

Strategic Thinking on the Integrated Development of Hydro, Wind, and Solar Energy in the Yalong River Basin



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- Yalong Hydro, formerly known as the Ertan Hydropower Development Company, was established in 1989 and was renamed to Yalong River Hydropower Development Company, Ltd., in November 2012
- Main business: hydropower & new energy
- Responsible for the development of hydropower resources in the Yalong River Basin and the construction and management of the cascade hydropower stations on the River

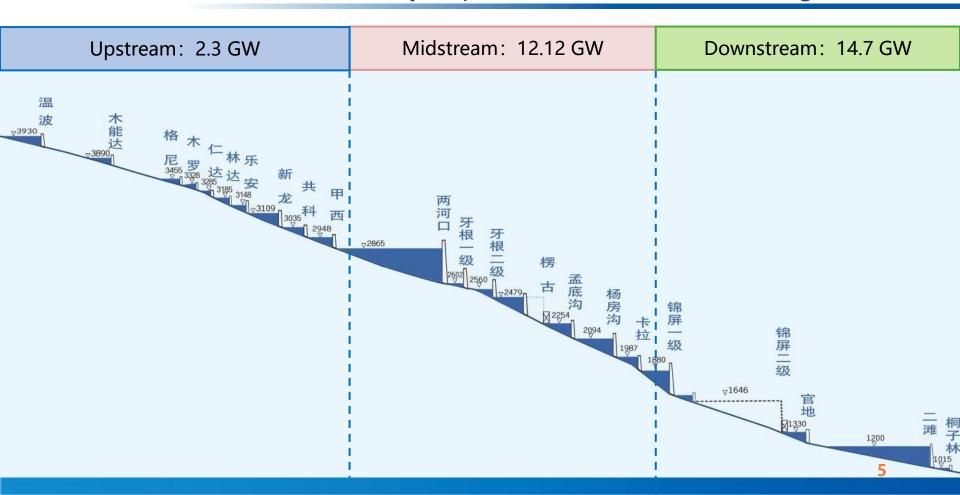


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Lianghekou, Jinping I, and Ertan have been established with a total regulated storage capacity of 14.8 billion m³. Their coordinated operation enables Yalong River cascade hydropower stations to have multiple-year regulation capabilities, generating even more electricity during low-flow periods than high-flow periods, making it the top-performing large river.





- ➤ Downstream: 'one reservoir and five stations' with a total installed capacity of 14.7 GW, including Jinping I, Jinping II, Guandi, Ertan, and Tongzilin Hydropower Stations.
- Midstream: 'one reservoir and seven stations' with a total capacity of 12.12 GW. Yangfanggou and Lianghekou are completed (4.5 GW), Kela, Mengdigou, Yagen I are under construction (3.72 GW).
- ➤ Upstream: 'one reservoir and ten stations' with a total capacity of approximately 2.3 GW.

  There is potential for expansion to around 4 GW.



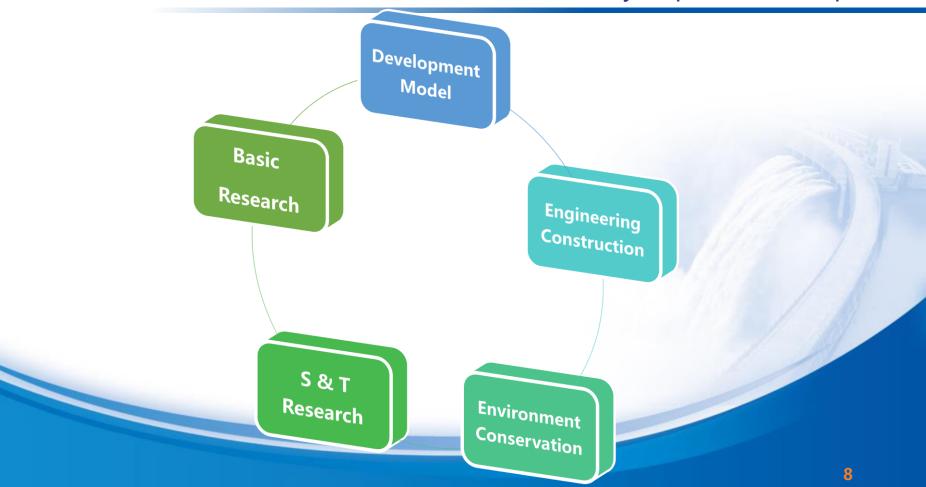








# (IV) Innovative Practices in Hydropower Development





In 2003 and 2012, the NDRC and NEA assigned the responsibility to the Yalong River Company for the development of water resources in the Yalong River Basin, marking the beginning of the "One Entity, One River" development model.



#### 国家能源局文件

国能新能[2012]257 号

#### 国家能源局关于澜沧江等流域水电开发 有关事项的通知

四川、西藏、云南省(区)发展改革委(能源局),中国华能集团公司、中国华电集团公司、国家开发投资公司,水电水利规划设计总统;

为了落实(国家能理局关于做好水电建设前期工作有关要求 的通知)(国能新能[2012]77 号)精神,加强水电行业管理,维护 开发建设秩序,保障水电建设健康有序发展,现将漏沧江等流域水 电建设前期工作有关事项通知如下;

一、根据流域梯级开发方针和流域统筹开发要求,以及相关河流(河段)前期工作情况,明确以下河流前期工作和开发建设主

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能集团公司控股的华能测沧江水电有限公司 克水能资源开发,梯级电站开发包括西藏昌者 目域外范围。

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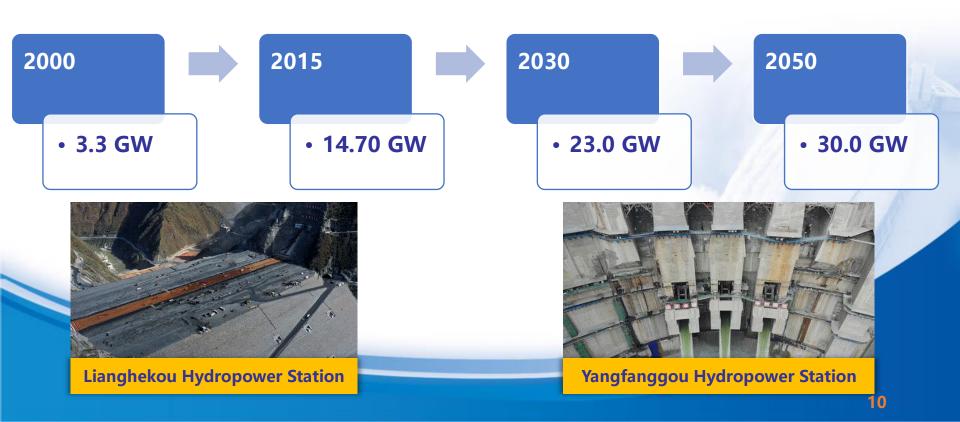
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流域水电前期工作有序开展,相关单位要按照 能新能[2012]77 号文件要求,严格水电建设前 电集团和流域公司要建立水电开发前期工作通 1期工作进展情况,通重大事项要及时报告。 准的,不得擅自开展项目勘测设计研究工作。 与批告由国家能源局,并任得相关主管部门的同

E前期工作质量,维护市场秩序,相关省(区)发 E校国家有关要求认真做好前期管理工作,统筹 工作,加强水电开发市场和前期工作质量的监



> The "Four-Stage" Strategic Development of Hydropower Resources





### The Tallest Dam - Jinping I Arch Dam (305 m)

- Tackled the challenges of constructing the tallest arch dam with safety and efficiency
- > Addressed complex geological conditions in the dam foundation
- > Significantly advanced the technological progress in extra-high arch dams worldwide







# The Largest and Deepest Hydraulic Tunnels - Jinping II (4.8 GW)

- Preventing rock bursts with extreme pressure of 100 MPa in the super-long headrace tunnel with the world's deepest overburden (2500 m)
- > Handling high-pressure and high-flow water surges
- Significantly advanced the technology for deep underground engineering worldwide







### The 3<sup>rd</sup>-highest Embankment dams- Lianghekou (295 m)

- Advancing Embankment dam construction technology to the 300 m level in China
- Promoting the design, construction, and management of high-altitude 300 m Embankment dams in Tibetan regions.







#### The 1st Domestic EPC Hydropower Project over 1 GW – Yangfanggou (1.5 GW)



Pioneered the EPC mode for the design and construction of large hydropower stations in China



#### 3. Environmental & Water Conservation Innovation

- Concept of "watershed coordination and harmonious development"
- > Explore a watershed development model that promotes harmonious coexistence between humans and nature







#### **Establishing Joint Fish Hatcheries**

— a multi-station collaborative approach, investing over ¥500 M to construct four fish hatcheries, covering the entire basin

锦屏地 鱼类殖 站







两口根类殖









All cascade hydropower stations in the downstream of the Yalong River have received national-level awards for ecological civilization.







Ertan - Environmental Friendly Project Award

Jinping I & II, Guandi, Tongzilin - National Soil and Water Conservation Ecological Civilization Project Award





#### Collaboration with the NNSFC to establish the Yalong River Joint Fund





(9000万元)

国家自然科学基金委员会 雅砻江流域水电开发有限公司 雅砻江流域水电开发有限公司加入 国家自然科学基金企业创新发展联合基金协议书 二〇二二年十一月

> 2022年: 雅砻江联合基金 (11250万元)

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#### 4. Scientific and Technological Research Innovation

### Postdoctoral Workstation & Engineering Special Advisory Team





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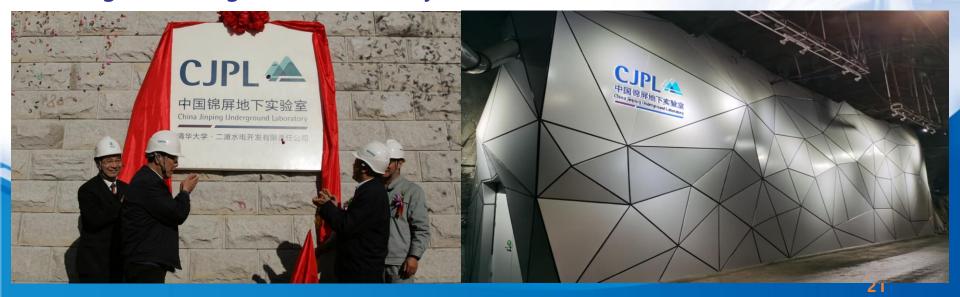








- > 2010: jointly established the China Jinping Underground Laboratory with Tsinghua University.
- ➤ 2017: jointly established "Ultra-Deep Underground Ultra-Low Radiation Background Frontiers in Physics Experimental Facility, " which is the largest underground laboratory worldwide.







> More than 10 research teams have successively joined to conduct scientific research. This has contributed to China's dark matter and nuclear astrophysics research,











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#### 5. Basic Scientific Innovation

# The experimental projects conducted at the Jinping Underground Laboratory:

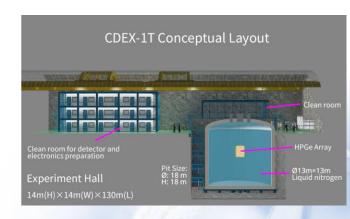
- CDEX (High-Purity Germanium + 0νbb Experiment)
- PandaX (Liquid Xenon Dark Matter + High-Pressure Gaseous Xenon 0vbb Experiment)
- Liquid Argon Dark Matter Experiment

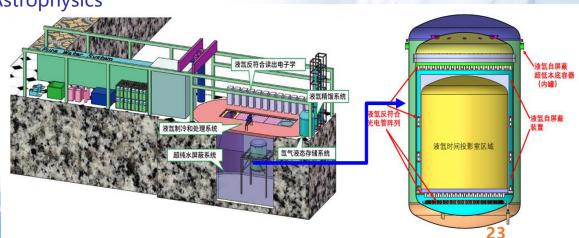
 JUNA (Jinping Underground Nuclear Astrophysics Experiment)

Neutrino Experiment

- Geomechanics Experiment
- Underground Biology Experiment
- Deep Medicine Research Experiment

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Since the start of the 14<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan period, the NEA has raised requirements such as "integrated renewable energy", and allocated resources to conduct integrated renewable energy planning and studies in key river basins.



国家能源局综合司关于开展全国主要流域 可再生能源一体化规划研究工作有关事项的通知

各省(自治区、直辖市)能源局,有关省(自治区、直辖市)及新 疆生产建设兵团发展改革委, 水电水利规划设计总院, 有关电力企

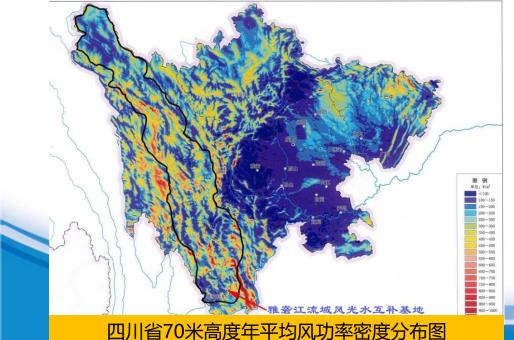
为落实《中共中央 国务院关于完整准确全面贯彻新发展理念 可再生能源一体化规划研究工作通知如下。

#### 一、研究思路

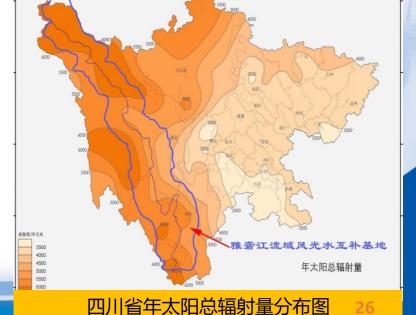
主要流域可再生能源一体化开发是指依托主要流域水电开发, 发电项目,建设可再生能源一体化综合开发基地,实现一体化资源 配置、规划建设、调度运行和消纳,提高可再生能源综合开发经济



➤ The Yalong River Basin has abundant hydropower, wind power, and solar resources, with a total capacity exceeding 80 GW. The potential wind and solar resources total over 40 GW, and the pumped storage capacity exceeds 10 GW.



区域风能资源等级多为2级



西部大部分属太阳能资源二类和三类地区



#### 1. Pursue the carbon peaking and neutrality goals and build a new power system

The 3 major control reservoirs in the Yalong River Basin have a total storage capacity of 24.3 B m<sup>3</sup>, and there is tremendous potential for the development of hydro, wind, and solar energy in a complementary manner. The base has been included in the national "14th Five-Year Plan", for building a new type of power primarily based system on energy.

#### 专栏 6 现代能源体系建设工程

#### 01 大型清洁能源基地

建设雅鲁藏布江下游水电基地。建设金沙江上下游、雅砻江流域、黄河上游和几字湾、河西走廊、新疆、冀北、松辽等清洁能源基地,建设广东、福建、浙江、江苏、山东等海上风电基地。

#### 02 沿海核电

建成华龙一号、国和一号、高温气冷堆示范工程,积极有序推进沿海三代核电建设。推动模块式小型堆、60万千瓦级商用高温气冷堆、海上浮动式核动力平台等先进堆型示范。建设核电站中低放废物处置场,建设乏燃料后处理厂。开展山东海阳等核能综合利用示范。核电运行装机容量达到7000万千瓦。

#### 03 电力外送通道

建设白鹤滩至华东、金沙江上游外送等特高压输电通道,实施闽粤联网、川渝特高压交流工程。研究论证陇东至山东、哈密至重庆等特高压输电通道。

#### 04 电力系统调节

建设桐城、磐安、泰安二期、浑源、庄河、安化、贵阳、南宁等抽水蓄能电站,实施电化学、压缩空气、飞轮等储能示范项目。开展黄河梯级电站大型 储能项目研究。

#### 05 油气储运能力

新建中俄东线境内段、川气东送二线等油气管道。建设石油储备重大工程。 加快中原文 23、辽河储气库群等地下储气库建设。 27



#### 2. A major initiative to ensure national energy security

After the completion of the entire base, it will generate approximately 200 B kW·h of electricity annually, providing a huge quantity of high-quality and stable clean renewable energy for East China, Central China, and the Sichuan-Chongqing region.





#### 3. A major initiative for "Lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets"

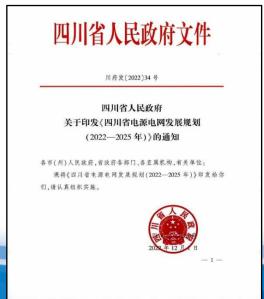
The Integrated Demonstration Base will produce 100% clean and renewable energy. When the base is fully completed, it will generate over 200 B kW·h green electricity annually, which is equivalent to reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by approximately 150 M tons per year.





- 4. A major initiative for the national and Sichuan Province's "14th Five-Year Plan"
- One of the nine major clean energy bases designated by the nation
- One of the bases with integrated water, wind, and solar energy identified for accelerated building in Sichuan Province









#### 5. Driving regional economic and social development & helping ethnic areas achieve revitalization

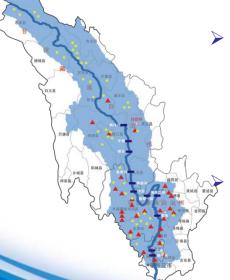


The development and construction of the Yalong River Basin, which flows through the Tibetan region of the western Sichuan Plateau and the Yi Autonomous Prefecture of Liangshan, is a key battleground for China's poverty alleviation efforts. The development of the base will bring significant direct investment, effectively driving economic and social development, and will contribute to promoting rural revitalization in ethnic areas.



### (III) Main Advantages of Integrated Development

1. "One entity, one river" approach can effectively coordinate and optimize resource utilization, enhancing the economic viability of new energy projects.



Improving resource utilization
efficiency, accelerating
construction and saving on
investments
Unified management to
improve efficiency

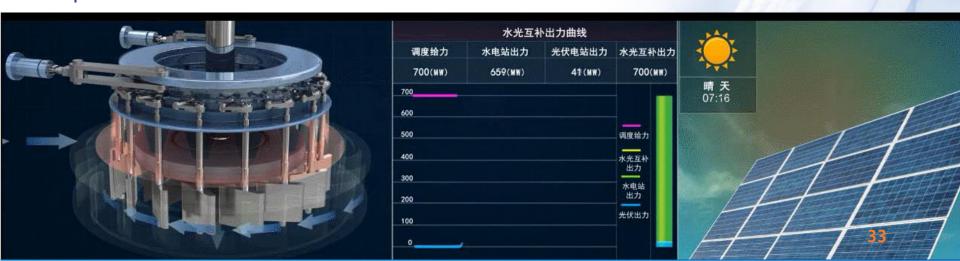




#### (III) Main Advantages of Integrated Development

2. Hydropower stations have excellent regulation performance, which enhances the stability of new energy output.

The three major control reservoirs have a total regulation capacity of 14.8 B m³ and the installed capacity has reached 19.2 GW, providing significant regulation capacity for the development of wind and solar energy and enhances the grid's capacity to integrate wind and solar power.





#### (III) Main Advantages of Integrated Development

3. Hydropower has abundant transmission lines, improving the reliability of

accommodating new energy sources.

- Yalong River basin have already established the Jinshu DC and Yazhong DC transmission projects, with the capacity to transmit 15 GW of hydropower and renewable energy electricity from the middle and lower reaches of the Yalong River.
  - Sichuan-Chongqing Ultra-High Voltage AC project will primarily collect clean energy from the upper and middle reaches of the







1. Enhancing top-level design and continuously updating the plans to advance the clean energy demonstration base in the basin.

In 2015, Yalong Hydro conducted resource surveys and preliminary planning for the base while actively coordinating with relevant authorities at the national and Sichuan province levels to reach consensus and promote the inclusion of the demonstration base planning in the "13<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan" for both national and provincial development.













At the beginning of the 14th Five-Year Plan, efforts continued to promote the inclusion of the demonstration base planning in the national "14th Five-Year Plan" and the "2035 Vision Outline". The concept and technical approach of integrated water, wind, and solar energy development gradually evolved into a national strategy and industry requirement, gaining widespread recognition and becoming one of the primary approaches.





- ➤ The National Energy Administration has mandated the research on integrated planning for renewable energy in major river basins nationwide.
- At present, the planning of the integrated demonstration base for hydro, wind and solar energy in the Yalong River basin has been completed.

#### 国 家 能 源 局

国家能源局综合司关于开展全国主要流域可再生能源一体化规划研究工作有关事项的通知

各省(自治区、直辖市)能源局,有关省(自治区、直辖市)及新疆生产建设兵团发展改革委,水电水利规划设计总院,有关电力企业。

为落实《中共中央 国务院关于完整准确全面贯彻新发展理念做好碳达峰碳中和工作的意见》《国务院关于印发 2030 年前碳达峰行动方案的通知》《中华人民共和国国民经济和社会发展第十四个五年规划和 2035 年远最目标纲要》以及《"十四五"可再生能源贫展规划》等,推进可再生能源高质量跃升发展,加快可再生能源替代行动进程,促进碳达峰碳中和目标实现,现就开展全国主要流域可再生能源一体化规划研究工作通知如下。

#### 一、研究思路

主要流域可再生能源一体化开发是指依托主要流域水电开发, 充分利用水电灵活调节能力和水能资源,兼顾具有调节能力的火 电,在合理范围内配套建设一定规模的以风电和光伏为主的新能源 发电项目,建设可再生能源一体化综合开发基地,实现一体化资源 配置、规划建设、调度运行和消纳,提高可再生能源综合开发经济



#### (IV) Accelerating the Integrated Development

### 2. Solidifying the fundamentals of development theory and practice for base development.

- > Advancing the construction of the clean energy base in the Yalong River and promoting its intelligent transformation and upgrading. The following issues were proposed to be addressed in the third Yalong River Joint Fund:
- Complementary Green and Clean Renewable Energy Development Technology in Large-scale Basin
- Key Technologies for the Intelligent Construction and Operation of Large-scale Basin Hydropower Projects

| 研究方向                        | 研究内容  |    |
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| 大型流域水风光储互补绿色清洁<br>可再生能源开发技术 | <ul><li>(1) 先进风力和光伏发电</li><li>(2) 可再生能源制氢/储氢及氢能综合利用</li><li>(3) 适应新型电力系统的新型储能系统</li><li>(4) 流域水风光储多能互补清洁能源基地建设与运营</li></ul>   |    |
| 大型流域水电工程智能建设与运<br>行关键技术     | (1) 水电工程智能建造和质量控制<br>(2) 工程建设现场智能安全管控<br>(3) 水电工程运行性态智能监控<br>(4) 库区及枢纽区地质灾害智能监控<br>(5) 水电工程水下智能检测及修复<br>(6) 流域水资源智能精细化预测与多目标调度<br>(7) 水电站机电设备/发电机组智能监控<br>(8) 水电站安全智能管控 | 38 |



#### (IV) Accelerating the Integrated Development

- Strategic cooperation with Huawei and collaborating with Jinfeng Technology to establish a wind energy standardized observation site
- Participated in a sub-project of the national key research and development program





During the 14th Five Year Plan period, Yalong Hydro actively promoted the construction of hydro, wind and solar integration demonstration projects.

- June 2022, the Laba Mountain Wind Power Project (258 MW) has started construction
- ➤ July 2022, the Phase I Solar Project (1 GW) of the Lianghekou Hydro and Solar Complementary Project has started construction
- ➤ Nov. 2022, the Jinping Hydro and Solar Complementary Solar Project (1.17 GW) has been filed for approval

# 四川省发展和改革委员会文件 川发政能源〔2021〕482 号 四川省发展和改革委员会 关于凉山州德昌县腊巴山风电项目核准的批复





On June 25, 2023, the first phase of the largest and highest-altitude solar-hydro complementary project in the world, the Kela Solar Power Station, was officially put into operation and began generating electricity.

This significant event received extensive media coverage, with reporting from China Central Television news.





#### (V) Green And Low-carbon Development

Eight key pumped storage power stations will serve as the regulation power sources for the integrated development of hydro, wind, and solar energy resources in the Yalong River basin.

- ➤ In December 2022, the Lianghekou Hybrid Pumped Storage Power Station (1.2 GW) received approval and commenced construction in the same month.
- ➤ The Daofu Pumped Storage Power Station (1.8 GW) is currently advancing preconstruction work and is about to receive approval for construction.

## 四川省发展和改革委员会文件

川发改能源[2022]714号

四川省发展和改革委员会 关于雅砻江两河口混合式抽水蓄能电站 项目核准的批复



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# 1. Accelerating the large-scale development of clean energy and exploring innovative hydro-wind-solar integrated development model

The "14th Five-Year Plan" mandates the creation of clean energy bases like the Yalong River, Upper Jinsha River, and Lower Jinsha River. Through integrated hydrowind-solar development within the basin, leveraging hydropower's energy storage capabilities, it aims to efficiently scale and seamlessly integrate wind and solar resources. This approach transforms intermittent renewables into high-quality electricity, aiding China's large-scale clean energy development.

To prevent fragmented development and maximize resource use, it's recommended to innovate hydro-wind-solar integrated development mode, improving efficiency and serving as a model for rapid, high-quality renewable energy growth.



## 2. Accelerating the construction of the power grid to promote the coordinated development of generation and transmission

China's uneven clean energy distribution, characterized by a mismatch between generation and consumption, coupled with a grid structure of long-distance transmission and weak links, leads to curtailment issues in specific regions. With the rapid expansion of integrated hydro-wind-solar projects nationwide, efficient transmission line planning and construction are paramount.

Adhering to the "Three-in-One" principle, encompassing integrated hydro-wind-solar bases, hydropower regulation capacity, and transmission lines, it is crucial to identify consumption markets for these bases. Simultaneously, synchronized planning for power generation and the electricity grid ensures coordinated design and efficient renewable energy utilization.

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In the development of hydropower in the Yalong River basin, Yalong Hydro has explored and established the development model of "one entity, one river." It has accumulated rich experience in the coordinated development and utilization of cascade hydropower stations in the basin.

In this new development stage, the integration of renewable energy sources, primarily hydro, wind, and solar, is the path to achieving high-quality development of renewable energy. Yalong Hydro continues to expand the concept of "one entity, one river" and will further promote the construction of the integrated water-wind-solar demonstration base, making greater contributions to the development of clean energy in China.



