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New Requirements for Suppliers

The recent energy reform in Mexico has transformed the operation of the electric power sector in the country. The Law of Electric Industry ("LIE") determines that activities related to generation, transmission, distribution and commercialization of electricity must be carried out independently.

On June 12th, 2015 the project of the General Requirements to obtain a Supplier Permit was submitted to the Federal Commission on Regulatory Improvement ("COFEMER") for review and subsequent approval. The modalities of the Suppliers are: a) Supplier of Basic Services; b) Supplier of Qualified Services; and, c) Supplier of Last Resource.

In accordance to the new electric scheme, Generators will obtain a permit to produce electricity but must act through a Supplier or through the Wholesale Electricity Market ("WEM") for its delivery to final users. Since the Rules of the Electricity

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Market are still on review, we are not certain of the future operation and consequences of the agreements subscribed between Generators and Qualified Users Participating in the WEM. However, the LIE has precisely defined the role and modalities of Suppliers' activities for providing electricity to final users. Thus, Generators must take into consideration the conditions under which their electric energy will be commercialized.

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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