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8 Abstract

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Since 2009, Singapore has set about implementing mitigation and energy 9 efficiency measures in key sectors to achieve unilaterally pledged reductions 10 in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 7-11% below business-as-usual (BAU) 11 levels in 2020. Carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions from fossil fuel-fired power 12 plants are a major focus for emissions abatement, with an expected reduction 13 of 4 Mt CO_2 from the electricity generation sector in 2020. In this paper, 14 we explore Singapore's various strategies in the electricity generation sector 15 to fulfil this target and use EnergyPLAN optimization model to assess the 16 impact of these strategies on CO_2 emissions from Singapore's electricity gen-17 eration sector through to 2020. A comparison of BAU scenario in 2020 (BAU 18 2020), 2020 target emissions reduction trajectory, and three emissions reduc-19 tion alternative policy scenarios (denoted APS-I, APS-II, and APS-III) is 20 carried out. The EnergyPLAN simulation results indicate that all the three 21 APS scenarios achieve the 2020 carbon emissions reduction target in Singa-22 pore's electricity generation sector. The results furthermore suggest that the 23 2020 electricity generation associated emissions reduction target can be met 24 through measures that are already available. Vulnerabilities are identified in 25 Singapore's electricity generation fuel mix and emission reduction strategies 26 beyond 2020 are outlined. 27

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