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**CRMs design elements** International experiences

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#### The security of supply problem Classic reasons behind the market failure (i)

- Ideally generators can fully recover their long-term costs
- Even although prices are based solely on operating short-term costs
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  An efficient short-term market
  - Competitive demand participation
  - Competitive generation participation
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  - Demand does not set prices: lack of participation, caps, OS intervention
- ➤ Competitive generation participation
  - Offer caps, entry barriers (vertical integration), etc.
- imes Efficient pricing rule
  - Costs are not convex and pricing rules are not optimal in some cases
- An efficient long-term market
- × Risk is allocated efficiently among market agents (supply and demand)
  - Generators are risk averse and most consumers are not

#### **Others: continuous investment and no economies of scale**



#### The security of supply problem Classic reasons behind the market failure (ii)

- The problem is long-term uncertainty not short-term volatility risk
  - Short-term volatility is not a problem for system adequacy



Source: L.A. Barroso. Power Sector Deregulation In Brazil. Ensuring Supply Adequacy Through Energy Auctions.

- The "missing planning" problem: low carbon policies have boosted the regulator intervention in the system capacity expansion



#### The security of supply problem What do regulators and generators seek with a CRM?

- What does the regulator seek?
  - Secure the electricity supply
    - Attract capacity & guarantee an efficient resource management
  - Hedge the consumers risk (stabilize prices)
  - A tertiary objective: enhance competition
    - Open the market to new entrants (national or cross border)
    - Some products help mitigating market power
  - What do generators want?
  - A major objective: hedge their risk
    - Hedge price risk (stable signal)
    - Have the hedge or additional income defined before the plant is built
  - If short-term signal is not optimal (price cap, pricing rules, etc.)...
  - ... an additional source of income may be needed





## CRMs design elements Product

- The most important design element
  - Its acquisition should lead the system to the efficient scenario
- Three main components that can combine in the definition



- Examples of products:
  - Purely financial contract
  - Firm supply
  - Financial + firm supply
  - Financial contract + physical delivery + physical back up



# CRMs design elements **Product: Reliability Option (i)**

The (financial) Reliability Option
 Spot T1 T2 T3 T4
 price T1 T2 T3 T4





- Purely financial (no firm supply, no penalties) -> no experience
  - Hedges price risk (both for demand and generation)
  - Financial entities can ideally sell this product
  - Physical delivery is not guaranteed



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# CRMs design elements **Product: Reliability Option (ii)**

The (financial) Reliability Option





- Purely financial (firm supply but no penalties) -> Colombia
  - Hedges price risk (generator and the regulator)
  - A physical back up is required
    - The price of the RO can be higher than the value of the financial product
  - Physical delivery is more likely to be delivered



## CRMs design elements Product: Reliability Option (iii)

• The (physical) Reliability Option



- Physical Reliability option -> New England
  - The penalty increases the incentive for physical delivery
  - The downside of the penalty
    - Increases the investor's risk (increases the premium asked for the RO)



### CRMs design elements Product

• Time terms of the contract



- Lag period: allows to fix the conditions before installing the plant
- <u>Contract duration</u>: sufficient durations reduce the investor's risk



- Optimal value for these parameters are technology-dependent



### CRMs design elements Targeted market

- <u>Buyers</u>: demand represented by the regulator
- All the demand
  - Who should pay? -> All demand (avoid cross subsidies)
- Only a segment of the demand
  - Important to define products that are enjoyed by the segment of the demand buying the product (avoid free riding)
  - Who should pay? -> The segment of the demand represented
- <u>Seller</u>: who can sell the product?
  - All technologies or just some (or one) technology
  - How can demand response participate?
  - Only new investments or all units?
    - Usually different conditions apply to new investments and existing units



### CRMs design elements Quantity vs Price: defining the requirements

- Market-based mechanisms
  - Price: the regulator fixes the price (market forces decide the quantity)
  - Quantity: the regulator fixes the quantity (market forces the price)
  - Price-Quantity curve



#### • Need to convert a reliability standard into a requirement

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### CRMs design elements Mechanism to purchase the product

- Bilateral vs. auction
  - Auctions are more transparent
  - Enhance liquidity

#### Centralized vs. decentralized

- Centralizing the acquisition
  - allows exploiting economies of scale
  - at least does not add barriers to new entrants (vertical integration)
  - minimizes free riding
- Single node or zonal
  - Liquidity versus efficiency



## CRMs design elements Mechanism to purchase the product

- Zonal auctions
  - In PJM's RPM the clearing price for each Locational Deliverability Area (LDA, import constrained zones) is determined using an optimization-based algorithm





Source: PJM and ISONE

- In ISO-NE's FCM a simplified clearing algorithm
  - Capacity zones are designated in advance
  - FCA begins with a single zone







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#### The regulatory mechanisms The reliability option mechanism

- Implementing a CRM mechanism is never easy
- In the reliability option mechanism
  - How to set the strike price
  - The reference market
    - When is a scarcity detected? (real-time, hour-ahead, day-ahead)
    - What if there is not market? What if there are multiple markets?
  - Consideration of previous bilateral contracts
  - How to avoid the "wait for the tender effect"?
  - How do we take into account the interconnections?



### The regulatory mechanisms The reliability option mechanism

- The problem in the regional context
  - Physical commitments are important in the adequacy problem
  - Let us imagine that the CRM-system has contracted physical reliability options from neighbouring country...
    - ... and the PCR allocates all transmission capacity in the short-term



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