

MEXICO ANNOUNCES GROUNDBREAKING TRANSMISSION LINE TENDERS

Mexico's Ministry of Energy (SENER) and state-owned utility the *Comisión Federal de Electricidad* (CFE) recently published the bid terms of the first two transmission lines to be awarded after the 2014 energy reform: the Baja California interconnection transmission line, for the interconnection of the Baja California System with the National Grid, and the Ixtepec – Yautepec transmission line for the interconnection of Oaxaca's Itsmo with the center of Mexico.

The Baja California interconnection transmission line project, which is being tendered by SENER, is a 30 years BOT that consist of the construction, operation and maintenance of a 700km direct current transmission line. It has an estimated investment of US\$1.1 billion.

The Ixtepec – Yautepec transmission line project, which is being tendered by CFE, is a 25 year contract that consists of the construction of a 295km alternating current transmission line, and the construction, operation and maintenance of a 610km direct current transmission line. It has an estimated investment of US\$1.7 billion.

Timeline

	Baja California Interconnection	Ixtepec – Yautepec
Tender Announcement (RfP)	February 2018	February 2018
Submission of Proposals	August 17, 2018	June 21, 2018
Award	September 14, 2018	July 4, 2018
Signing	November 16, 2018	July 25, 2018
Commercial Operations Date	1,095 days after signing	December 17, 2021

For more information with respect to tender, please visit:

Baja California Interconnection: <http://licitaciontransmision.energia.gob.mx/>

Ixtepec – Yautepec: <http://www.cfe.gob.mx/paginas/home.aspx>.

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