## Network losses

Seminar on incentives to reduce network losses in the Nordic countries

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## Icelandic DSO's

- There are six DSO's and one TSO in Iceland
- They operate subject to the Electricity Act No 65/2003 that implements directives 96/92 and 2003/54
- The third Energy Package has not yet been implemented into national law

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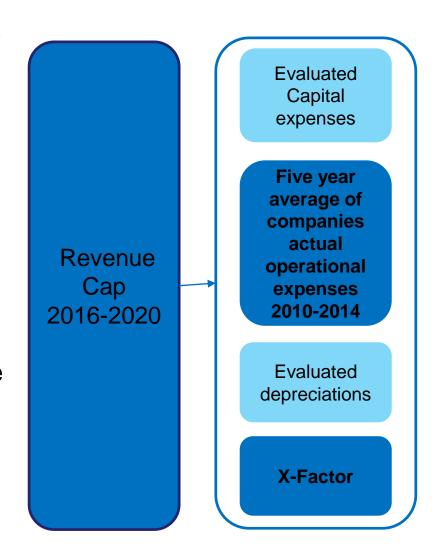
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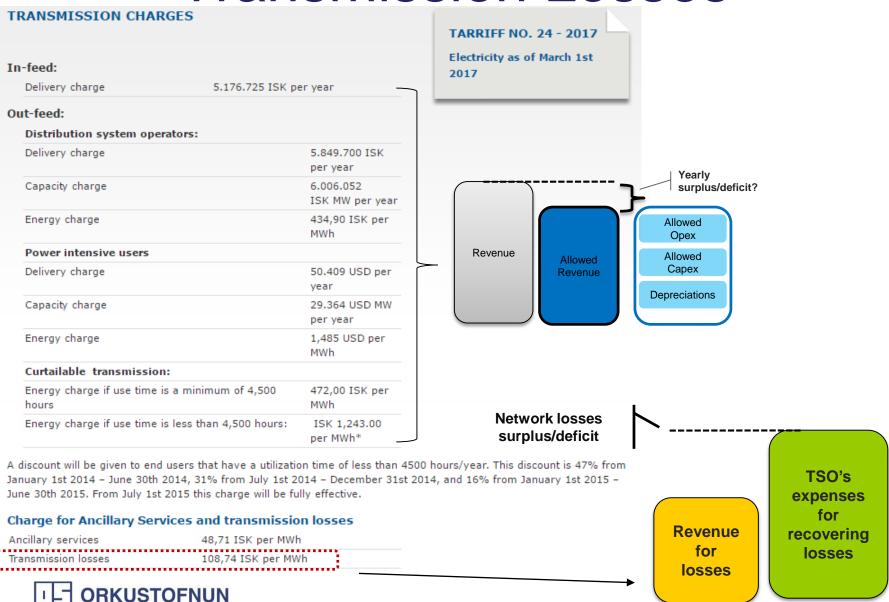
## Revenue Cap

- The TSO and DSO's are both subject to revenue cap model
- Improvement factor (x-factor) and Opex are decided every five years
- Allowed revenue decision every year with a 10% accumulated surplus/deficit limit
- The transmission losses are outside of the revenue cap after a change in the legislation in 2011
  - The NRA was against this change
- DSO network losses are pass through cost





## **Transmission Losses**



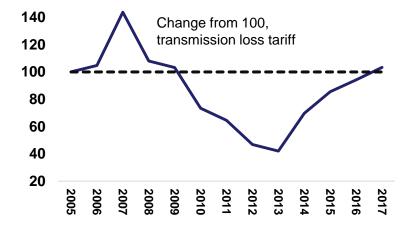
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## Change in tariffs

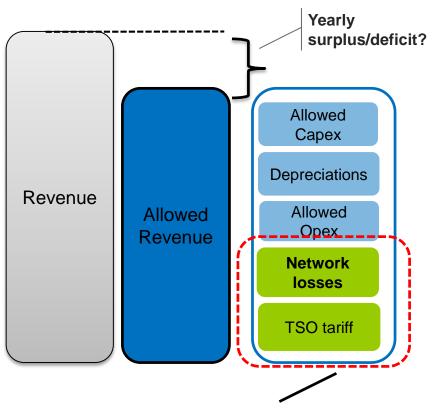
- All change in tariff should be reported to the NRA with 4 weeks notice
- The loss component in the TSO tariff is decided at least once a year after an open auction has been held, with the producers willing to participate
- When there is change in the tariff due to the transmission loss component, the NRA always asks for a meeting with the TSO where the last auction is disguised as well as the NRA may ask for further argument for the change.

## **Transmission Losses**

- Transmission losses are
  - 13-15% of the transmission bill for energy intensive users
  - 6-8% of the transmission bill for DSO's
- The transmission component in the TSO tariff is decided at least once a year after an auction with the producers
- Concerns
  - The price has been going up again
  - Not enough bids
  - Oligopolistic behaviour?
  - Has demand reached supply?
- Solution
  - Producers are rather willing to sell short term
  - Auctions for transmission losses are now being held every 3 months



## DSO network losses



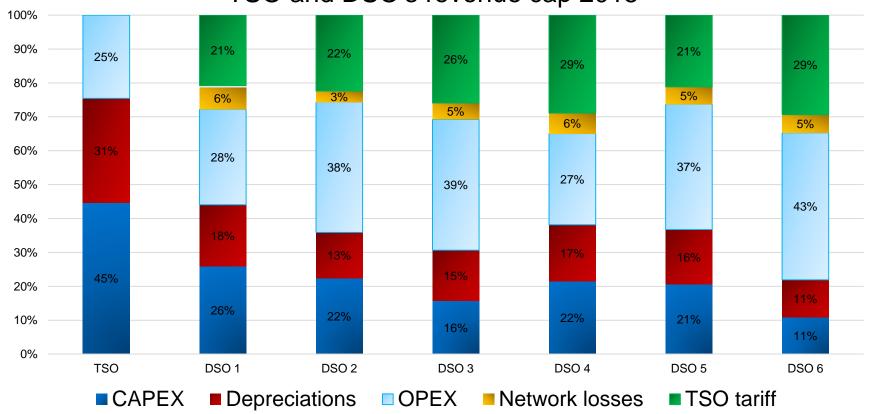
- DSO network losses are a pass through cost
- The NRA receives information on how much energy and power is lost every year and how much the DSO has paid for that
- The DSO's are responsible for buying the energy needed to recover the network losses

Pass through cost



# Allowed Revenue from 2015 TSO and DSO

TSO and DSO's revenue cap 2015





## DSO network losses

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- DSO network losses are about 3-6% of the allowed revenue
- Concerns
  - Little incentive for DSO's to get the best price
  - Network losses are bought on the energy market and go straight in to the DSO tariffs
  - Market price is thus affecting monopoly based tariffs
- Solution
  - Monitor network losses carefully
  - Discussion



Average price for network losses in the

DSO Network Losses
Percentage of MWh lost in the network

2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

