

Saudi Elec Adds 2,615 MW To Generation Capacity in 1H - Report

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The mainly state-owned utility Saudi Electricity Co. or SEC, said it has been able to add 2,615 megawatts of electric power to its power generation capacity in the first half of 2010 bringing its effective capacity to 40,496 MW, Saudi-based Al Riyadh daily says Saturday citing a SEC's report.

The additional capacity came from the company's gas-fired units, SEC said in the report, adding that the total 40,496 MW capacity included 607 MW from leased generation units, the paper says.

The quantity of power generated by SEC's plants grew 1.6% to 87,456 gigawatts in the first half compared with the same period a year earlier, it adds.

The maximum daily load reached 44,207 MW, up 10.4% from a year earlier, the report on SEC's performance during the first half, said according to the daily.

The number of SEC's subscribers increased over the period by more than 154,000 to about 5.84 million, the report said.