

ABSTRACT

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This research project aims at studying (1) Thai Government's policy in privatization of state enterprises (2) Forms and methods of the privatization of the Metropolitan Electricity Authority and (3) Obstacles in the privatization. The research methodology is through documentary search and analysis.

Research findings are as follows:

The Thai Government formulated clear policy as regards the privatization of public enterprises in the sense of augmenting the role of the private sector. That policy or trace of policy was found in the 6th and 8th Socio-Economic Development Plans. The Government had set up a master plan in the privatization of diverse public enterprises. As for the Metropolitan Electricity Authority the Government classified it as "Energy Enterprises" and urged it to be transformed into a business set-up operating electrical industry. One main purpose was to reduce budget and investment level from the public sector. Other purposes included the quantity of foreign loan to finetune

administration, provision of energy for the public with good quality and worthy cost.

Three ways were purposed as to the privatization, namely :

1. To transform the Metropolitan Electricity Authority which has been rated as “good public enterprises”
2. To restructure
3. To transform the authority became a limited company.

The Metropolitan Electricity Authority has came up with 4 plans as follows ; Restructuring the organization, Personnel development plan, Improving the regulations and Improving the system of work. The time schedule has 2 phases ; Organizational improvement a medium range, lasting between the budget year of 2541-2542 and The Long range plan to improve the organizational structure a longer range phase, form the year 2543 onward.

The structure of work is divided into 2 subphases, namely:

1. The public enterprise : in the form of a public enterprises it is to be composed of support work unit as such the corporate center, supply and distribution system ; and in the form of a business, it urges the organization in the form of co-investment with the private sector.
2. Subsidiary companies in the umbrella there will be ways and means to get people involved in the operation.

The main obstacle in the privatization is to transform properties of the Metropolitan Electricity Authority to public shares, conflict and adverse reaction form the work force, as well as the slowness in the administration and initial management, together with the lack of trust of the consumers.