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Detailed Explanation

LCOE serves as a foundational metric for comparing the lifetime cost competitiveness of different electricity generation technologies on an apples-to-apples basis. The Excel template implements a discounted cash flow (DCF) framework where all costs—upfront capital (CAPEX), ongoing operations and maintenance (O&M), fuel (if applicable), decommissioning, and taxes—are converted into present-value equivalents and divided by the total discounted energy output over the project’s economic life. Key inputs include plant capacity, capacity factor, construction timeline, debt/equity structure, interest rates, tax depreciation schedules (e.g., MACRS), inflation assumptions, and degradation or efficiency loss profiles. The template typically features dynamic sensitivity analysis (e.g., tornado charts or data tables) and scenario comparison functionality, allowing users to assess how changes in financing terms, resource availability, or policy incentives affect LCOE. It also supports regulatory and internal investment decision-making by quantifying breakeven prices, benchmarking against wholesale market forecasts, and informing subsidy design or procurement strategies.

Key Components

#	Component
1	Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) Input Module
2	Operational & Maintenance (O&M) Cost Schedule
3	Discounted Cash Flow Engine with Tax & Financing Logic

Applications

#	Application
1	Renewable energy project feasibility screening
2	Utility-scale procurement bid evaluation
3	Policy impact assessment (e.g., ITC, PTC, carbon pricing)

Related Concepts

#	Concept
1	Net Present Value (NPV)
2	Capacity Factor
3	Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)

Tags

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Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) Analysis Calculation Excel Template

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