

Charting the Future: Chile's PMGD Stabilized Price Outlook

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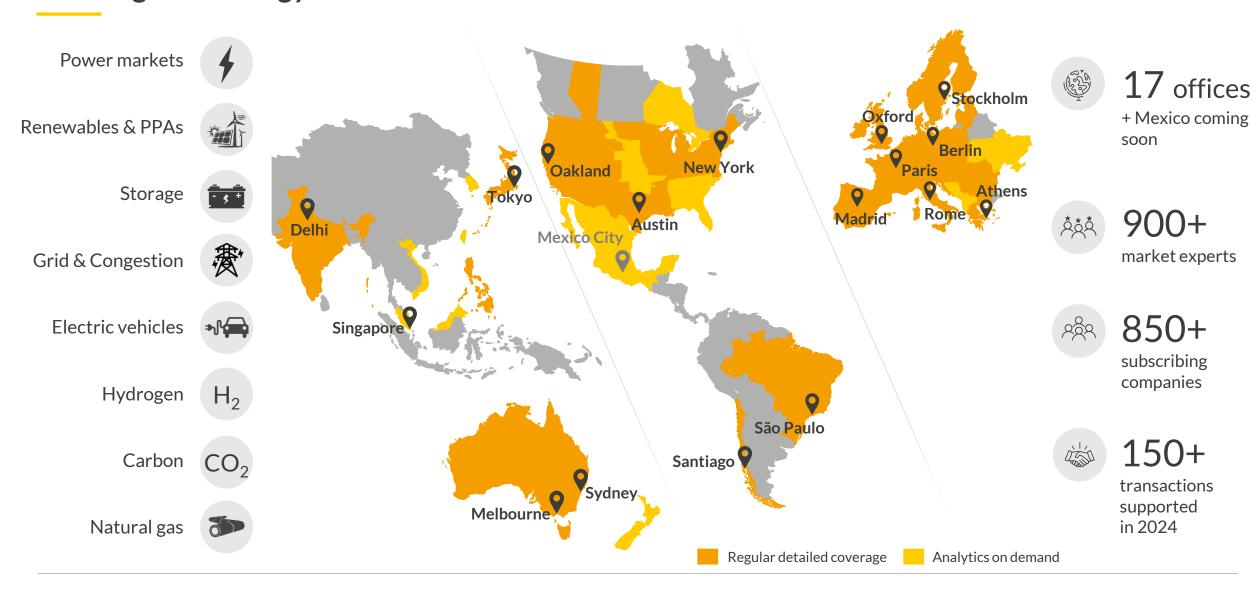


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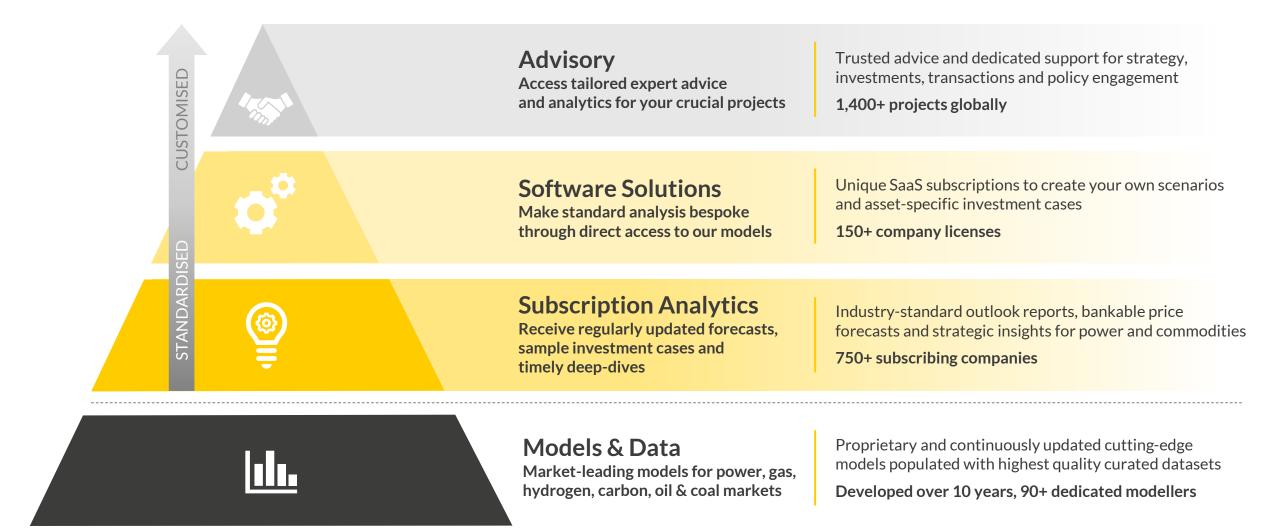
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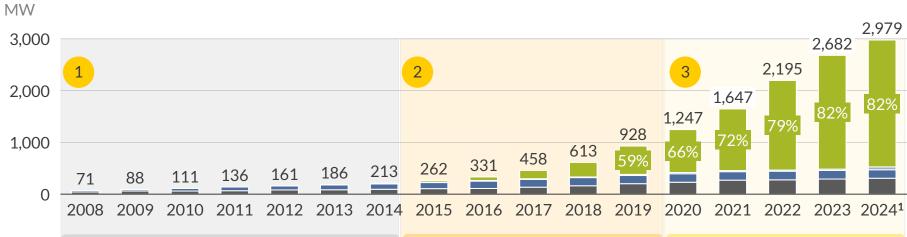
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PMGD installed capacity has increased steadily since 2014, reaching ~3 GW in 2024; the solar share has grown by ~70% since 2015

Total PMGD capacity installed by technology



DS 244/2006

- PMGDs can sell into the spot market at a single 24-hour average stabilized price¹ set by CNE³.
- PMGD legislation came into force in 2006 with the aim of supporting non-conventional, decentralized generation.
- The initial deployment of PMGD focused on hydro and thermal technologies, which looked to benefit from the certainty that the stabilized price mechanism awarded.

Modifications via DS 101/2015

- Revises requirements for PMGD projects to ensure greater grid reliability and integration.
- As price cannibalization for renewables increased, the stabilized price mechanism created a favorable environment for the adoption of solar and wind PMGD.
- Solar PMGDs grew from 31 MW in 2015 to more than 500 MW in 2019.

DS 88/2020

- Modifies the stabilized price mechanism, replacing an average with six time-based averages.
- Continued cannibalization of conventional solar and favorable stabilized prices that assured prices over spot prices led to a rapid increase for solar PMGD since 2020.

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What is PMGD

- Decentralized small-scale power generators with maximum capacity of 9MW and connected at a distribution point.
- PMGD plants operate in a selfdispatch model within the wholesale market.

Pricing Scheme

- PMGDs choose one of two pricing schemes for at least 4 years:
 - Spot price based on the nodal hourly marginal cost.
 - Stabilized price² as set out in DS 244 or DS 88, as applicable.
- From 2034, assets under DS 244 will have to transition into the current scheme, DS 88.
- Among assets under the DS 244. 97% are solar assets.

Solar Wind Hydro Thermal

¹⁾ Updated until December 2024. 2) Precio estabilizado. 3) Comisión Nacional de Energía.

Old and new PMGD price regimes curb hourly marginal cost volatility but raise prices above market energy prices, advantaging solar PMGD assets

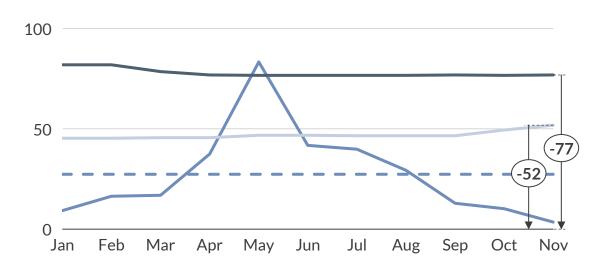


During solar hours, both stabilized prices remain above spot prices, though the new scheme reduces the price gap.

Price scheme comparison for Quillota node – Monthly average prices in 2024 \$/MWh (nominal)

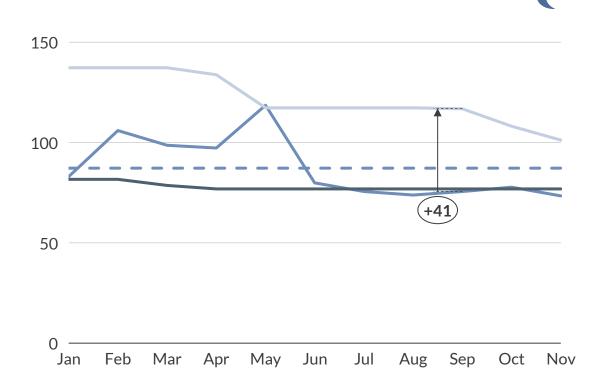






During night hours, the old stabilized price falls below spot prices, while the new price regime pushes prices above spot.

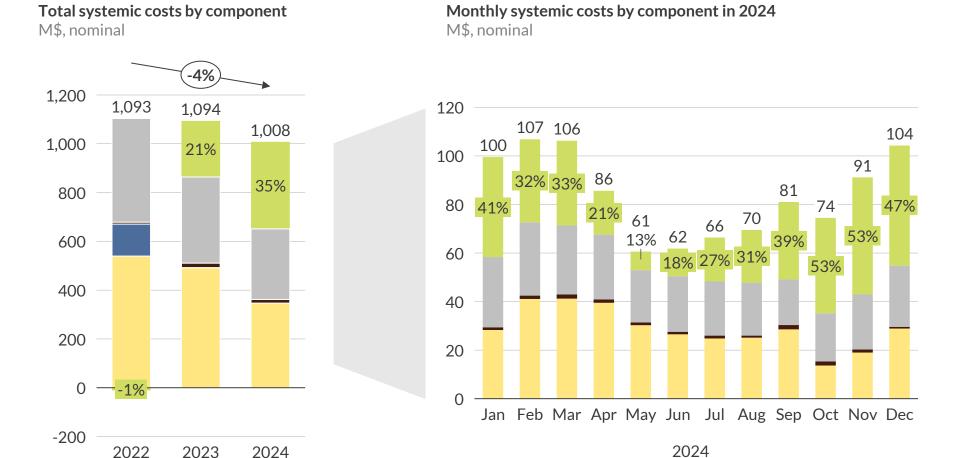
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[—] CMG¹ — CMG Average — Old PE PNCP (DS 244) — Current PE (DS 88)

¹⁾ Costo marginal or marginal cost in English.

We observe seasonality in systemic costs, with the impact from PMGDs being greater during the summer months



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- In 2022, systemic costs were driven by minimum constraint generation and ancillary services
 - Stabilized price compensations were negative as the price fell below CMG, requiring PMGD assets to cover the price differential.
- At monthly level, stabilized price compensations are higher during summer months, reaching 50 Mio \$ in December 2024.
- This results from solar cannibalization and market saturation, which push energy spot prices to zero, while PMGDs in the stabilized price scheme still receive positive prices during daylight hours.

Stabilized price¹ Overrun costs of energy² Ramping costs³ Hydro reserve⁴

10 Sources: Aurora Energy Research, Coordinador

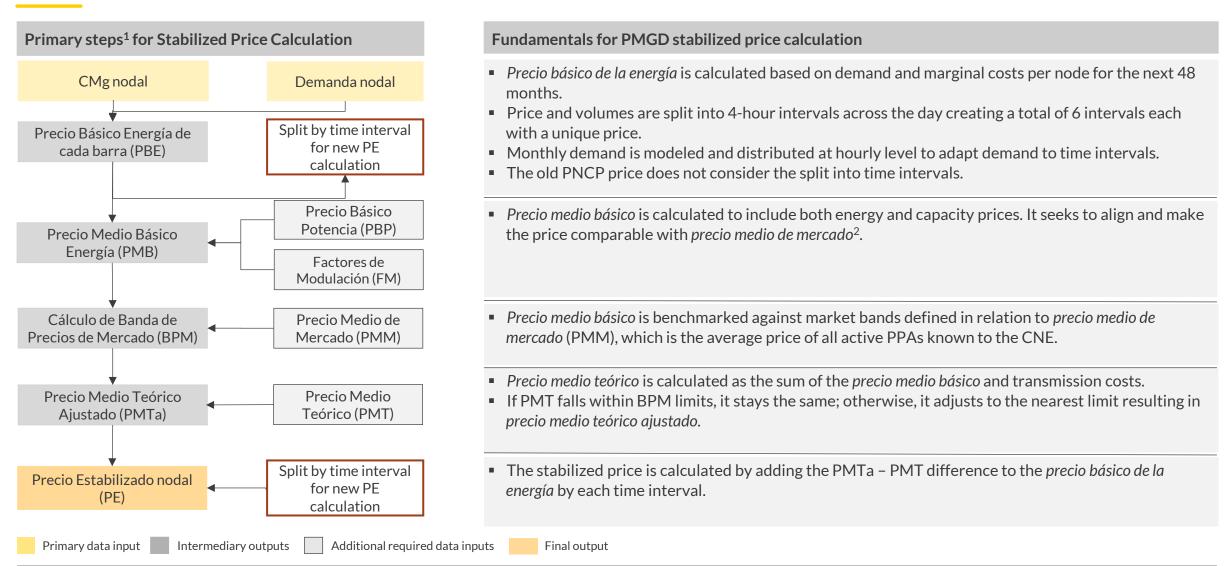
Ancillary services⁵

¹⁾ Compensaciones por Precio Estabilzado; 2) Sobrecosto de Energía; 3) Sobrecosto de Partida y Detención; 4) Costos de Reserva Hídrica; 5) Servicios Complementarios



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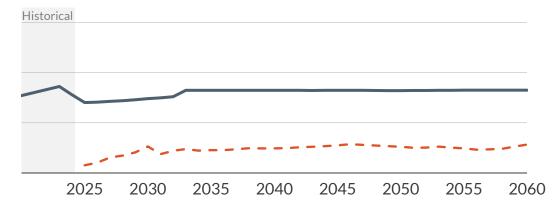
The stabilized price methodology involves several steps, with PMM being a key $A \cup R \triangleleft R A$ factor in defining BPM, and thus largely determining the *Precio Estabilizado Nodal*



¹⁾ Translation in English of the intermediary price steps available in the Appendix of this deck. 2) No disclosure of calculation of precio medio de mercado. In the long-term, we assume the precio medio de mercado will be re-assessed and will converge with the marginal cost. For additional details, review next slides.

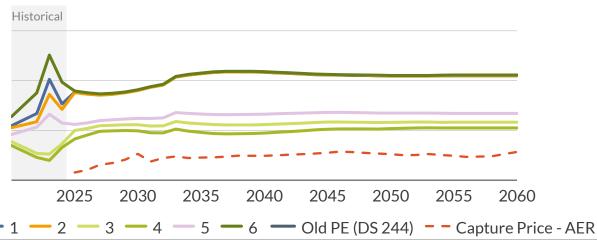
The current PE price regime reduces the price gap compared to the old PE system; but still doubles the revenues of the spot market

Quillota - Old stabilized price, PNCP price (DS 244) \$/MWh (2023 real)

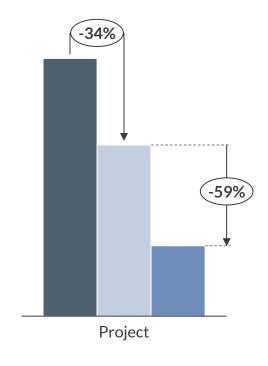


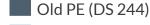
Quillota - Current stabilized price (DS 88)

\$/MWh (2023 real)



Present value¹ of energy revenues for exemplary solar project² k\$ (2023 real)





Current PE (DS 88)

Spot

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- The old scheme (DS 244) primarily benefits solar assets, which is why 97% of assets within this price regime are solar.
- The current stabilized price regime sets the average price higher than spot market during solar time intervals.
 - While daytime intervals are significantly lower than in the old scheme, nighttime intervals show higher prices.
 - The average price across all six intervals aligns with the old scheme.
- While the current price regime (DS 88) reduces solar asset revenues by 34%, these revenues remain significantly higher than in the spot market, with a 59% income differential.
 - This revenue considers only merchant market and excludes capacity recognition revenues.

¹⁾ Net Present Value 2) Assuming a 1MW solar asset located in Quillota, with a 25% load factor over a 30-year lifetime, COD in 2026.



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The current PMGD scheme presents potential for refresh; Aurora has modeled a few alternative paths that refreshed stabilized prices could take



The market momentum shows differing views on stabilized prices (PE) calculations. Aurora has modeled a few alternative paths that refreshed stabilized prices could take:

Disruption grade

Abolition of stabilized prices

- **Discussion:** Market participants propose restricting new PMGDs from accessing the stabilized pricing scheme.
- Aurora: We consider the removal of stabilized prices an aggressive movement, especially considering financing projects in Chile. Aurora does not model this scenario.

Stabilized prices adjusted to energy

- **Discussion**: Calculation of stabilized prices incorporates capacity prices to align them with the market average price.
- Aurora: We created a scenario removing capacity prices, to model the impact of establish a pricing scheme fully based on energy prices and not capacity⁴.



Average PPA price (PMM)¹ adjusted to RES LCOE

- **Discussion**: Average PPA² price (PMM) reflects average of PPA prices from CNE's³ pool, including older, higher-priced contracts. Market players argue that benchmarking against PMM inflates the stabilized price.
- Aurora: Aurora reflects the increasing volume of Chile's green PPAs by creating a scenario using RES LCOE⁵ as the base.

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Average PPA price (PMM) adjusted to spot price

- **Discussion**: Market agents suggest that the stabilized price should reflect energy market conditions and gradually converge with baseload nodal prices.
- Aurora: Aurora models a scenario using baseload prices as the main market reference for the stabilized price.

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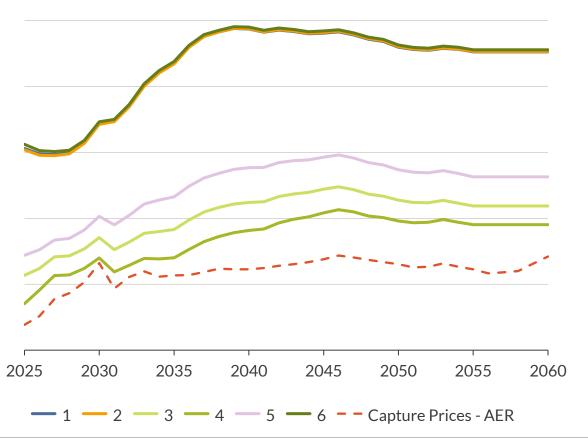
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1) "Precio Medio de Mercado". Includes the average price of all active PPAs known to Comisión Nacional de Energia. 2) Power Purchase Agreement 3) Comisión Nacional de Energía 4) Aurora still considers PMGDs would receive capacity payments but would not factor into the calculation of the stabilized price itself. 5) Levelized Cost of Energy Systems.

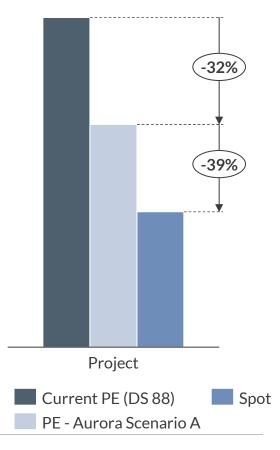
Scenario A excludes capacity prices, and yet still results in high stabilized prices with solar revenues 39% higher than spot

Quillota – Stabilized price adjusted to energy indexing to Aurora Baseload, without considering capacity prices

\$/MWh (2023 real)



Present value¹ of energy revenues for exemplary solar project² k\$ (2023 real)



Scenario A

- Aurora considers this sensitivity to assess the impact of capacity prices in the stabilized price methodology.
- This scenario uses Aurora forecast of baseload prices as the PMM reference and excludes capacity prices from the equation.
- As a result, the PE decreases compared to the current stabilized price regime (DS 88) during solar hours.
- Capture prices are significantly lower than stabilized price intervals, leading to total revenues for a PMGD asset under this regime being 39% higher than those of a solar asset in the spot market.

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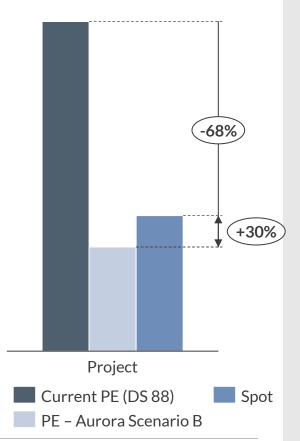
¹⁾ Net Present Value 2) Assuming a 1MW solar asset located in Quillota, with a 25% load factor and over a 30-year lifetime, COD in 2026.

Scenario B uses average RES LCOE and pushes stabilized prices down, reaching 30% lower revenues than in the spot market

Quillota – Stabilized price after indexing to average RES LCOE \$/MWh (2023 real)



Present value of energy revenues for exemplary solar project¹ k\$ (2023 real)





Scenario B

- This scenario uses solar LCOE²
 as the precio medio de mercado to
 reflect the growing influence of
 green PPAs and better align
 with market dynamics.
- Given the low cost of solar deployment and high energy generation, LCOE drives stabilized prices down —68% lower than the current stabilized price (DS 88).
- Daytime intervals, in particular, show low prices.
- Meanwhile, solar capture prices in the spot market are slightly higher, leading to greater revenue opportunities for assets operating under the spot price regime.

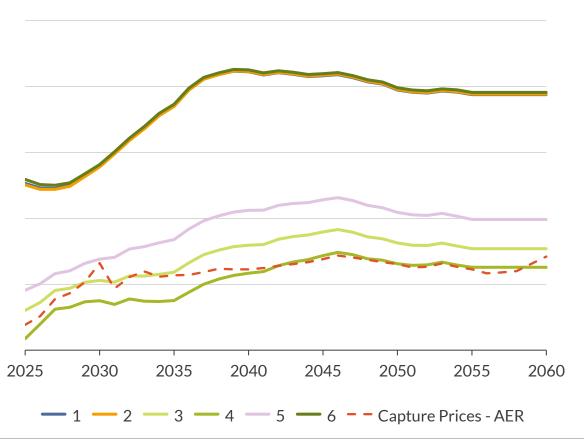
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¹⁾ Assuming a 1MW solar asset located in Quillota, with a 25% load factor and over a 30-year lifetime, COD in 2026. 2) Aurora used average LCOE across all nodal hubs given the current methodology also benchmarks the *precio medio de mercado* as an average of PPAs independently of location.

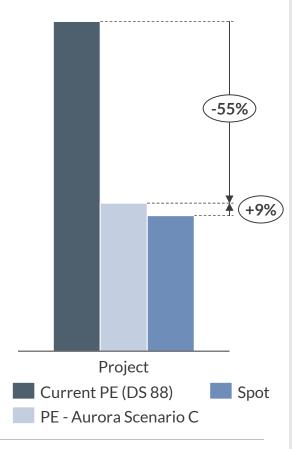
Sources: Aurora Energy Research

Scenario C sets baseload prices as reference, balancing market competition with marginal benefits for assets under this regime

Quillota – Stabilized price after indexing to Aurora Baseload Price \$/MWh (2023 real)



Present value of energy revenues for exemplary solar project¹ k\$ (2023 real)



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Scenario C

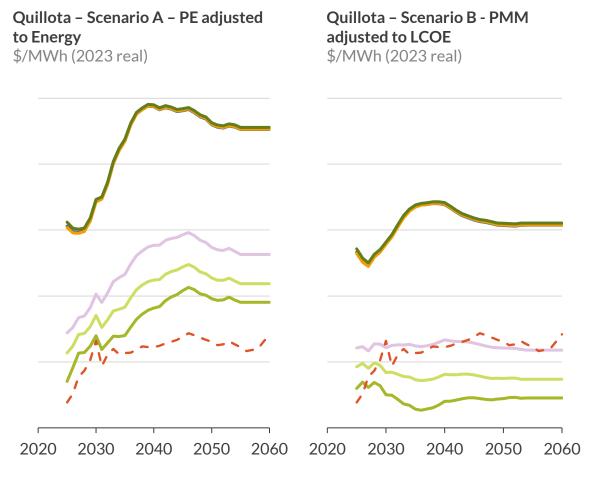
- Aurora proposes a scenario where energy baseload prices are used as the reference to adjust the precio medio de mercado and market price bands.
- Solar capture prices align with the stabilized price set during daylight time intervals.
- Under this scenario, PMGDs within the stabilized price regime would still receive 9% higher revenues than in the spot market.

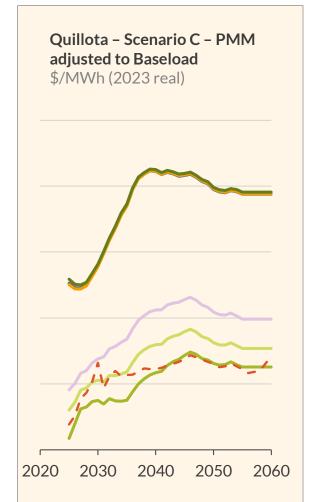
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The different scenarios analyzed entail varying impacts on the hourly price bands, with some bringing them closer to capture prices





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- Scenario A still benefits solar assets in the stabilized pricing scheme, showing higher prices than solar capture price.
- Scenario B results in low stabilized price, potentially jeopardizing financing for PMGD projects in Chile and causing an investment outflow.
- Scenario C balances market competition while slightly benefiting solar assets under the stabilized price regime

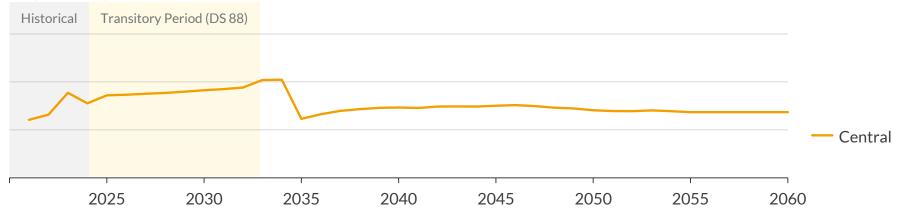
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Aurora has developed a future PE scenario where PMGDs transition before a full shift, presented for both central and low cases

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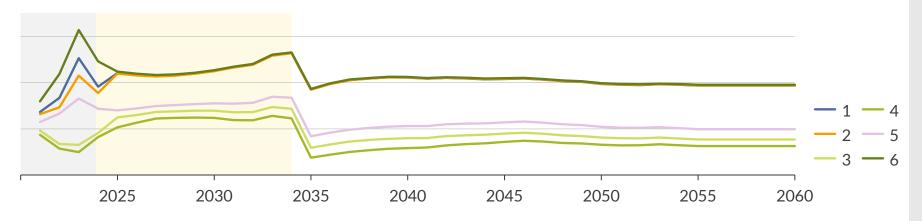
Aurora's Central forecast – Averaged PE price for Quillota

\$/MWh (2023 real)



Aurora's Central forecast by time interval for Quillota

\$/MWh (2023 real)



- Aurora has incorporated a 10year transitional regime¹, anticipating that regulatory changes will potentially align with this approach.
 - This phased transition allows a smooth adaptation period before full implementation, similar to what happened in previous regulatory changes.
- The transitory regime applies to operational PMGD assets, while new PMGDs would account either for the spot market or the new scenario for the stabilized price regime.
- Aurora has calculated Central and Low scenarios which can be found in Aurora's PRMF reports.

¹⁾ Aurora applies a transitory period of 10 years based on previous events. We are monitoring the market debate on the transitory period which is subject to be adjusted accordingly. 2) Databook with Central and Low stabilized prices is available in EOS platform.

Outlook on PMGD price regime remains uncertain; Aurora will continue monitoring market trends and exploring scenarios and business models





Key takeaways

Aurora believes that a regulatory change to PMGD remuneration may be assessed

The current stabilized price calculation presents opportunities for a refresh

A convergence of the current DS 88 methodology with baseload prices potentially offers a balanced solution, modifying the stabilized pricing scheme without disrupting market dynamics.



What is next

Upcoming webinar on BESS and PMGD colocation.

Aurora is closely monitoring market and regulatory discussions, including the review of the FET Cargo and its impact on PMGD remuneration, as well as the potential to restrict its generation (curtailment).

PMGDs can find economic opportunities in co-locating with BESS. Aurora has explored their potential revenue impact under current and future regulation.



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