VANUATU MONTHLY ENERGY MARKET SNAPSHOT FOR MAY 2026

Overview of the Month

This report provides an overview of the Vanuatu electricity market for regulated electricity utilities for May 2026.

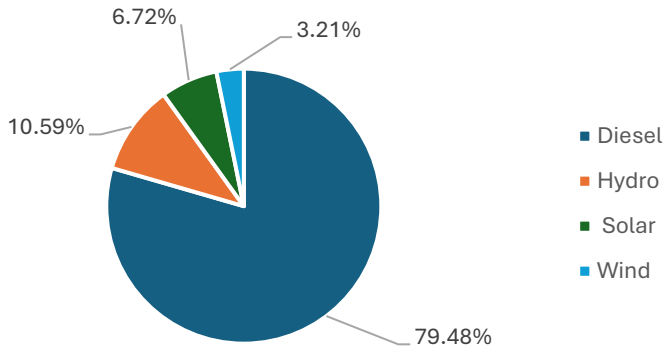
During the reporting period, total electricity generation decreased, while power invoiced increased significantly. Diesel remained the dominant source of on-grid electricity generation, while renewable energy (RE) generation recorded a slight increase over the month. Meanwhile, fuel prices in Port Vila and Santo increased significantly.

The applicable electricity tariffs during the reporting month were 62.91 vatu/kWh for UNELCO, 55.89 vatu/kWh for VUI, 67.00 vatu/kWh for VANPAWA, and 67.00 vatu/kWh for the Wintua and Lorlow electricity cooperatives, respectively.

Electricity Source

Figure 1 presents the breakdown of electricity generation sources used by the regulated utilities during the reporting month. As shown in Figure 1, diesel remained the primary source of on-grid electricity generation, accounting for 79.48% of total generation. Hydropower generation from Sarakata (Santo), Brenwei (Malekula), and Talise (Maewo) hydro plants contributed 10.59% of total generation. Solar generation from installations in Efate, Luganville (Santo), and Lorlow/Wintua (Malekula) accounted for 6.72%, while wind generation on Efate contributed the remaining 3.21%.

Figure 1: Electricity Sources for May 2026



Electricity Generation by Area

Table 1 below shows the total electricity produced (kWh), diesel usage (liters) and the percentage contribution of each generation source in each service area.

Table 1: Generation Mix by Electricity Grid

May-26	Efate	Luganville, Santo	Malekula- Lakatoro*	Tanna*	Ambae	Vanua Lava	Maewo	Lorlow & Wintua, Malekula
Total kWh Produced	6,057,186	1,130,206	119,839	123,978	22,549	10,641	7,400	7,393
Litres of diesel used	1,294,020	132,261	2,169	50,150	6,375	4,191	-	430
Diesel %	88.0%	40.4%	6.3%	98.8%	75.9%	100%	-	37.3%
Hydro %	-	59.5%	94%	-	-	-	100%	-
Solar %	8.1%	0.1%	-	1.2%	24.1%	-	-	62.7%
Wind %	4.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Copra oil %	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

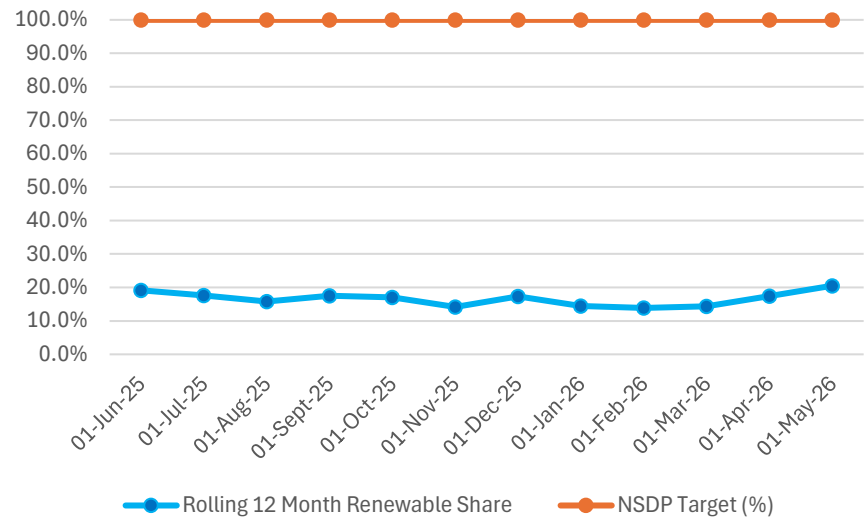
Renewable Energy Generation

Figure 2 on the right shows the 'Rolling 12 Month Renewable Share'[1] against the 2030 NSDP target for Vanuatu.

According to the graph (Figure 2), this month's renewable energy share is 16%. Meaning that across the period from May 2025 to April 2026, only 16% of electricity generation is produced by renewable sources.

In comparision with the National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP) target of achieving 100% renewable energy for electricity generation, the data shows that current renewable energy use falls short of the target by 84%.

Figure 2: Renewable Electricity Progress vs NSDP Target

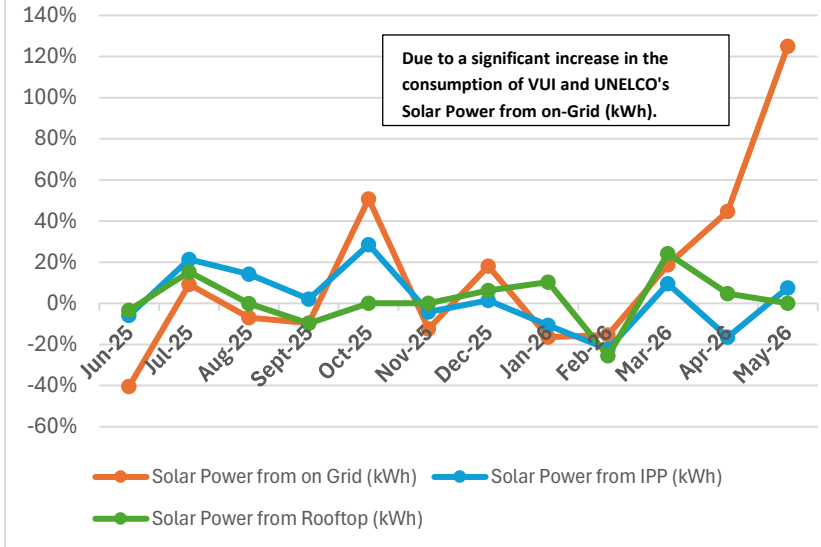


Solar power production by type

Figure 3 shows grid-connected solar performance for the month. Utility-scale solar and IPP solar increased significantly by 125% and 8%, respectively from the previous month.

In 2024, the Authority introduced a Solar Connection Charge for VUI customers with grid-tied solar photovoltaic (PV) systems that are connected to the electricity network for backup but do not export excess electricity back to the grid (zero-export grid-tied solar PV systems). This charge was introduced in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Supply Act and the URA Act.

Figure 3: Movement of Solar power production by type



As of this reporting month, rooftop solar generation remains unchanged from the previous month.

[1] The Rolling 12 Month Renewable Share was obtained to measure the long-term progress toward the national renewable energy targets since it reflects sustained performance rather than isolated monthly results.

Number of customers

Table 2 outlines the number of customers in different electricity network in Vanuatu.

Table 2: Customer numbers per electricity network area

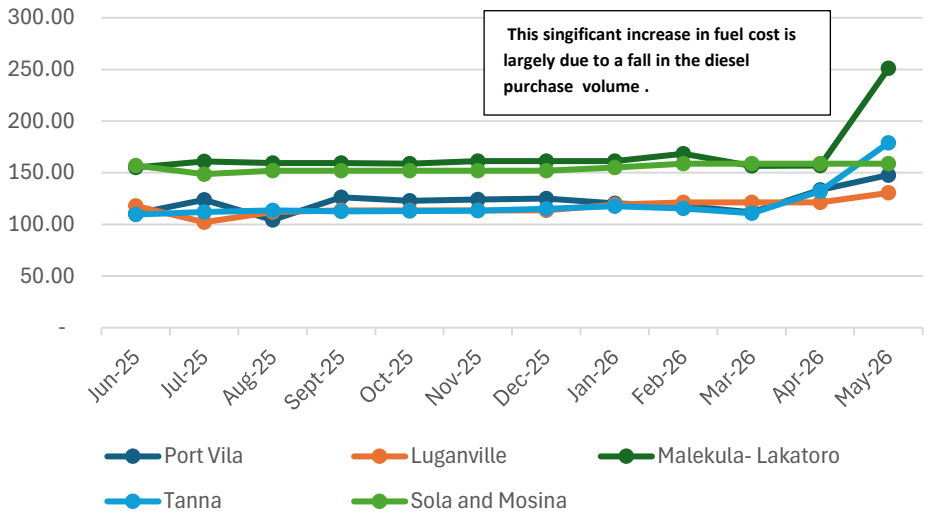
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Electricity Network	Efate	Luganville, Santo	Malekula- Lakatoro*	Tanna*	Ambae	Vanua Lava	Maewo	Lorlow & Wintua, Malekula
Total Active Customers	18,156	4,544	1,111	1,241	181	158	255	79

Fuel cost index

Figure 4, on the right, illustrates the fuel price index trend, reflecting movements in diesel prices per litre from June 2025 to May 2026. The index uses January 2020 as the base period (January 2020 = 100), corresponding to the period from which operational data became consistently available across the regulated electricity service areas.

During the reporting month, fuel prices in Port Vila and Santo increased significantly by 10.7% and 7.6%, respectively.

Figure 4: Fuel Price Index

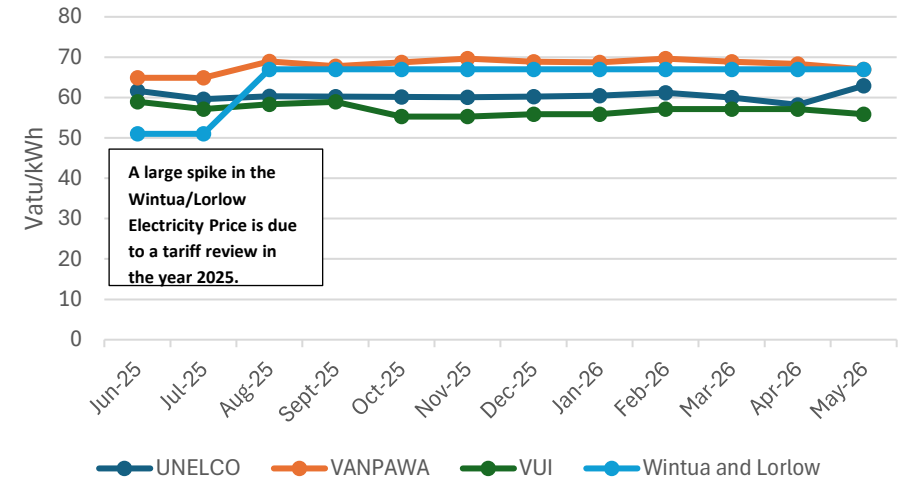


Electricity Price

During the reporting month, the applicable tariffs for the regulated utilities were 62.91 vatu/kWh, 55.89 vatu/kWh, 67.00 vatu/kWh, and 67.00 vatu/kWh for UNELCO[2], VUI[3], VANPAWA[4], and the Wintua/Lorlow electrical cooperatives[5], respectively.

UNELCO's actual operational parameters from the current reporting month are typically used to calculate the applicable electricity tariff for the following month.

Figure 5: Electricity Price



[2] Union Electrique du Vanuatu, <<UNELCO Engie>>, supplies electricity in Port Vila

[3] Vanuatu Utilities & Infrastructure Limited supplies electricity in Luganville and Port Olry (Santo), Sola & Mosina (Vanua Lava), Saratamata, Lolowai & Longana (Ambae) and Talise (Maewo).

[4] Vanuatu National Power and Water Authority-operating in Tanna and Malekula.

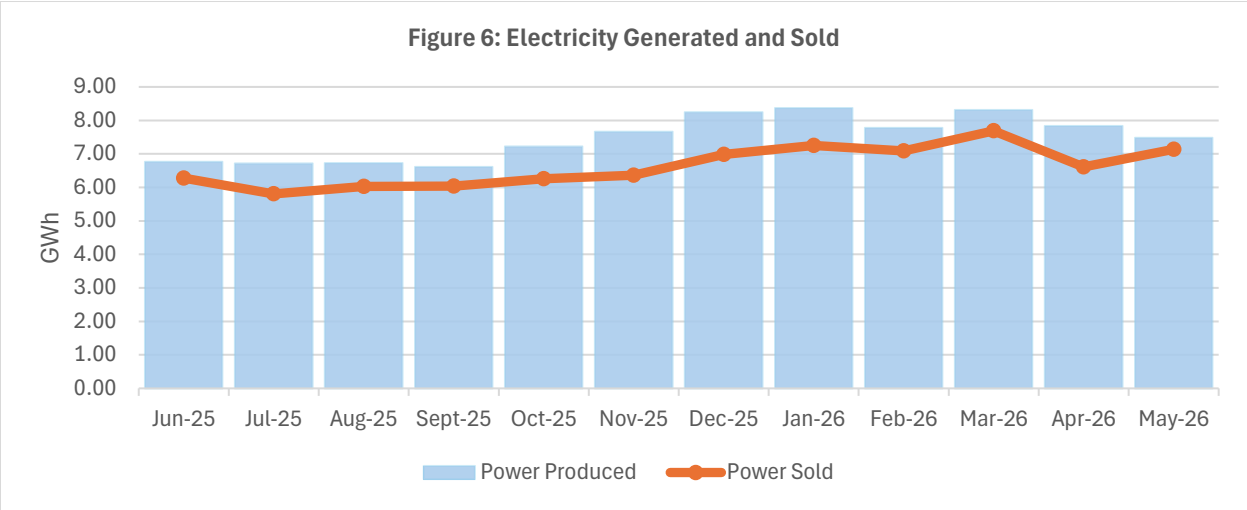
[5] Wintua/Lorlow cooperative is operating the newly established Solar grid at Wintua and Lorlow in Malekula. For more information visit the Department of Energy's website (www.doe.gov.vu)

Total Electricity Generated and Sold

Total power produced decreased by 4.6%, comparing with the same month last year it declined by 3.7%.

Total power sold, recorded a 7.9% significant increase from the previous month, in the same period last year it increased by 2.3%.

Changes in the total power produced and sold depends on the consumption of electricity and power losses during the reporting month.



The data utilized in creating this monthly energy snapshot does not include electricity production outside of a concession agreement or MOU.