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**Final Version of Guidelines for the  
Wholesale Electricity Market**

After several months of expectancy and under great prospects of the Mexican Electric Power Sector, today the Ministry of Energy (“SENER”) published the final version of the Wholesale Electricity Market's Guidelines (WEM's Guidelines).

WEM's Guidelines provide certainty to the functioning of the new Electricity Market in Mexico. The Agenda for the implementation and operation of the Wholesale Electricity Market (“WEM”) will be as follows:

1. Short term Energy Market for the Interconnected National System, trials will begin in September 2015 and the first stage of the operation of the Day-Ahead Market will begin on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (for its operation on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016).

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2. Guidelines for long-term auctions will be published in October 2015 (for agreements starting in 2018) and the agreements will be assigned during the first trimester of 2016. The agreements subscribed under long-term auctions for the purchase of electric energy, capacity (*potencia*) and clean energy certificates (“CELS”) will be for a period of 15 years for energy and capacity (*potencia*) and 20 years for CELs.
3. Trials for Financial Transmission Rights’ auctions will begin in September 2016 and the first stage operation of the market will start in November 2016, whilst the second stage will initiate in January 2017.
4. Guidelines for medium-term auctions will be published in October 2016.
5. Market of CEL’s will begin in 2018.

The creation of the WEM has completely changed the paradigm for the generation, transmission, distribution and commercialization of electric energy in Mexico. The liberalization of the Electricity Market has brought new investment opportunities and participation from the private sector, which will allow development of electric energy projects, expansion of the National Electric System (“SEN”), diversification of energy supply, market competition and improvement of the electric power sector in the country.

Should you require any clarification or assistance in connection to this information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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