

Mexico's Energy Regulatory Commission: Challenges and Opportunities in Reforming the Energy Industry

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The Energy Regulatory Commission (CRE) has become the regulator of the mid and downstream segments of the oil and gas value chain, as well as the electricity supply chain

Transmission



Independent System and

Market Operation (ISO)

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Distribution

Electricity

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The Energy Reform is in motion and it has already shown positive results. Some factors that guarantee its continuity are as follows:



Mexico's landmark Energy Reform is now a reality, creating significant investment opportunities throughout the entire value chain





Hydrocarbons "Rounds One and Two"

Round 1:

1st Tender: 2.7 billion USD 2nd Tender: **3.1** billion USD 3rd Tender: **1.1** billion USD 4th Tender: **34.4** billion USD Trión: 11 billion USD

Round 2:

1st Tender: 8.2 billion USD 2nd Tender: **1.1** billion USD 3nd Tender: **1.0** billion USD 4th Tender: **31.5** billion USD

Seismic data: 2.5 billion USD

Natural Gas and

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Petroleum Products

Gas pipelines: **12** billion USD

Petroleum Products: 16.8 billion USD

- Transportation and Storage: 4.8 billion USD
- Distribution and Retailing: 12.0 billion USD

Power Sector

First Power Auction: 2.6 billion USD Second Power Auction: 4.0 billion USD

Other in PRODESEN*:

- Generation: 97 billion USD*
- Transmission: 12.8 billion USD*
- Distribution: 9.6 billion USD*

A total of **129 companies** from **18 countries**, of which **51 are Mexican**, have committed projects for the development of hydrocarbons and electricity industry

*Total expected investment by PRODESEN throughout 2030. Source: Mexico's Ministry of Energy

51 months have passed since the last critical alert on record restricted natural gas consumption in the country





*/Source: Banxico http://www.banxico.org.mx/publicaciones-y-discursos/publicaciones/documentos-de-investigacion/banxico/%7BAE74D86B-7539-FD1E-4DDE-67657393A8E9%7D.pdf

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Mexico's Gas Pipeline Network will expand considerably from 2012 to 2019





Prior to the Reform, Mexico's fuel retail model generated significant inefficiencies:



Fixed Price Regime

- National single price (prevented adequate cost recognition on a regional basis)
- Fluctuations of international prices were reflected with a delay
- Lack of efficient price signals resulted in underinvestment throughout the value chain
- The excessive subsidy benefited the population with the highest income (200 billion pesos per year)



Pemex did not recover logistical costs

• Pemex lost resources for unacknowledged logistical costs in the overall gas price



Underinvestment in the industry

- Limited infrastructure: low capacity and vulnerability (extreme weather events)
- Mexico accounts only with 10% (3 days) of the internationally recommended inventory capacity
- Lack of incentives to improve service quality in gas stations
- 40% of municipalities do not have gas stations

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Fuel price liberalization strategy in Mexico



CRE

Power sector planning from 2017-2031 is essential to boost Mexico's CRE economic competitiveness



1/ Programa de Desarrollo del Sistema Eléctrico Nacional (PRODESEN) 2017-2031





As of 2018, CRE will operate the Clean Energy Certificate Tracking System (S-CEL), which will ensure the compliance of overall renewable generation targets



Clean Energy Certificates foster investment and electricity generation based on carbon-free technologies, reducing greenhouse gas emissions

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Evolution of average solar prices in auctions, January 2010 - September 2016



Source: IRENA, 2017

Mexico has a significant, constant and highly predictable solar potential: a medium annual irradiation of approximately 5.5 kWh/m2 per day





Source: SIGER, Instituto Nacional de Electricidad y Energías Limpias.

Mexico also has competitive wind capacity factors, ranging from 35% to 40%





Source: International Energy Agency, "Next Generation Wind and Solar Power", 2016: https://www.iea.org/publications/freepublications/publication/next-generation-wind-and-solar-power.html

In March 2017, CRE issued a new set of regulations fostering the sustainable integration of distributed energy resources nationwide





1/ Elaborated with information provided by CFE. Preliminary data up to December 31st, 2016.

Energy storage can deliver tangible benefits across the energy value chain. Hence, CRE is working along with other institutions towards the development of a storage-friendly market environment in Mexico



On CRE's side, what is needed is a regulation that recognizes all the services and benefits that storage can bring to the electricity system and that bases its remuneration on that value.

*Source: Quanta Technology "Feasibility Study for Large Scale Energy Storage Systems in Brazil, Colombia and Mexico. Project performed by Quanta Technology for ISA, under USTDA financial support"



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