

# An Employee Training Needs Analysis for Enhancing Utility Service Quality: The Case of Taipower Company

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## ABSTRACT

Coping with liberalization and privatization of electricity industry, Taipower is facing the unprecedented challenge. In order to continuously improve performance and strengthen competitiveness, it is essential to provide effective training to ensure employees' capabilities meet organization operation requirements. Therefore, training needs assessment plays an important role in Taipower. This study investigated training needs assessment from three types of analysis, including person analysis, task analysis, and organization analysis. This study adopted the SERVQUAL, which is developed by Parasuraman, Zeithaml and Berry, to investigate training needs for improving service quality in Taipower. Study results indicated that "reliability", "responsiveness" and "empathy" are the most important factors contributing to customer service quality. It is suggested that Taipower needs to put more emphasis on those areas while designing training programs for employees.

Keywords : employee training ; needs assessment ; service quality

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