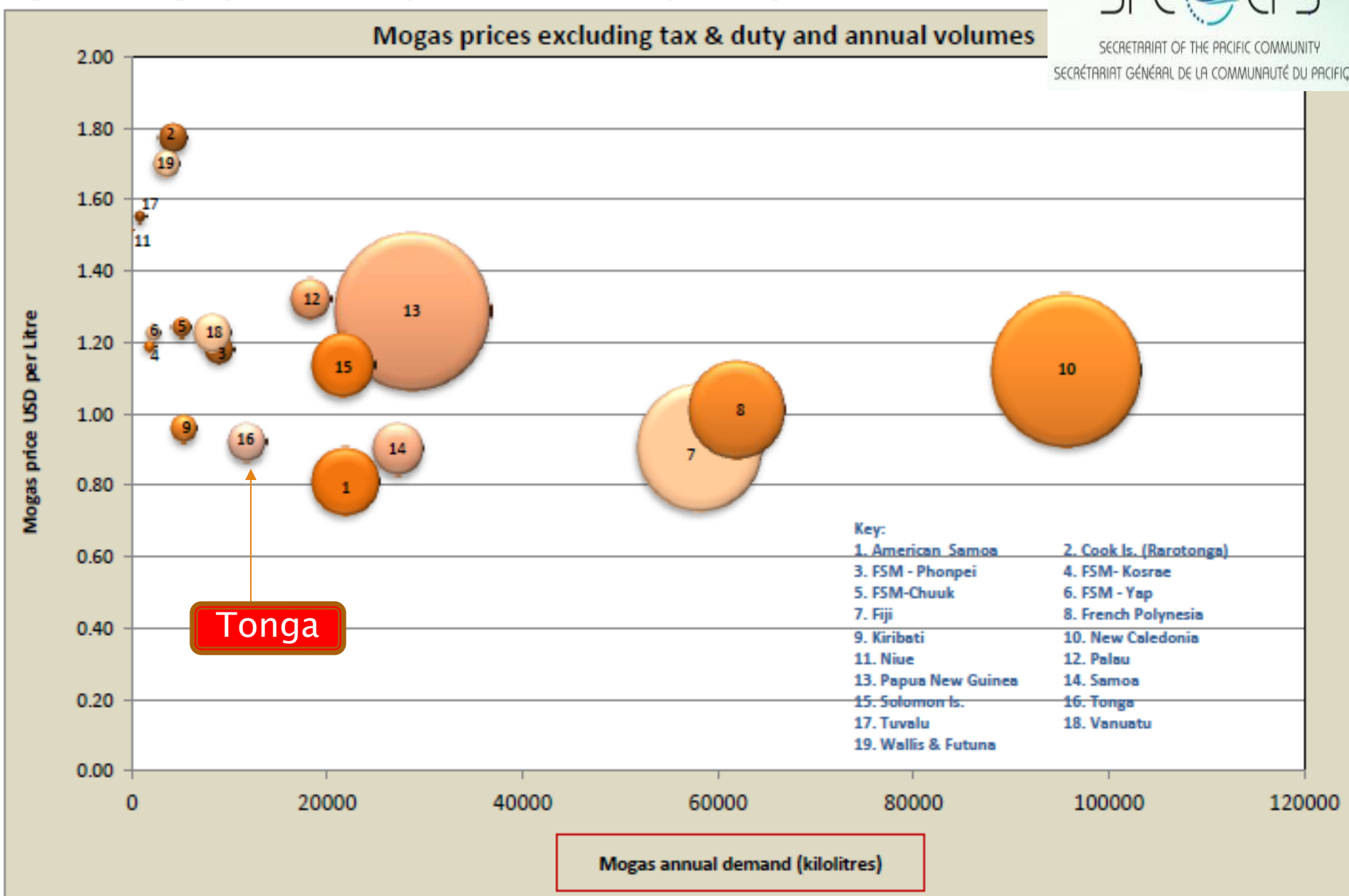


Figure 5: Mogas pre-tax retail prices 4Q-2014 compared by annual volume



\*Note: For figure 6.0 total and mogas volume for New Caledonia is projected over 1995 data and it's an SPC estimate. The centre of the bubble represents the price.

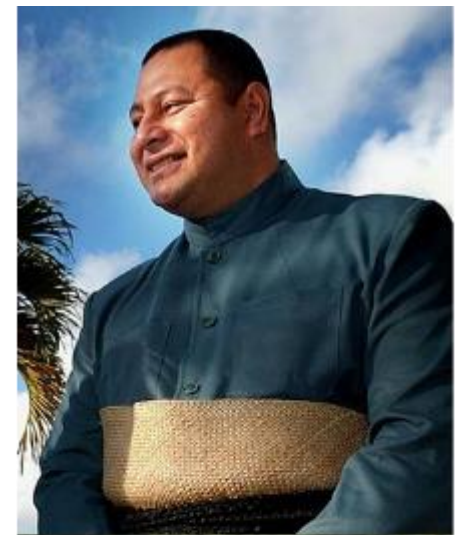







# Tonga in General

<b>Population</b>	103,252 (51,979 males and 51,273 females)
<b>Area</b>	720,000 km <sup>2</sup> land/sea 747 km <sup>2</sup> land 172 Islands
<b>Language</b>	Tongan, English
<b>Religion</b>	Christian 96%
<b>Political System</b>	Constitutional Monarchy
<b>Major Industries</b>	Agriculture, Fisheries, Tourism
<b>GDP per capita (2014)</b>	US\$ 5,000
<b>Major Exporting Products</b>	Fish, Vanilla, Squash, root crops
<b>Major Importing Products</b>	Foodstuffs, machinery, transport equipment, fuel, chemicals



# National Energy Supply and Demand

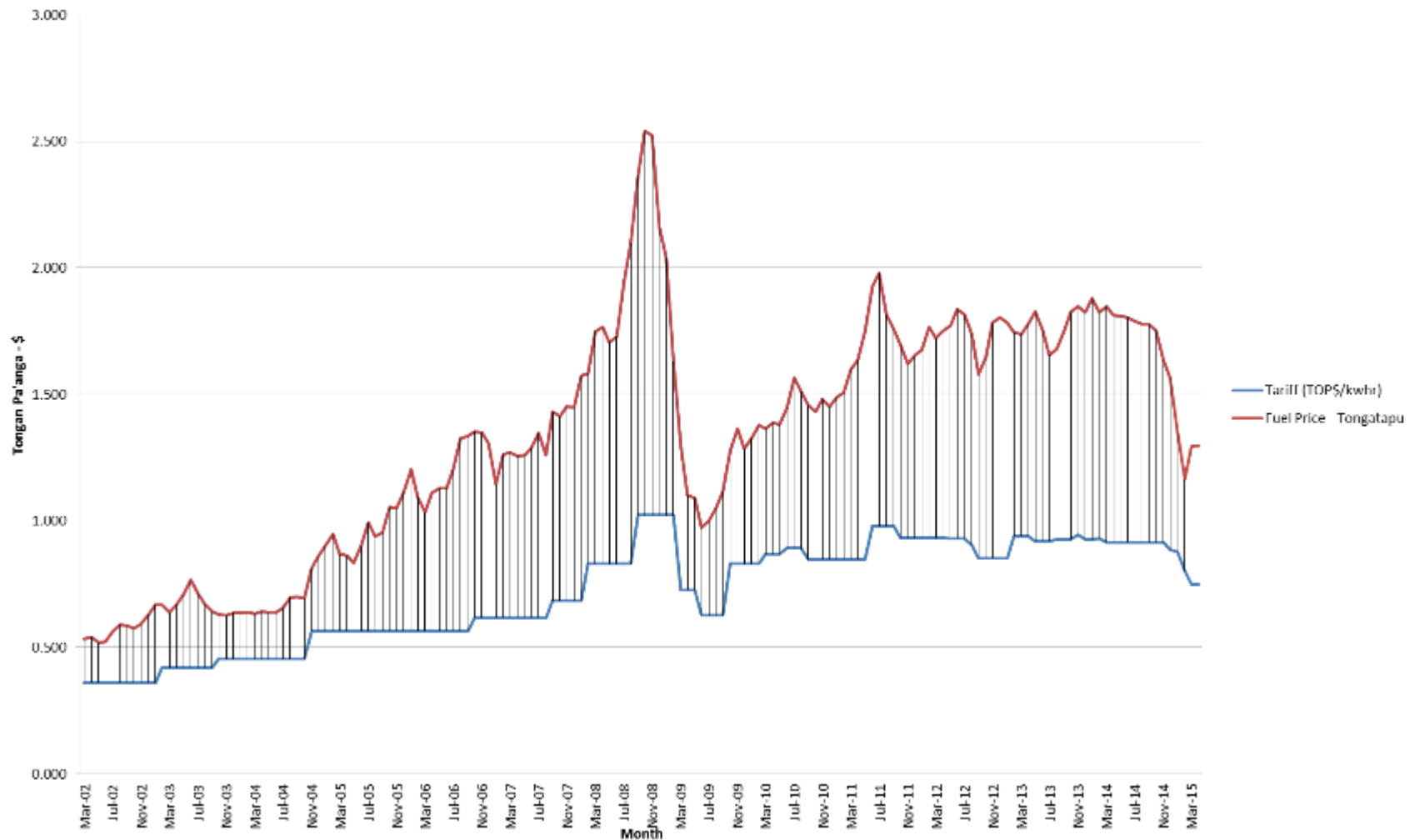
- Fossil Fuel Imports per annum total approx. 50m Litres
  - 13m Litres per annum consumed for electricity generation
  - Remaining fuel is consumed by transportation sector and other industries.
  - There are 2 suppliers of fuel to the Kingdom of Tonga – ‘Pacific Energy’ and ‘TOTAL’
  - Managing Primary Energy procurement is the responsibility of the Government of Tonga through the competent authority.
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# National Energy Supply and Demand

- ▶ One tariff for all – 50/50 Fuel and Non-Fuel

Price of Fuel VS Electricity Tariff



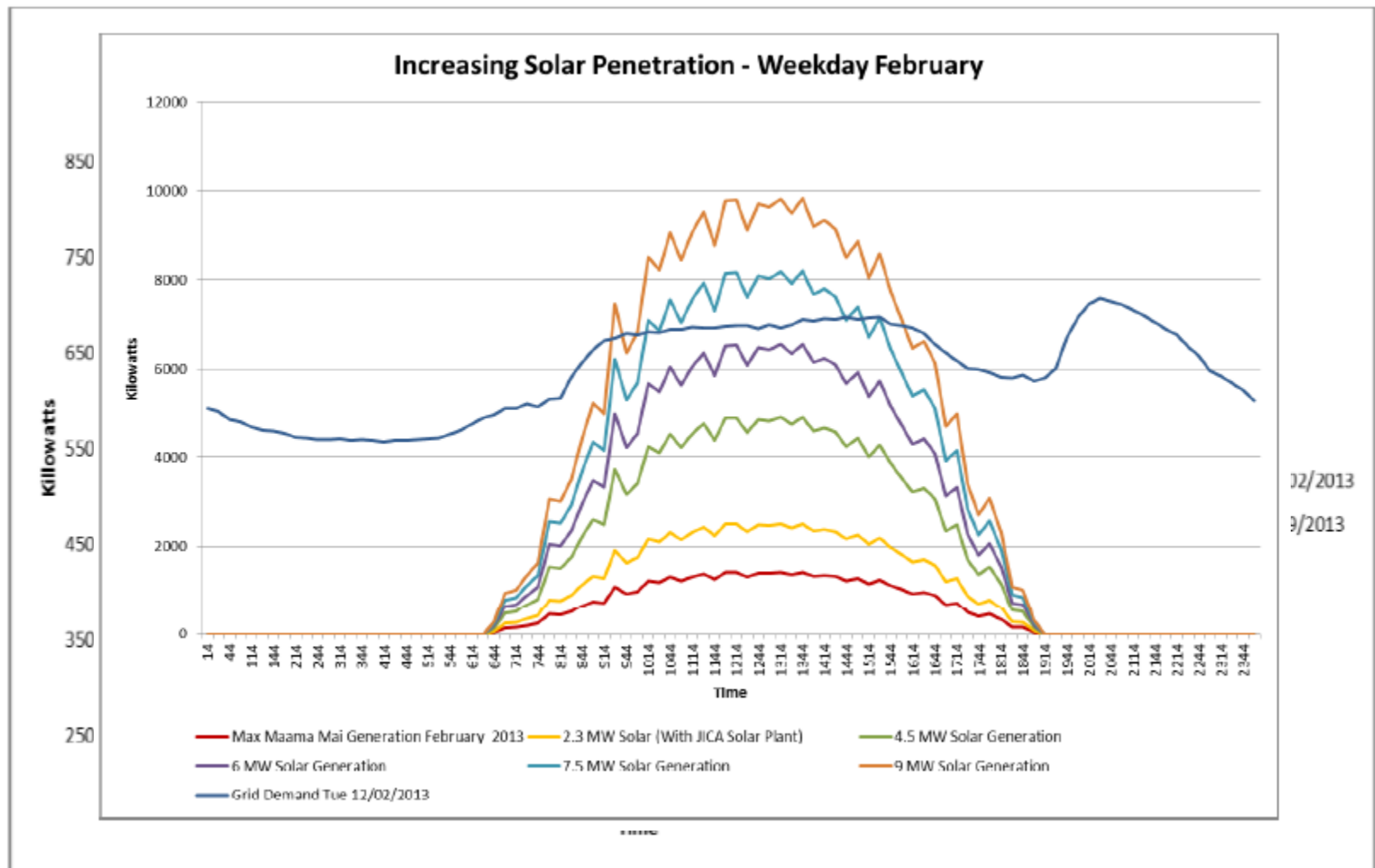
# National Energy Supply and Demand

50% Renewable by 2020 = 50% of **54** GWh = 27 GWh from RE

- **Tongatapu** – 15,000 customers, 8.4 MW Peak Demand, 16.4 MW Installed Capacity (13.8 MW Diesel, 2.6 MW Solar PV)  
**11,052,436 L/year p.a**      **47,138,891 kWh/year**      **4.26 kWh/L**
- **Vava'u** – 3,000 customers, 1.2 MW Peak Demand, 2.372 MW Installed Capacity (1.872 MW Diesel, 0.5 MW Solar PV)  
**1,137,333 L/year p.a**      **5,057,686 kWh/year**      **4.44 kWh/L**
- **Ha'apai** – 1,000 customer, 350 kW Peak Demand, 400 kW Installed Capacity (100% Diesel)  
**316,615 L/year p.a**      **1,202,045 kWh/year**      **3.79 kWh/L**
- **'Eua** – 1,000 customers, 300 kW Peak Demand, 400 kW Installed Capacity (100% Diesel)  
**318,399 L/year p.a**      **1,150,942 kWh/year**      **3.61 kWh/L**

# National Energy Supply and Demand

## ► Pattern of Demand and PV Penetration



# Long Term Renewable Energy Strategy

- ▶ Tonga Energy Road Map – *‘Reduce Tonga’s vulnerability to oil price shocks, and achieve an increase in quality access to modern energy services in an environmentally sustainable manner’*
- ▶ Tonga Power Limited – *‘To deliver nations core policy and remain financially sustainable. Safe, Reliable, Sustainable and Affordable Electricity’*
- ▶ Key Documents:– Electricity Act, Electricity Concession Contract



# Long Term Renewable Energy Strategy

## ► Potential of Renewable Energy and Status of Development

Project	Funder	Capacity (MW)	Benefits (s/kWh)	Completion
Maama Mai	NZ	1.4	1.5	Aug 2012
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Solar	Private	0.2	0.2	July 2012
Pole-top Solar	TPL	0.0175	0.01	Ongoing
TPL Micro Solar	TPL/ECOCAR E/Rotary	0.05	0.05	Feb 2013
TPL Micro Wind	TPL	0.011	0.04	May 2013
La'a Lahi	UAE	0.42	0.5	Nov 2013

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<b>Solar and Micro-controller Project</b>	<b>JICA</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>Feb 2015</b>
<b>Ha'apai Micro Turbine</b>	<b>TPL</b>	<b>0.011</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>June 2015</b>
<b>Outer Island Renewable Energy Project</b>	<b>ADB/DFAT</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>Mid 2016</b>
<b>TBU Wind</b>	<b>JICA/NZ</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Eua Biomass</b>	<b>TPL</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>2016 or 2017</b>

# Long Term Renewable Energy Strategy

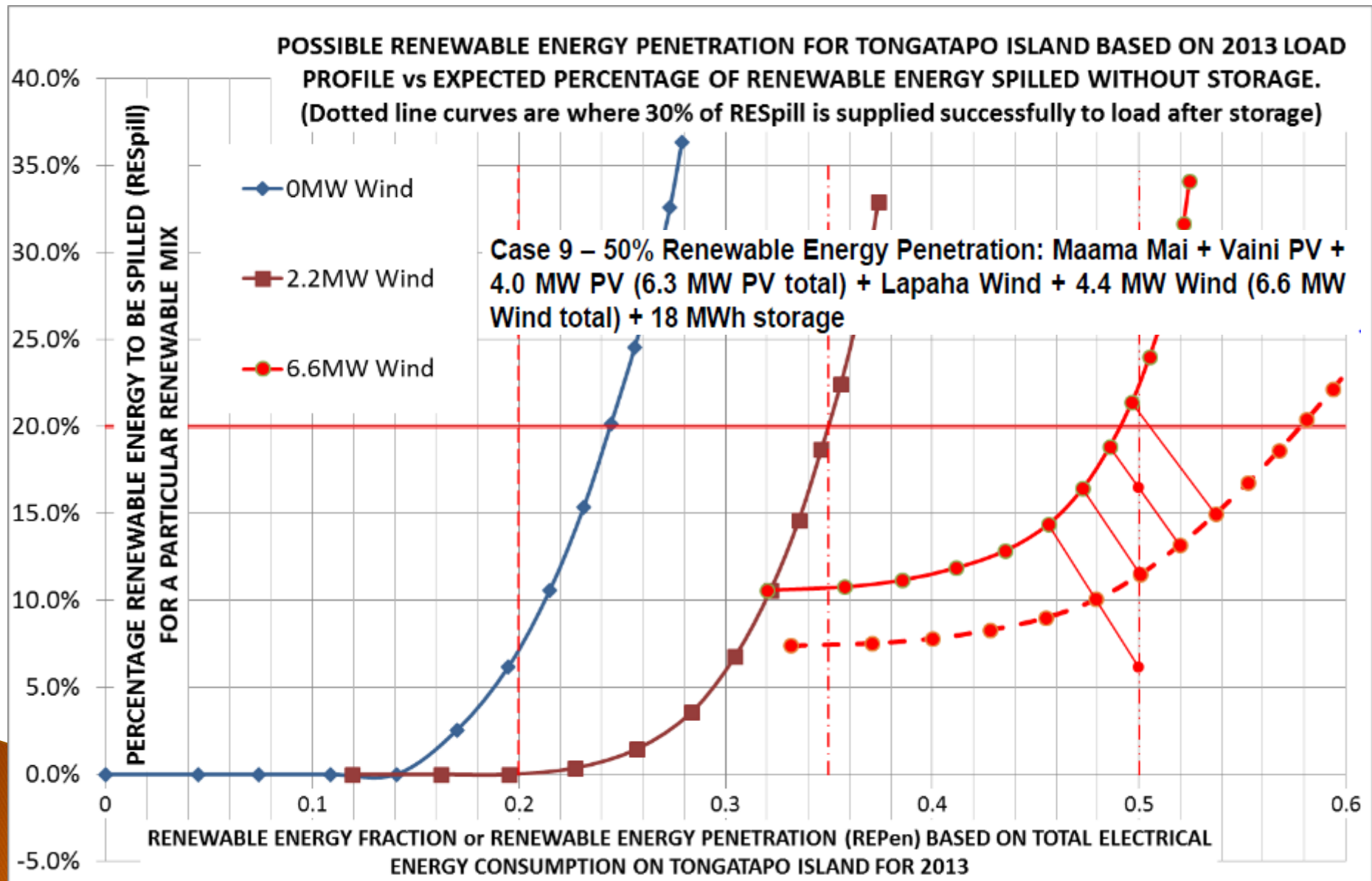
- ▶ Basic Data and Information
- ▶ Wind

Hub height [m]	Lapaha wind speed [m/s]	Niutoua wind speed [m/s]
55	6.89	7.45
45	6.50	6.72
38	6.19	6.16

- ▶ Solar

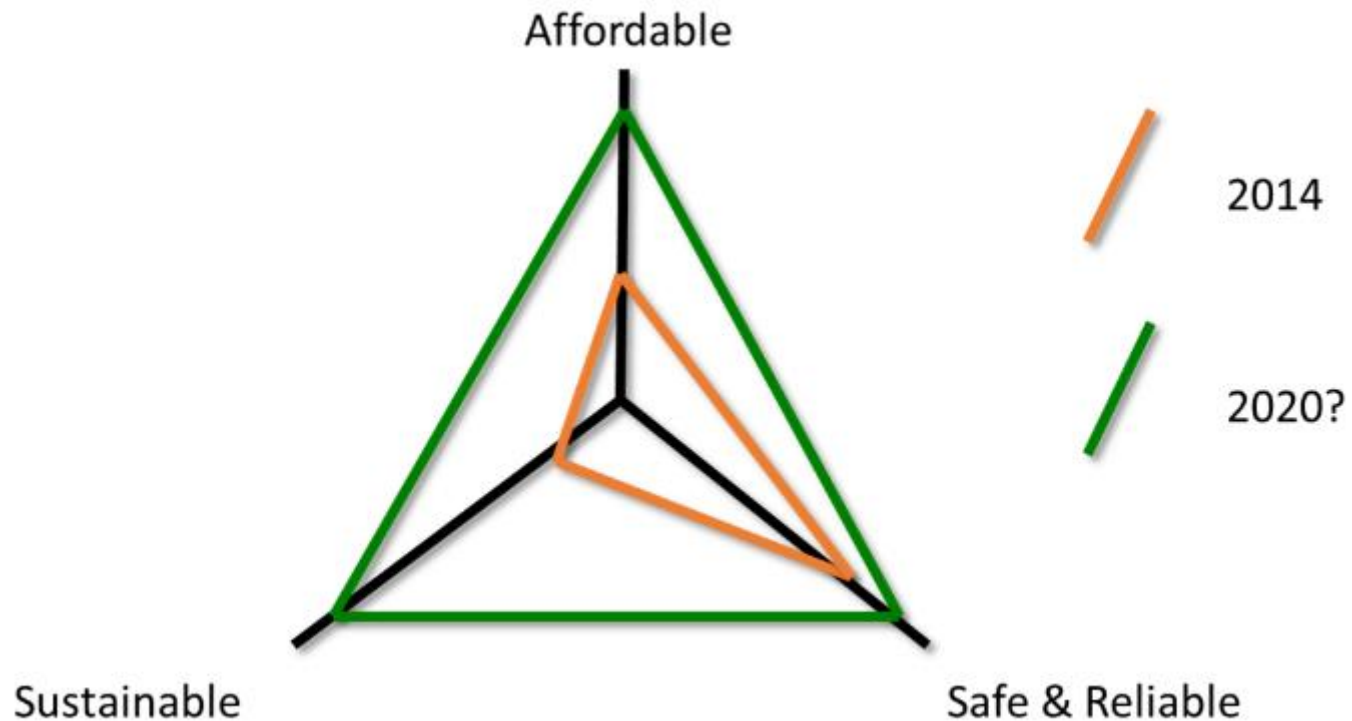
<i>Island system</i>	<i>Optimal tilt</i>	<i>Irradiation on the tilted plane kWh/m<sup>2</sup></i>
<i>Eua</i>	<i>22° N</i>	<i>1.878</i>
<i>Ha Apai</i>	<i>20° N</i>	<i>1.882</i>
<i>Vava u</i>	<i>19° N</i>	<i>1.876</i>
<i>Niuas</i>	<i>17° N</i>	<i>1.856</i>

# ► Tonga Power Ltd Hybrid System Plan to reach 50% Renewable Penetration by 2020





# Hybrid Power Generation Drivers



# ► Hybrid System Plan to reach 50% Renewable Penetration by 2020

Grid Stabilizer (Micro Grid Controller)  
(Battery, SCADA, Ring Topology)



Wind  
6.6 MW



Solar PV  
6.3 MW



Diesel &  
Biomass  
& Biofuels



Storage

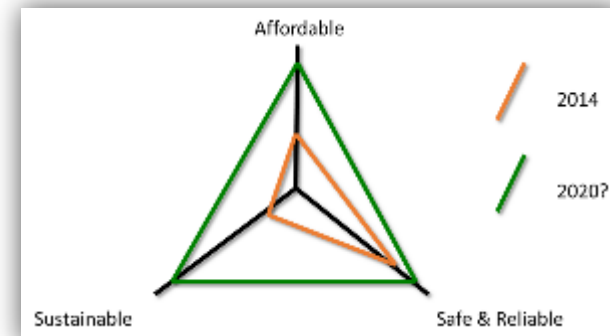
2.3MW  
(18 MWH)



50% RE – SAFE,  
RELIABLE,  
SUSTAINABLE,  
AFFORDABLE  
Electricity for  
the people of  
Tonga

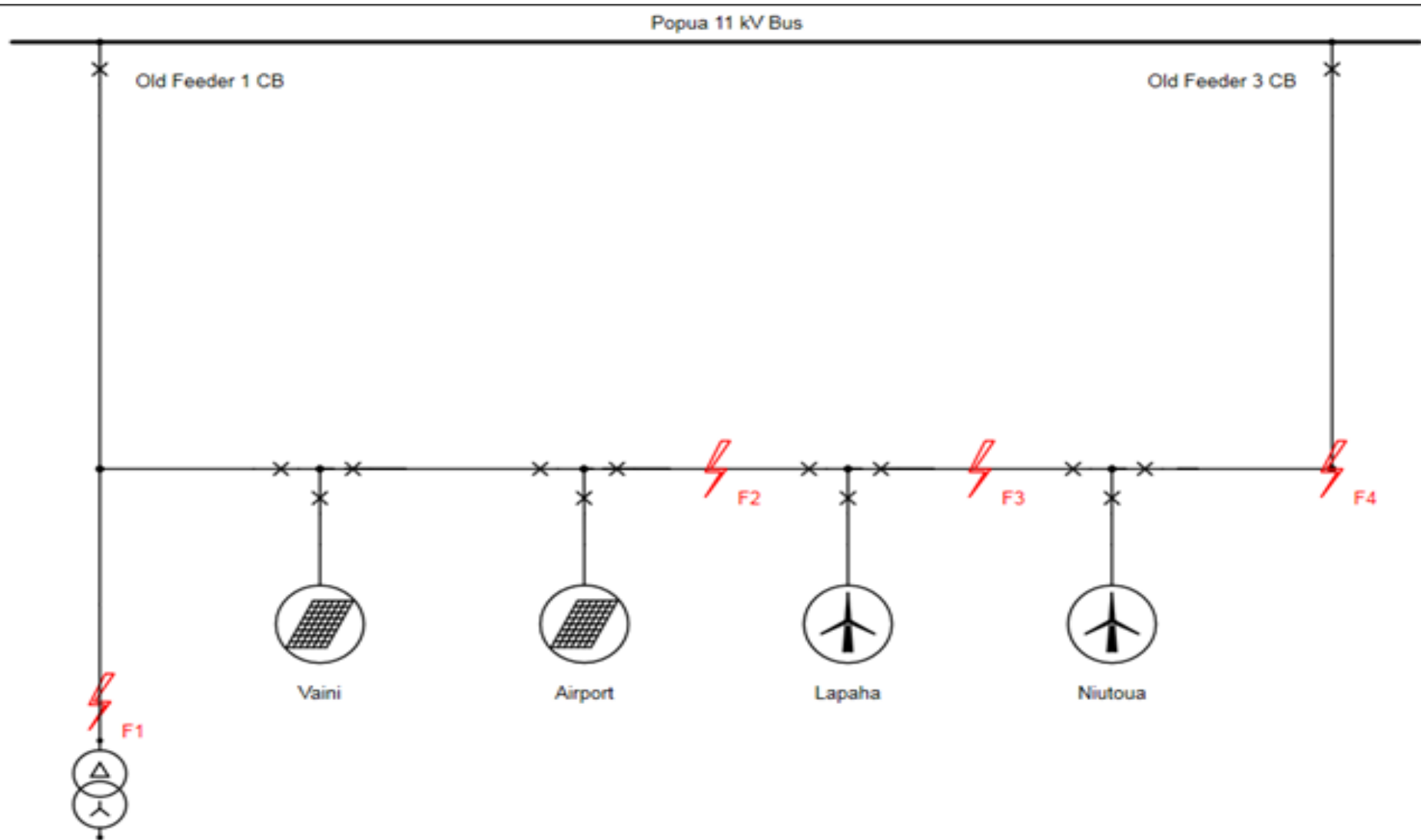
Size of spill (12% to 22%) is dictated by the:  
size of battery and fluctuation suppression

= 50% RE Penetration by 2020



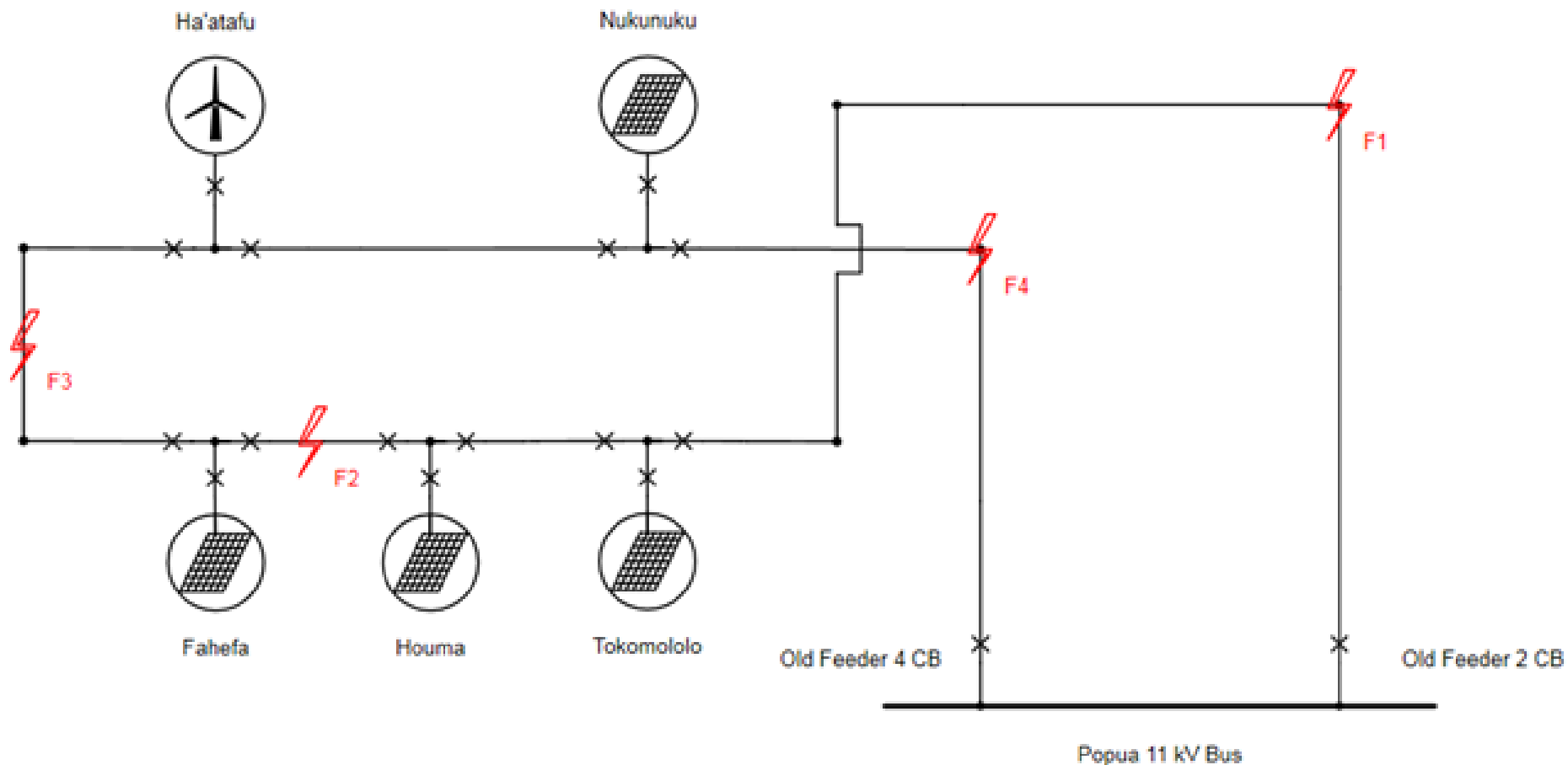
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# Hybrid Grid Ring Topology – Eastern



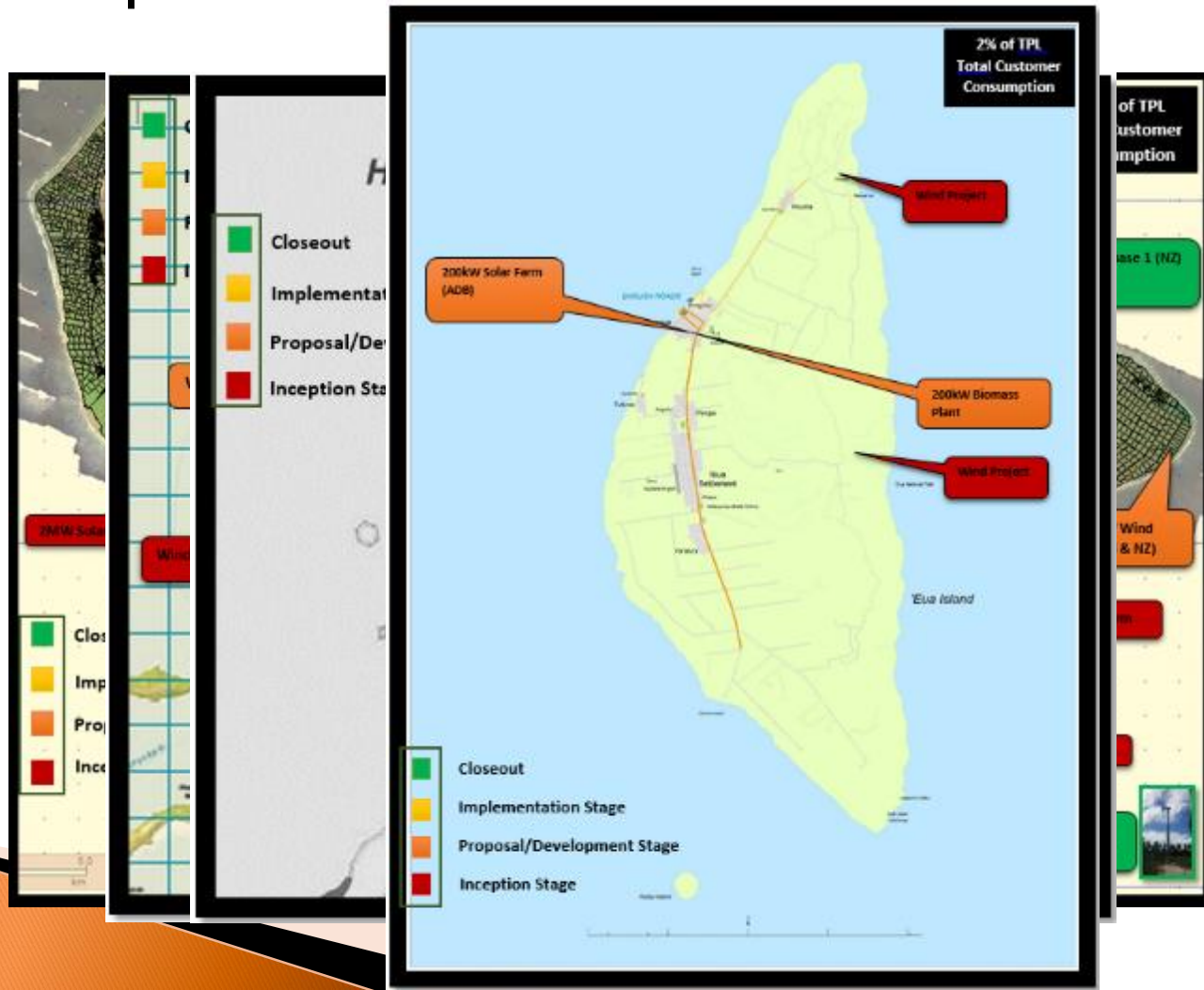


# Hybrid Grid Ring Topology – Western



# Long Term Renewable Energy Strategy

## ► Future plan of Renewable Energy Installation



# Conclusion

- ▶ Pacific Island Countries are susceptible to climate change due to lack of disaster resilience infrastructure with high energy costs
- ▶ HOMER Modelling shows it is possible for Tonga to reach 50% REpen by 2020 – Hybrid Renewable Generation System
- ▶ Combination of 6.6MW Wind Turbine (Retractable WT of PEC) and 6.3MW Solar PV with Micro Grid Stabiliser (Storage 2.3MW(18MWh)) = 50% RE
- ▶ Tonga to be a model Hybrid RE–Island in the pacific with the help of Development Partners like JICA & IRENA



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