

Reforming the Mexican Electricity Market: Design and Regulatory Issues

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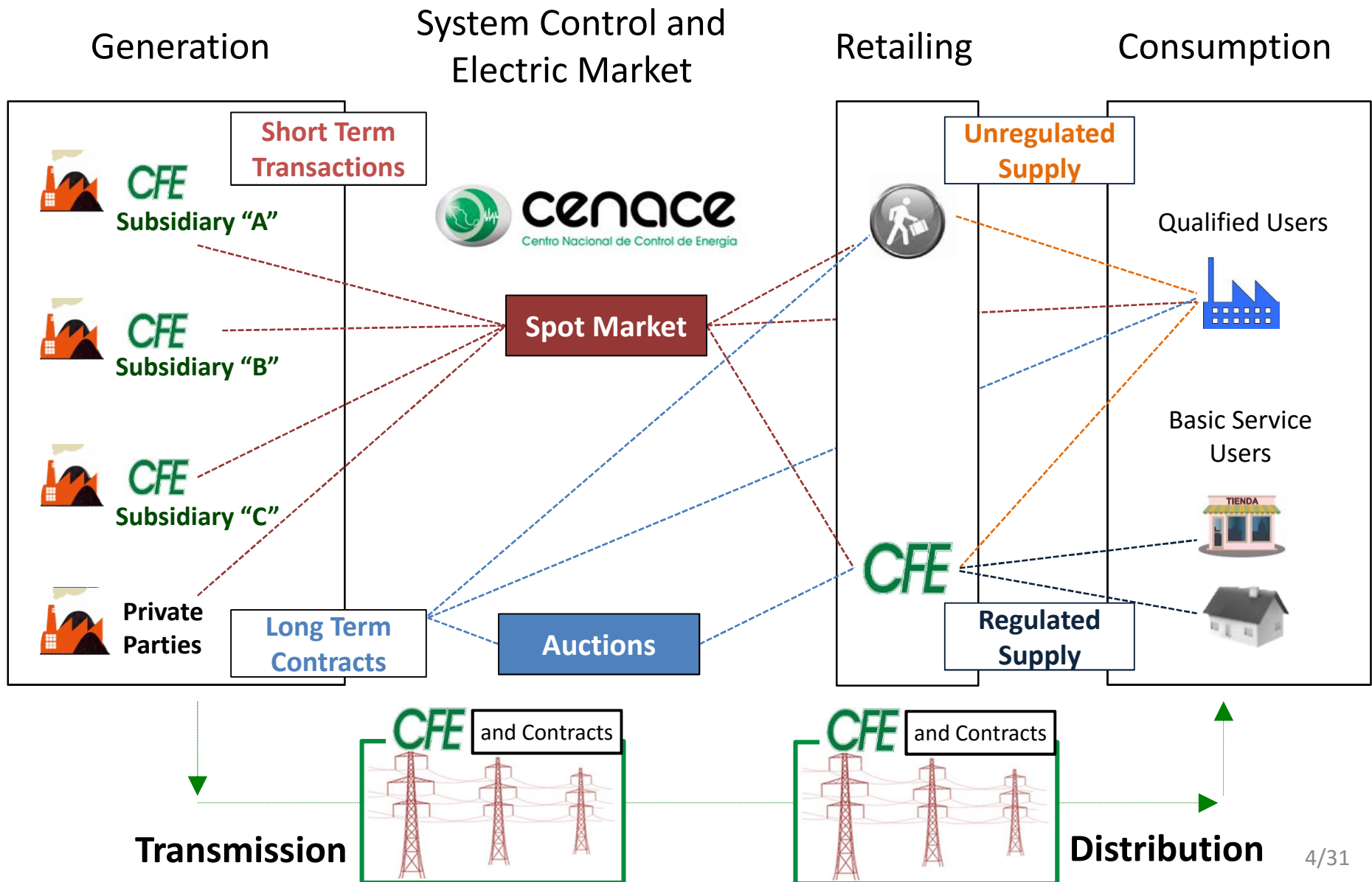
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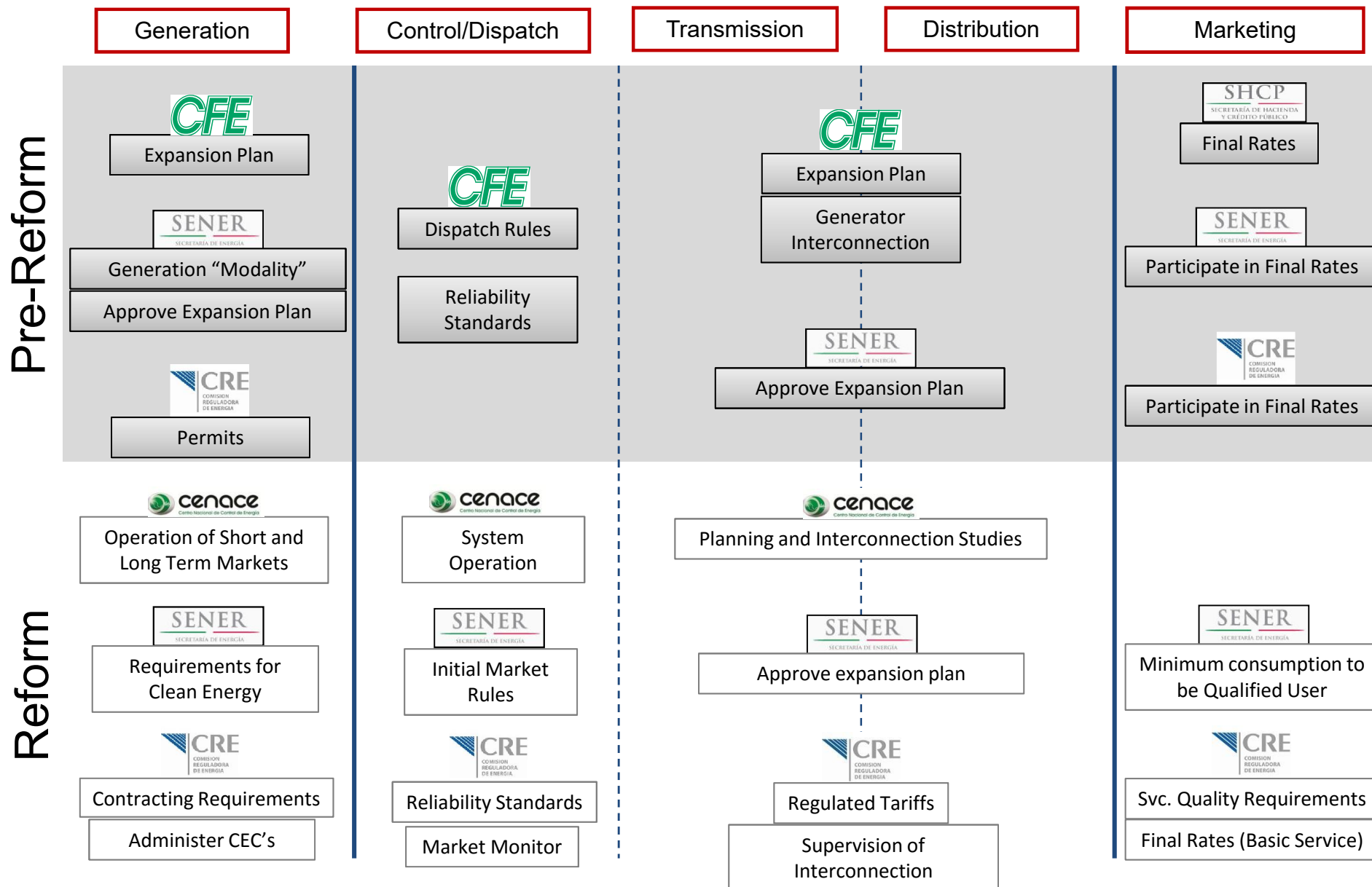
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New Industry Structure

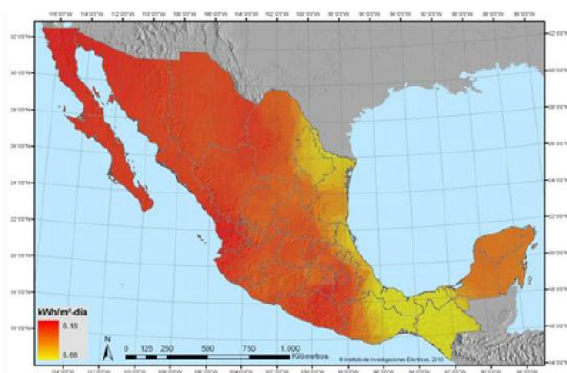


New Institutional Framework

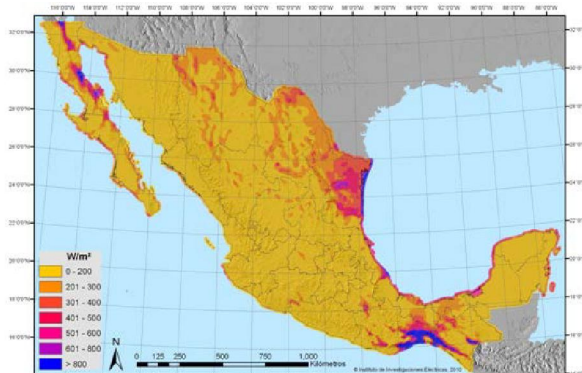


Clean Energy Potential in Mexico

Solar Resources



Wind Resources



Geothermal Resources



- Mexico has sufficient resources to exceed its goals of 35% non-fossil generation in 2024, 40% in 2035 and 50% in 2050.
- Portfolio standard will assure that they can be developed.

Renewable Energy Potential				
	Installed Capacity 2° semestre 2014 (MW)	Actual Generation Year 2013 (% of total GWh)	Actual Generation + Proven Resources	Actual Generation + Proven Resources + Probable Resources + Possible Resources
Wind	1900	1.38%	5.30%	34.80%
Geothermal	823	2.04%	2.22%	40.03%
Solar	64	0.01%	0.65%	2,189.40%
Mini Hydro	419	0.54%	1.72%	24.35%
Total	3206	3.97%	9.89%	2,288.59%

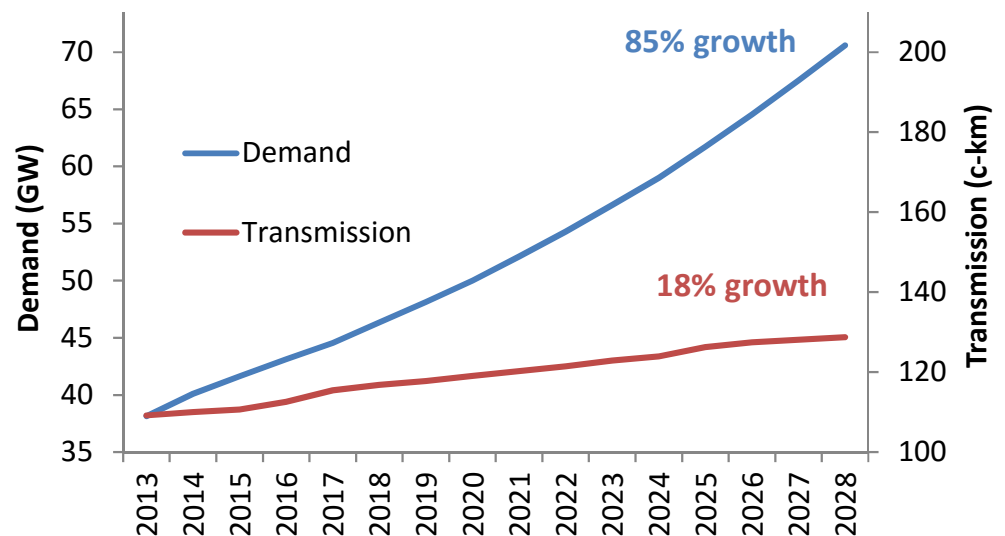
Opportunities for Transmission Investment

Existing Program: In the 15 year plan, CFE has included 19.3 billion USD of transmission projects including 19,555 circuit-km of lines.

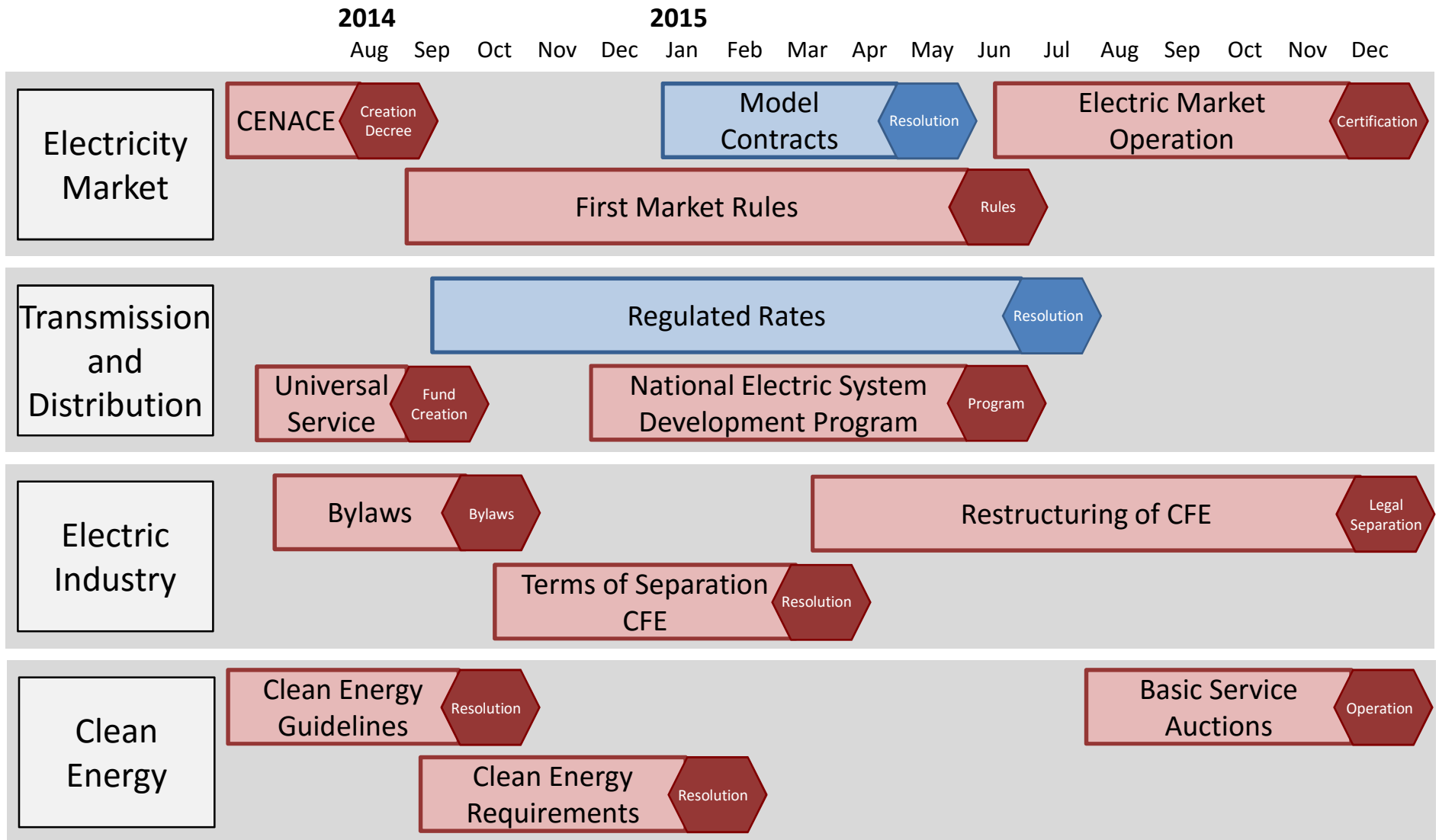
Planning: Expansion plan will be proposed by an independent entity with a mandate to promote open access (CENACE).

- Transmission in US and Canada expands faster than demand growth.
- Expansion in Mexico should become more aggressive.

Demand Growth vs. Transmission Expansion



Implementation plan



Responsibility:

SENER

CRE

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Market Design

Liberalization of Generation Markets

- Horizontal integration in generation markets under a dominant incumbent (CFE)
- How to accomplish a level-playing-field to allow fair competition?
- Potential collusion of CFE's plants
- Arms' length separation
- Merit order pricing under CFE plants' regulation

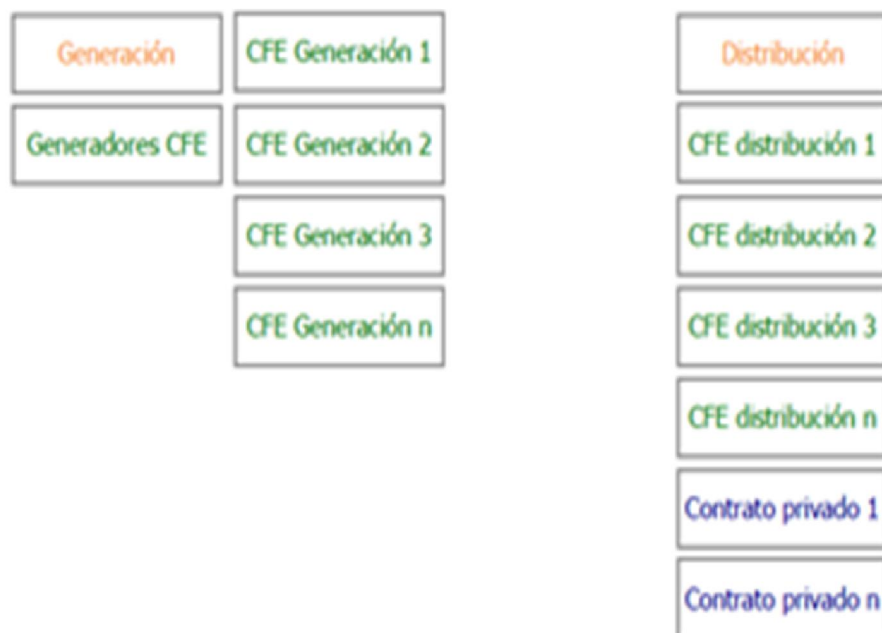
Market Design

Liberalization of Generation Markets

- Spot, one-day ahead, long-term capacity and bilateral generation markets
- IPP's, self-supply, cogeneration old schemes and the new electricity market
- Existence of IPPs with long-term contracts of energy sales to CFE
- Basic Service's auctions and CECs



Organización industrial nueva: Separación horizontal



Market Design

Vertical Integration

- Open access enforcement
- Access pricing
- Auctions of transmission and distribution projects
- Prelude of future privatization?

Market Design

ISO's and regulatory capture

- ISO's corporate governance and regulation (CENACE)
- Structure of incentives for the ISO
- Is CENACE a profit-maximizing or welfare-maximizing dispatch entity?
- Really independent?
- CFE capturing the regulator (CRE)?

Market Design

Distribution

- CFE's basic-service to (captive) consumers
- Cross subsidies
- Role of private marketers
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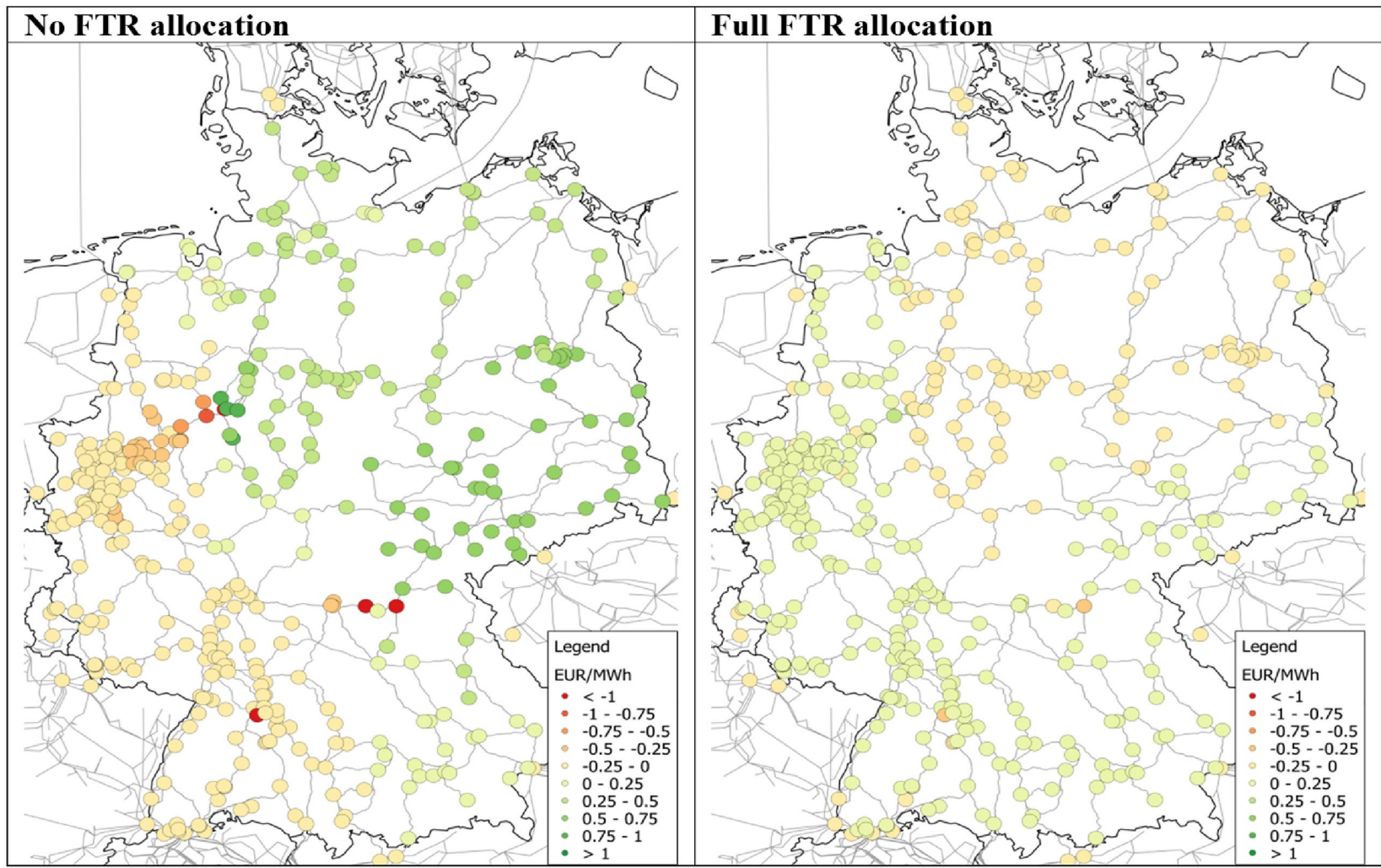
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Nodal prices, FTR Auctions and Subsidies

- Transition to nodal prices starting from a confusing regressive subsidy scheme
- Free allocations of FTRs to smooth out revenue or cost shocks (distributive efficiency)
- Grandfathered FTRs (*legados*)
- FTR auctions?
- Lump-sum subsidies in a now progressive scheme
- Subsidies carried out by the finance ministry (Hacienda) and not by the Energy authorities

Kunz, F., K. Neuhoff and J. Rosellón (2014). [*"FTR Allocations to Ease Transition to Nodal Pricing: An Application to the German Power System," Discussion Papers of DIW Berlin 1418, German Institute for Economic Research.*](#)



Average change in surplus of demand in the high wind winter week under production-based allocation approach



Precios nodales: esquema CTCP mejorado y ampliado

- 1 Sonora Norte
- 2 Sonora Sur
- 3 Los Mochis
- 4 Sinaloa
- 5 Mazatlán 1
- 6 Juárez
- 7 Mochizuma
- 8 Chihuahua
- 9 Camargo
- 10 Laguna
- 11 Durango
- 12 Coahuila
- 13 Monterrey
- 14 Brown
- 15 Luján Güemes
- 16 Chupuyán
- 17 Anáhuac
- 18 La mesa
- 19 Huasteca
- 20 Tamas
- 21 Tuxpan
- 22 Oriente
- 23 Central
- 24 Laguna Verde
- 25 Veracruz
- 26 Sureste
- 27 Puebla
- 28 Acapulco
- 29 Petaculco
- 30 Balsas

- 31 Colima
- 32 Tepic
- 33 Occidente
- 34 Querétaro
- 35 Santa Lucía
- 36 Campeche
- 37 Yucatán
- 38 Valladolid
- 39 Cozumel
- 40 Chetumal
- 41 Mexicali
- 42 La Paz



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Transmission Expansion

- *Optimal* regulation of the transmission network
- The *Prodesen*'s planning process: stages
- Does *Prodesen* converge to welfare optimality?
- Auctions of transmission projects
- Transmission CRE's tariff regulation
- Application of an incentive mechanism to promote the efficient regulation of the operation and expansion of the Mexican networks?
- Is there room for incentive transmission-tariff regulation?

A combined merchant-regulatory mechanism

Rosellón, J. and H. Weigt (2011), "A dynamic incentive mechanism for transmission expansion in electricity networks – Theory, modeling and application", *The Energy Journal*, 32(1), 119-148.

Upper level problem: Profit maximizing Transco:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{k, F} \quad & \pi = \sum_t \left[\sum_i (p_i^t d_i^t - p_i^t g_i^t) + F^t N^t - \sum_{i,j} c(k_{ij}^t) \right] \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \frac{\sum_i (p_i^t d_i^w - p_i^t g_i^w) + F^t N^t}{\sum_i (p_i^{t-1} d_i^w - p_i^{t-1} g_i^w) + F^{t-1} N^t} \leq 1 + RPI + X \end{aligned}$$

Regulatory constraint

Lower level problem:

ISO welfare maximization:

s.t.

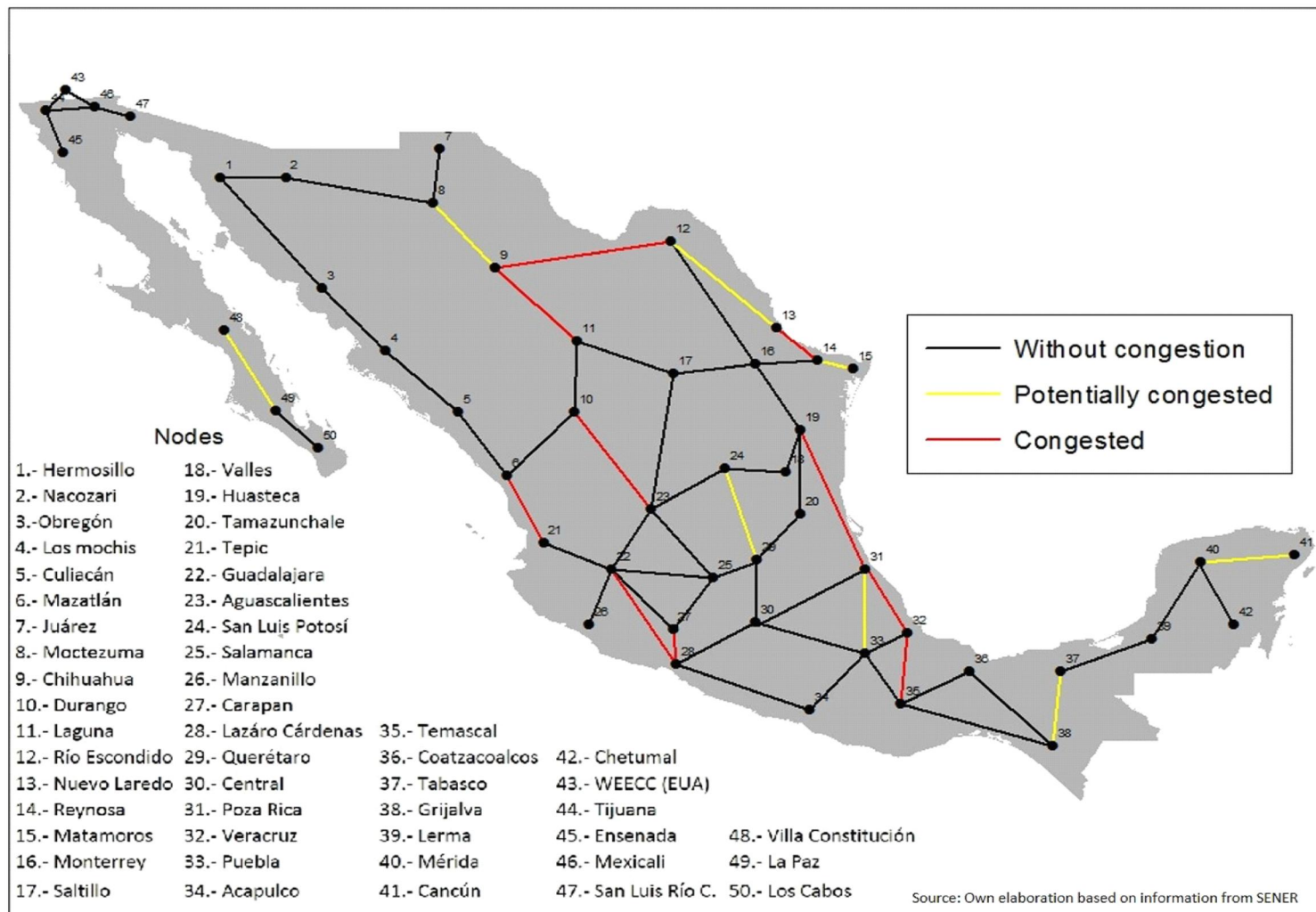
Line capacity restriction

Energy balance

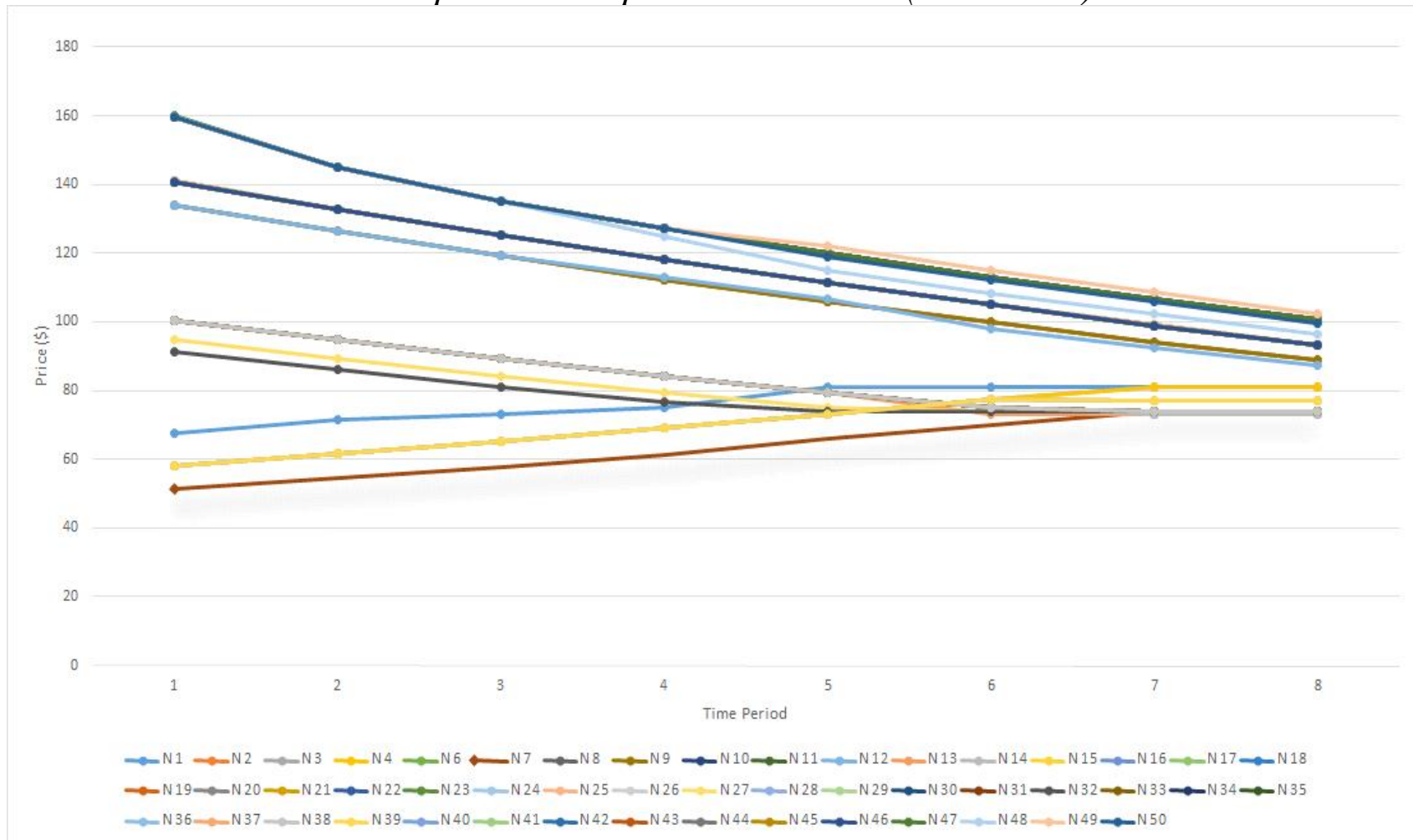
Plant capacity restriction

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{d, g} \quad & W = \sum_{i,t} \left(\int_0^{d_i^t} p(d_i^t) dd_i^t \right) - \sum_{i,t} mc(g_i^t) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & |pf_{ij}^t| \leq k_{ij}^t \quad \forall ij \\ & g_i^t + q_i^t = d_i^t \quad \forall i, t \\ & g_i^t \leq g_i^{t, \max} \quad \forall i, t \end{aligned}$$

Congested zones in Mexico 2012



Nodal-price developments in Mexico (2012-2020)



Source: Own elaboration.

Comparative welfare results for Mexico, PJM and Ontario.

	<i>Network without expansions</i>			<i>Hybrid regulatory mechanism (HRV)</i>			<i>Centralized ISO</i>		
	<i>México</i>	<i>PJM</i>	<i>Ontario</i>	<i>México</i>	<i>PJM</i>	<i>Ontario</i>	<i>México (e.g. Prodesen)</i>	<i>PJM</i>	<i>Ontario</i>
<i>Consumer surplus (MioUSD/h)</i>	2.71	6.53	0.83	3.14	6.63	0.89	3.211	6.67	0.96
<i>Producer surplus (MioUSD/h)</i>	0.118	0.36	0.051	0.253	0.59	0.087	00.271	0.64	0.105
<i>Congestion rent (MioUSD/h)</i>	0.0073	0.067	0.013	0.019	0.01	0.00104	0.0168	0.006	0.0009
<i>Total social welfare (MioUSD/h)</i>	2.835	6.957	0.894	3.42	7.23	0.978	3.50	7.316	1.0659
<i>Total network capacity (GW)</i>	9.14	35.8	2.52	13.47	50.83	4.536	14.26	52.83	4.74

Source: Own elaboration based on Rosellón et al (2011) and Rosellón et al (2012).

Transmission Expansion and Renewable Integration

- Time resolution, and supply and demand fluctuations of a renewable integration process
- Hourly time resolution to substantially increase the applicability of regulatory mechanisms
- Price-cap incentive HRV regulation is still superior to cost-plus regulation

Comparison of Welfare and Extension Results

Schill, W.-P., J. Egerer, and J. Rosellón (2015), "Testing Regulatory Regimes for Power Transmission Expansion with Fluctuating Demand and Wind Generation." *Journal of Regulatory Economics*

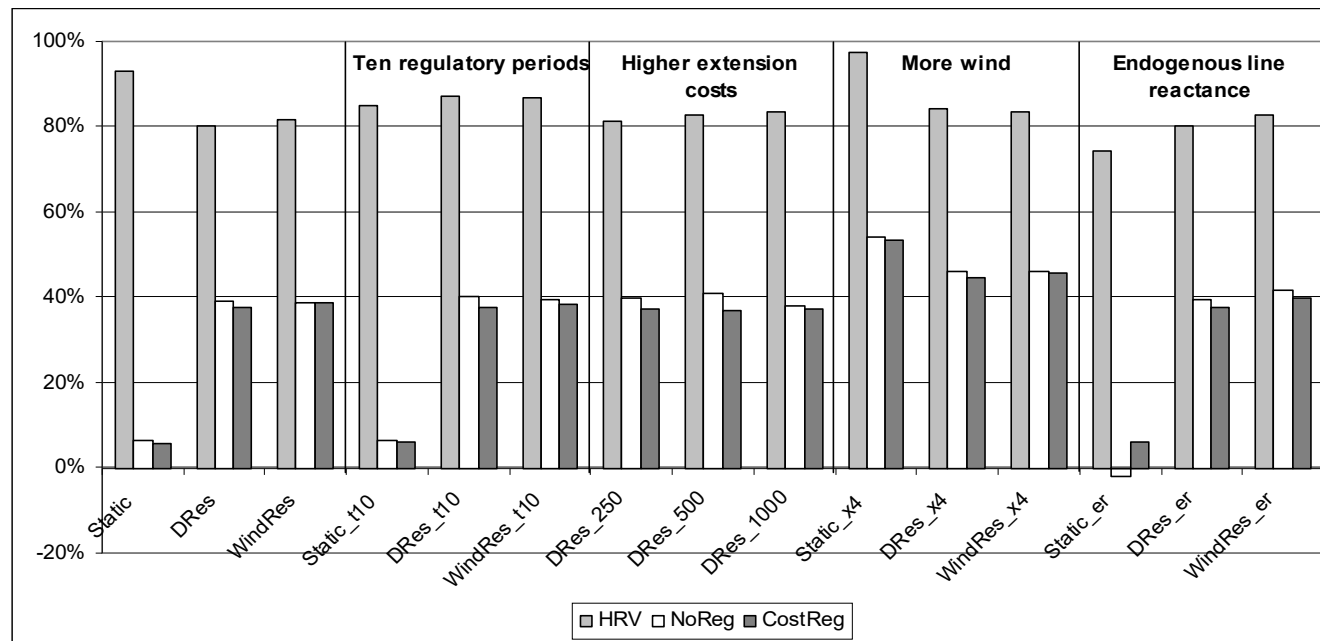


Figure 17: Social welfare gain of extension compared to *WFMmax* for different model runs

→ Fluctuating demand and wind power both increase the gap between wf-max and the regulatory cases.

→ HRV much closer to wf-optimum in all cases → robust!

Transmission Expansion and Renewable Integration

- Rationality of transmission investment under a dynamic process of renewable generation integration.
- Transmission investment under gradual substitution of conventional energy (e.g., coal or fuel oil) with renewables (wind, solar or geothermal energy)
- Diverse developments of the technological mix in the generation park that implies different network congestion scenarios

Figure 1: Line extension results (relative to initial line capacity, Laspeyres weights)

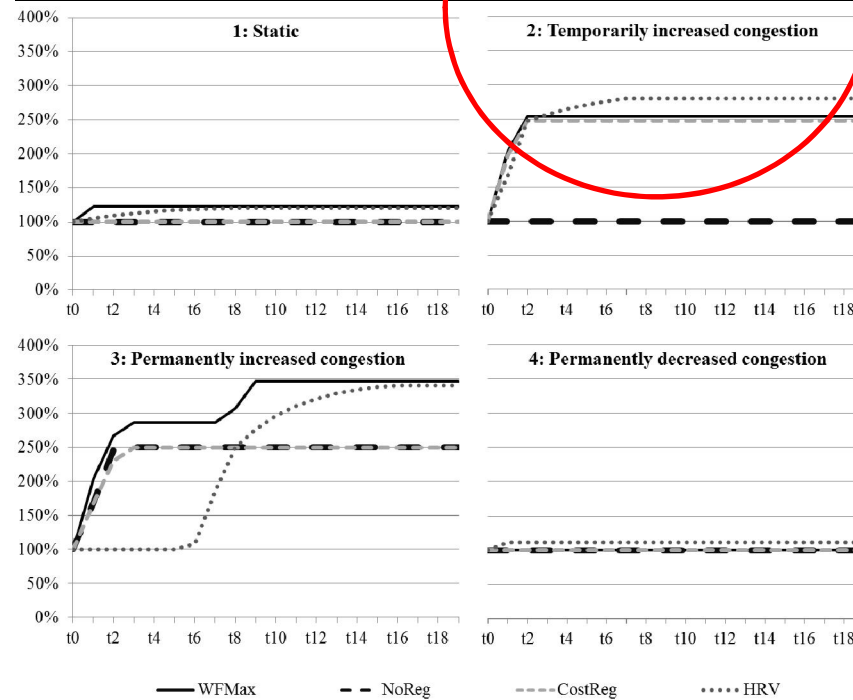


Table 1: Welfare changes relative to the case without extension

Weights		Static	Temporarily increased congestion	Permanently increased congestion	Permanently decreased congestion
		1	2	3	4
WfMax		0.29%	1.28%	11.62%	0.00%
NoReg		0.00%	0.00%	9.25%	0.00%
CostReg		0.00%	1.27%	9.22%	0.00%
HRV	Laspeyres	0.25%	1.01%	9.02%	-0.17%
	Paasche	-0.11%	0.38%	9.39%	-0.32%
	Average Lasp.-Paasche	0.29%	0.89%	9.21%	-0.32%
	Ideal	0.29%	1.28%	11.62%	0.00%

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Implications for Policy Making in Mexico

- Analysis of allocative, productive and distributive efficiencies in the electricity sector.
- Increase in economic welfare.
- Efficient integration of renewable energies into transmission networks (with consequent reduction of greenhouse emissions).
- Efficient expansion of transmission networks.
- Nodal-price systems and financial hedging mechanisms that grant adequate property rights which incent efficient investments
- Research results with potential to be applied in actual public-policy making: **CEPG**