



# NUCLEAR ENERGY IN THE LOW-CARBON TRANSITION WITH INSIGHTS FROM ON-SITE EXPERIENCE

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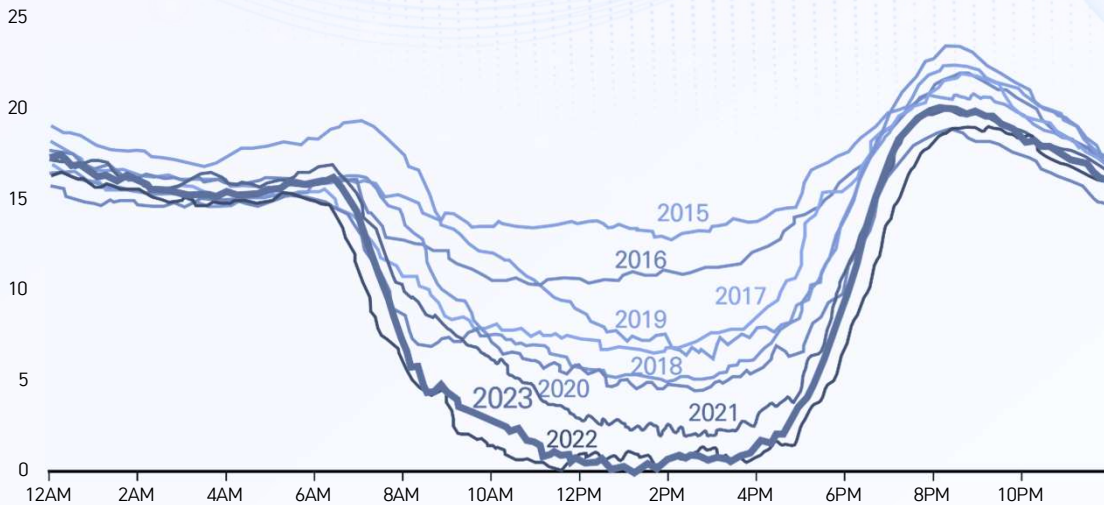
**05** SUGGESTION & CONCLUSION



- DUAL THREATS: CLIMATE CRISIS AND ENERGY SECURITY**

**Renewables are not enough to provide power 24/7  
An energy mix including nuclear is a must**

Lowest Net Load Days During Spring (Mar-May '15-'23, GW)

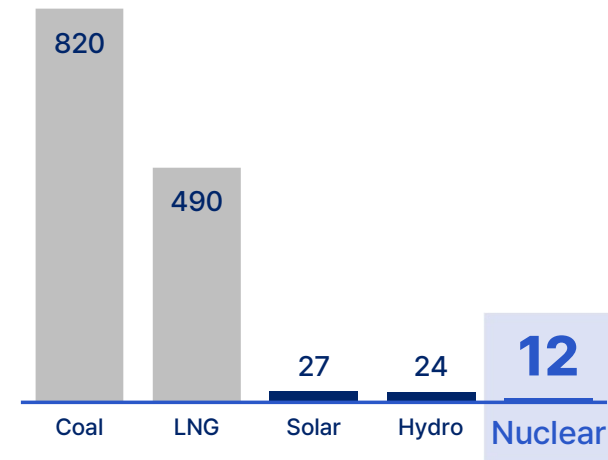


\*Source: As solar capacity grows, duck curves are getting deeper in California (EIA)

## The Choice for Net Zero

### CO2 Emissions per kWh Production

(Unit: g CO2eq/kWh)



\*Climate Change 2014 Mitigation of Climate Change (IPCC)

- **A TWO-TRACK STRATEGY**

## Short & Mid-Term

### Long-Term Operation

for an immediate decrease of  
carbon emissions

## Long-Term

### New builds

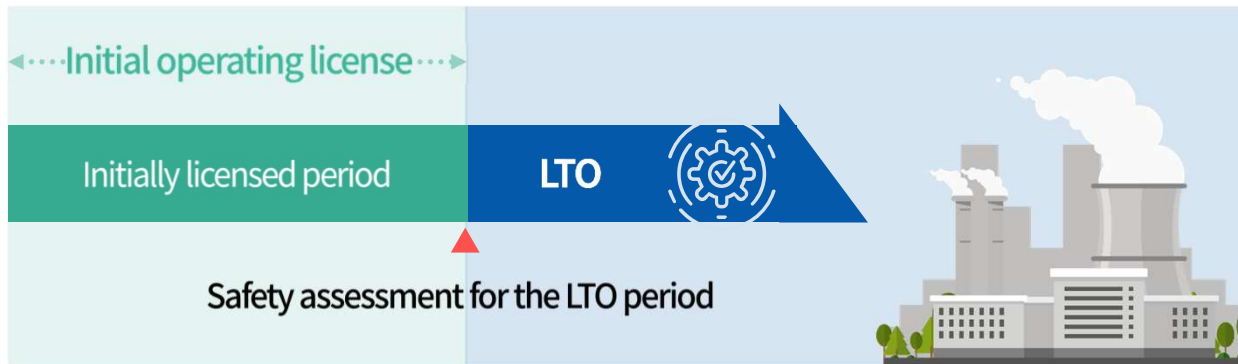
to set infrastructure for sustainable energy

**LTO and new builds for today's stability and tomorrow's security**

## LTO: THE FASTEST AND MOST EFFICIENT ENERGY TRANSITION

### Long Term Operation (LTO)

Continued operation of a nuclear reactor beyond its initially designed time frame by satisfying safety standards required by related statutes



Various Terms



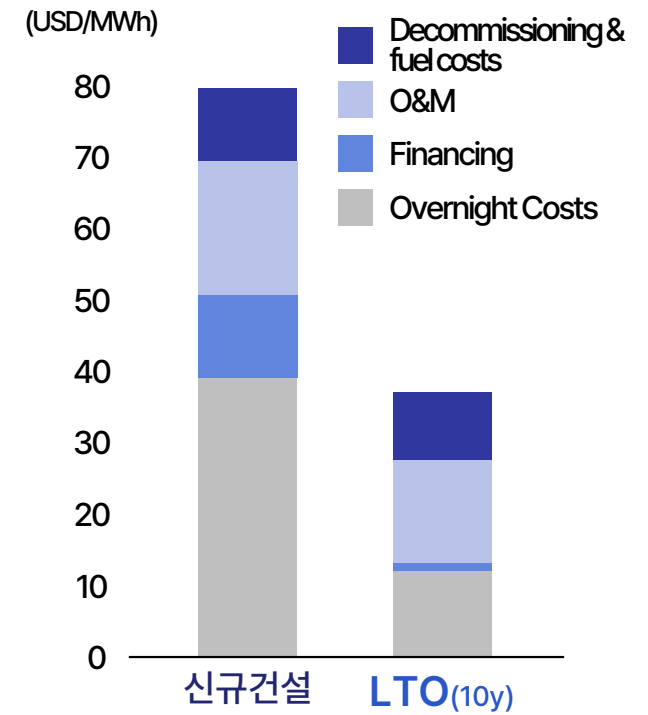
License Renewal  
**U.S.**

Continued Operation  
**U.K. and more**

Long Term Operation  
**IAEA**

Lifetime Extension  
**Others**

### LCOE: New Build v. LTO



## LTO AROUND THE WORLD



### Case of Korea

- ➔ (Kori Unit1) The first LTO in Korea. 10y of LTO after exceeding its 30-year design life in '07. Decommissioning in process
- ➔ (Kori Unit2) Initial operating license expired in '23. Restarted in March '26 after the approval by NSSC in '25 \* Nuclear Safety and Security Commission (NSSC)
- ➔ (Wolsong Unit1) A Canadian PHWR. LTO approved in '15 after its operating license expiration in '12
- ➔ In addition, Kori Units3,4 / Hanbit Units1,2 / Hanul Units 1,2 / Wolsong Units2,3,4 are preparing for LTO



### Cernavoda Unit 1



- ➔ Construction (retube, refurb), infrastructure and project management ('25-'30)
- ➔ Same type of reactor as Wolsong #1



### Case of USA



- ➔ ~90 reactors: LTO widely implemented
- ➔ Most units approved for 60-year operation
- ➔ 10+ units under review for 80-year operation

\* U.S. NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission)



### Case of France



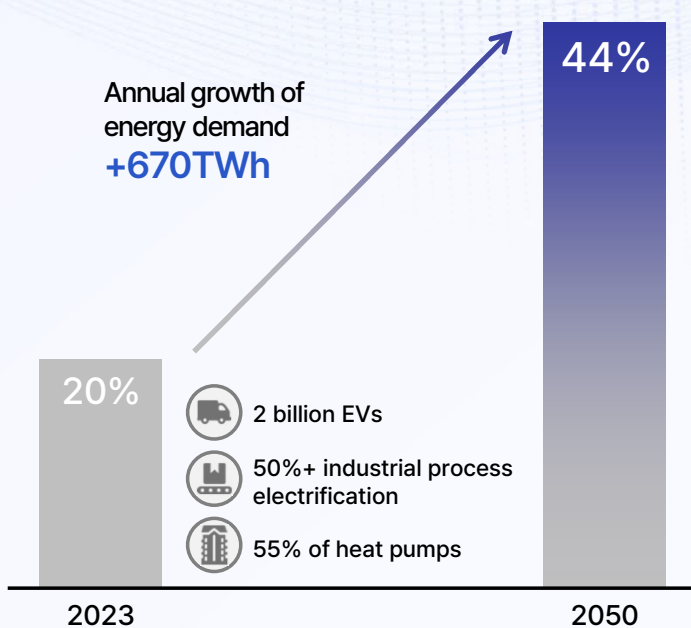
- ➔ ~56 reactors: majority targeting 50-year extension
- ➔ Nationwide LTO policy
- ➔ EDF-led Fleet-wide modernization

\* French ASN (Regulatory)

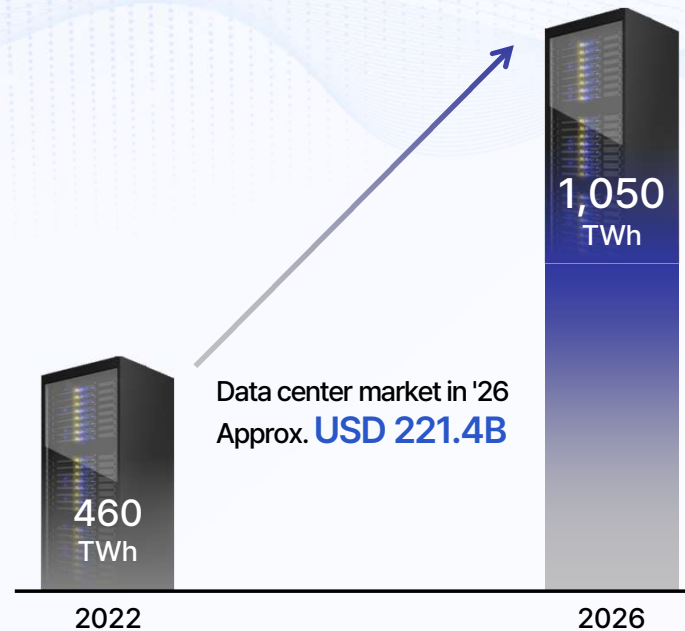
## NEW BUILDS: A SOLUTION FOR SURGING ENERGY DEMAND

### Nuclear is not an option, but a **must** in the era of AI and electrification

#### Electrifying Everything



#### Energy to Power Tech Giants



#### Nuclear Policy in Major Countries



+300GW by '50



+94 units or more by '35

+14 units by '50



+24GW by '50

+2 units by '35

+10 units by '45



Restart of 14 units

## RISK MANAGEMENT: WHY DOES IT MATTER WHO YOU PARTNER WITH

### Project Management Capability

- 50 years of experience
- 'On-time & Within budget' for BNPP
- The only NPP export project without delay within the OECD countries since '09



BNPP in UAE

### Key Strengths



### Price Competitiveness

Construction cost per unit (\$/kW)



➤ Source: WNA('21), Bloomberg('18) reports

### Value Chain

➤ KHNP is capable of managing the full scope of work for reactor projects with "Team Korea"



## CONFLICT MANAGEMENT BEYOND TECH CHALLENGES

### Anti-nuclear Civic Movement



Protests against nuclear in Taiwan

### The 4<sup>th</sup> NPP in Taiwan



Construction on halt due to opposition

### The Bataan NPP (The Philippines)



Construction stopped in '86 following the Chernobyl disaster (Progress: 98%)

**Social license: a necessary factor for stable project execution**

- **A SOCIAL LICENSE MODEL: Shin-Kori Unit 5 & 6**



**Moving beyond conflict to confidence:  
Transparent information disclosure &  
public deliberation**

## Public Deliberation for Shin-Kori #5 & 6

“ **Restart of construction** ”

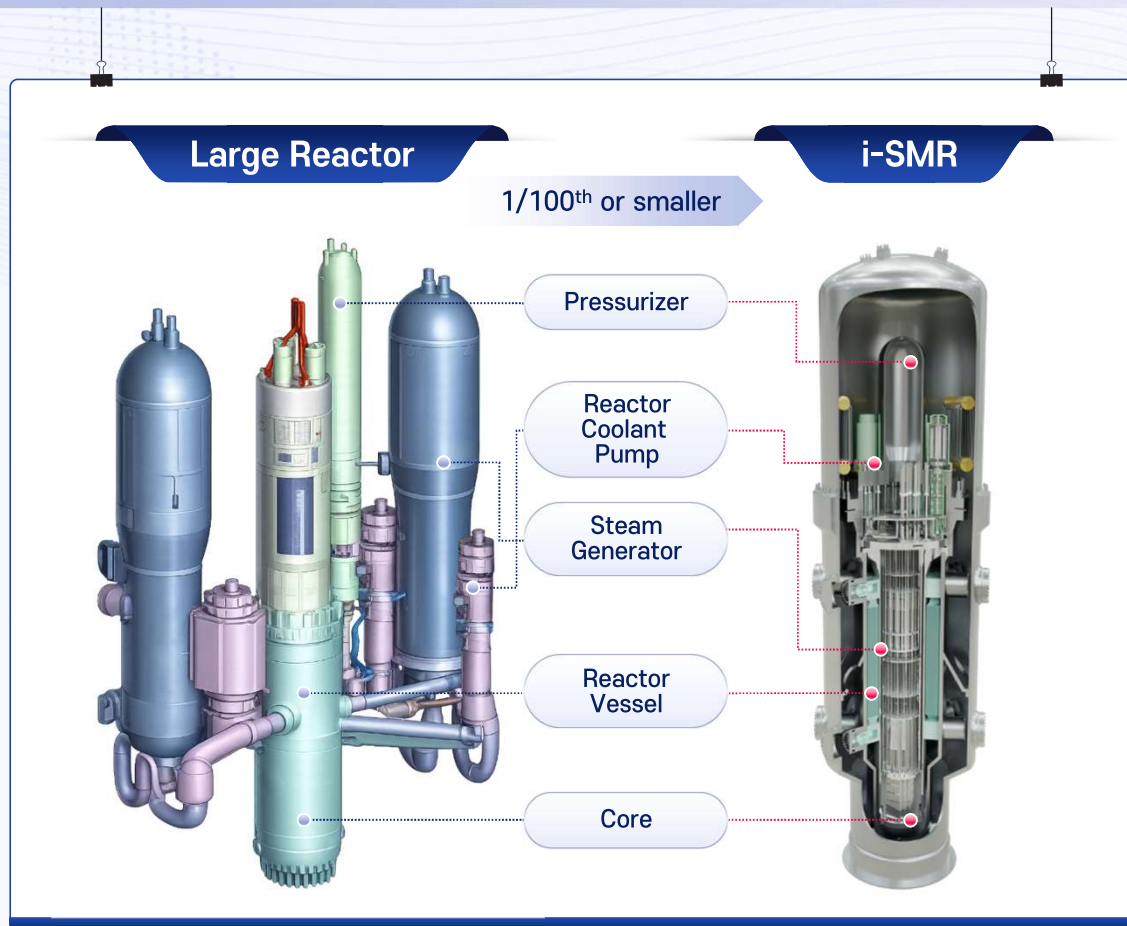


Policy recommendation

Deliberation of the citizen participation groups and the public

Launch of the Public Opinion Solicitation Committee for Shin-Kori #5 & 6

## • RISE OF A GAME CHANGER, SMR



### Economic Efficiency

- Low cost and short construction period
- Effectively responding to global carbon emission regulations, such as the EU CBAM

### Safety

- Zero severe accidents through an integrated reactor and fully passive safety design
- Minimizing spent fuel and radiation leakage

### Flexibility

- Complementing the intermittency of renewables
- Versatile applications: district heating (hot water supply), desalination, and hydrogen production

## • i-SMR AND GLOBAL MARKET TRENDS

### ● Global SMR Development Status

127+ SMR Designs in Global Development Race



출처 : The NEA Small Modular Reactor DASHBOARD (2025), Advanced in Small Modular Reactor Technology Development(2022), IAEA

### Development Status of i-SMR

Basic Design (2.5y)

SD (2.5y)

SDA(3y)

FOAK

2019-2023

2024

2025

2026

2027

2028

2029

2030



i-SMR

- Goal : SDA approval by 2028, FOAK operation in early 2030s
- Proprietary SMR Development & Business Partnerships

\* SDA : Standard Design Approval, FOAK : First Of A Kind

A worker in a white hard hat and blue uniform stands on a metal walkway, looking towards a large industrial facility. The facility includes a prominent white dome with blue wavy patterns, a large white cylindrical tank, and various pipes and structures under a clear blue sky.

**TRUE PARTNERS ARE THE ONES**

**who are ready to go through  
both success and failure together.**



# Q&A

