

SENER publishes the Call for the Priority Application of Energy Projects Aligned with Binding Planning

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On October 17, 2025, the Ministry of Energy (*Secretaría de Energía*, SENER) published in the Federal Official Gazette (*Diario Oficial de la Federación*) the Call for the Priority Processing of Applications for Electric Generation Permits and Interconnection to the National Electric System Aligned with Binding Planning (*Convocatoria para la atención prioritaria de solicitudes de permisos de generación eléctrica e interconexión al Sistema Eléctrico Nacional, alineados a la planeación vinculante*) (the “Call”).

The Call opens a unique opportunity for private developers of electricity generation projects (with renewable technology, as identified in the Call’s Technical Annex) that are considered strategic and prioritized under the binding planning of the power sector through 2030, as these projects may benefit from a priority and coordinated review of their generation permit and interconnection study applications, in accordance with the technical criteria set forth in the applicable legislation, primarily the Regulation to the Electricity Sector Law (*Reglamento de la Ley del Sector Eléctrico*, RLSE).

This Call results from the new energy regulations published on October 3, 2025, specifically Article 57 of the Regulation to the Planning and Energy Transition Law (*Reglamento de la Ley de Planeación y Transición Energética*, RLPTE) and Transitory Article Twenty-One of the RLSE, which require SENER to publish this call.

A. Purpose and Scope of the Call

- Addresses. Directed to private parties interested in developing new power generation projects with capacity equal to or greater than 0.7 MW, intended to interconnect to the National Electric System (*Sistema Eléctrico Nacional*, SEN), and aligned with the criteria and requirements identified in the binding planning set forth in the Call’s Technical Annex.

For ease of reference, **Annex 1** includes the Technical Annex to the Call. A detailed review of this document is critical for participation, as it identifies the eligible technologies, available capacity at specific substations, and latest possible commercial operation dates.

- Eligible Projects. Those that:
 - i. are located in regions and capacity blocks defined in the Technical Annex;
 - ii. are aligned with required technologies and expected commercial operation dates;
 - iii. are supported by documentation demonstrating technical, social, and environmental feasibility, issued by the relevant authorities.
- Non-eligible projects. Distributed generation, exempt generation, self-supply, cogeneration, or mixed schemes.
- Exceptionally, applicants may synchronize interconnection and generation permit procedures previously filed before publication of the Call.

Developers that do not participate or are not granted a permit under this Call may still process generation permits under the Electricity Sector Law (*Ley del Sector Eléctrico*, LSE), RLSE, and other applicable regulations; or participate in future similar calls issued by SENER.

B. Timeline

- The procedure follows a defined schedule covering all stages required for permit granting, interconnection contract formalization, and commercial operation of the project.
- The process begins with the Registration of Interest period from October 20–24, 2025, as further detailed in **Annex 2**. The persons who fail to submit their Registration of Interest within this period will not be eligible to proceed to the subsequent stages of the process.
- Key dates through final permit notification include:

Milestone	Period	Platform / Authority
Registration of interest + study application	November 20–24. 2025	VUPE / CENACE
Payment of fees	October 28–31, 2025	VUPE / CENACE

Generation Permit Application	October 28 – November 5, 2025	OPE / CNE
Study results + costs	November 26, 2025	VUPE / CENACE
Acceptance of Works	November 27 – December 4, 2025	VUPE / CENACE
Approval and publication of results	December 10–12, 2025	OPE-VUPE / CNE / SENER / CENACE

C. Key Information for Developers

- The process will be managed through the Strategic Energy Sector Projects Window (*Ventanilla Única de Proyectos Estratégicos del Sector Energético*, VUPE).
- Developers must submit their expression of interest through VUPE in accordance with the Call's formats and requirement.
- Generation Permit:
 - *Option 1 - no prior filing*. For those without pending applications before the CNE or former CRE. They must initiate a new permit application following the applicable administrative provisions.
 - *Option 2 - with prior filing*. For applicants with ongoing procedures (ratified under the CNE's June 5, 2025 Resolution). They must file the "Form for Applications with Prior Filing" and attach supplementary information proving regulatory compliance.

It is not entirely clear whether projects holding valid generation permits granted under the former Public Electricity Service Law (*Ley del Servicio Público de Energía Eléctrica*, LSPEE) or the Electric Industry Law (*Ley de la Industria Eléctrica*, LIE), and seeking to migrate to the LSE regime, may participate, despite an isolated reference in the Call and the provision in transitory Article Twenty-One of the RLSE. Given the lack of clarity, if a project holds a generation permit granted under the LSPEE or the LIE, and seeks to migrate to the LSE regime (that is, to obtain a new generation permit under the LSE) it is recommended to participate in this process in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Call.

- Interconnection Studies:

- Applicants must provide proof of payment for interconnection studies to CENACE, via VUPE.
- If prior studies or payments exist, CENACE may validate them or require additional payments depending on the case:
 - **Valid indicative study:** single payment for both impact and facilities studies.
 - **Valid impact study:** reevaluation and preparation of facilities study; only the latter must be paid.
 - **Valid facilities study:** reevaluation of both impact and facilities studies, with no additional payment.
 - **Expired studies:** full payment required for both impact and facilities studies.
- CENACE will conduct studies under the Interconnection of Power Plants and Connection of Load Centers Manual (*Manual para la Interconexión de Centrales Eléctricas y Conexión de Centros de Carga*, MIC). No clarifications will be accepted for studies performed under this Call.
- Acceptance of interconnection works and costs is binding: failure to comply will release the assigned capacity and may trigger a penalty payable to CENACE.

The Call provides that applicants who fail to submit their acceptance of the interconnection works and costs within the established timeframe shall be deemed to have withdrawn their generation permit application.

D. Processes Integration and Development Milestones

The Call establishes a one-time integrated framework for synchronizing interconnection and permit procedures, as well as post-permit milestones to track project progress:

Procedure	Timing	Key Considerations
Interconnection (CENACE)	Parallel to permit process	Results and acceptance of reinforcement works are preconditions for permit issuance.
Generation Permit (CNE)	During Call process	Application filed while studies are being conducted.
Social and Environmental Resolutions (MISE/AIA)	After permit process	Not required for permit issuance but mandatory before construction.
Interconnection Guarantees	Within 10 days of permit	Must cover reinforcement cost.
Financing	Within 6 months of permit	Financial plan must be demonstrated.
Construction commencement	Within 6 months after social/environmental resolutions	Proof of construction commencement required.

E. Selection and Prioritization Criteria

If participating projects exceed the available capacity at a node or substation identified in the Call, the CNE will prioritize projects that contribute the most to the reliability and security of the SEN, in accordance with the criteria of Reliability, Continuity, Quality, and Safety of the SEN; Energy Justice and a higher percentage of investment under the Social Management Plan; as well as innovation and technological development.

F. Strategic Implications

- The Call constitutes a fast-track procedure for projects that are aligned with the binding planning of the power sector and are technically mature.
- It provides regulatory certainty and priority interconnection capacity within a framework of centralized state planning.
- Projects must demonstrate a certain degree of technical, land, and social progress to be considered competitive.
- Projects in early stages, without advanced environmental and social permits or studies, may have low viability for award.
- Further clarity and transparency are pending regarding the criteria that CENACE must verify to ensure compliance with the binding planning requirements.

G. Next Steps for Developers

Given the Call's extraordinary and non-recurring nature, interested developers should immediately mobilize their legal, technical, environmental, and financial teams to meet all registration and documentation deadlines. Therefore, they should:

- Identify available nodes/substations and validate a realistic commercial operation timeline.
- Prepare complete technical information for OPE, VUPE, and CENACE.
- Define their social management strategy (MISE).
- Align financial structure and guarantees.
- Ensure prompt response capacity to CNE inquiries.

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ANNEX 1 – CALL’S TECHNICAL ANNEX

GCR	Transmission Region	Technology Type	Commercial Operation Year	Capacity (MW)	Estimated Investment for Reinforcement Works (million MXN)	Interconnection Substation	Voltage Level (kV)	State
Central	42-Tula-Pachuca	Photovoltaic	2027–2028	440	991.00	Switching substation connecting both transmission lines between SE Km 110 – Pachuca Potencia	230	Hidalgo
	43-Toluca	Photovoltaic	2028	30	91.00	Villa Guerrero	115	State of Mexico
	42-Tula-Pachuca	Photovoltaic	2030	80	45.00	Nochistongo	115	Hidalgo
Oriental	47-Puebla	Photovoltaic	2027	200	215.00	Switching substation connecting Tecali 73560 Oriente, Tecali 73010 Guadalupe Analco, and Tecali 73820 Bugambillas lines	115	Puebla
	46-Veracruz	Photovoltaic	2028	120	31.00	Piedras Negras	115	Veracruz
	48-Morelos	Photovoltaic	2028	120	40.00	Yautepec Potencia	115	Morelos
	61-Juchitán	Wind	2028	200	31.00	Juchitán Dos	115	Oaxaca
	46-Veracruz	Photovoltaic	2029	130	31.00	Santa Fe	115	Veracruz
	58-Grijalva	Photovoltaic	2029	200	150.00	Tapachula Potencia	115	Chiapas

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Peninsular	59-Tabasco	Photovoltaic	2029	100	40.00	Cárdenas Dos	115	Tabasco
	46-Veracruz	Photovoltaic	2030	250	44.00	Manlio Fabio Altamirano	230	Veracruz
	76-Chetumal	Wind	2028	200	41.00	Xul-ha	115	Quintana Roo
	64-Escárcega	Photovoltaic	2028	300	139.00	Escárcega	400	Campeche
	64-Escárcega	Photovoltaic	2028	600	2,036.00	Switching substation connecting both Escárcega–Ticul transmission lines	400	Campeche
	68-Dzitnup	Wind	2028	320	139.00	Dzitnup	400	Yucatán
	69-Valladolid	Wind	2028–2029	350	2,439.00	Switching substation connecting Norte–Kanasín Potencia transmission lines	230	Yucatán
Occidental	29-Tepic	Photovoltaic	2029	80	97.00	Acaponeta	115	Nayarit
	33-San Luis Potosí	Wind	2028	100	1,017.00	Charcas Potencia	115	San Luis Potosí
	33-San Luis Potosí	Wind	2029	170	—	El Potosí	230	San Luis Potosí
	31-Aguascalientes	Photovoltaic	2029	90	126.00	Ojo Caliente	115	Zacatecas
	31-Aguascalientes	Photovoltaic	2028	90	479.00	La Virgen	115	Jalisco

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	31-Aguascalientes	Photovoltaic	2028	100	—	Lagos Galera	115	Jalisco
	34-Salamanca	Photovoltaic	2027	90	—	El Toro	115	Guanajuato
	33-San Luis Potosí	Photovoltaic	2027	130	756.00	San Diego Peñuelas	115	Guanajuato
	37-San Luis de la Paz	Photovoltaic	2027–2029	180	—	Santa Fe	115	Guanajuato
	38-Querétaro	Photovoltaic	2027	100	2,516.00	Tequisquiapan	115	Querétaro
	38-Querétaro	Photovoltaic	2028	220	—	Switching substation connecting San Juan Potencia–Dañú transmission line	230	Hidalgo
Norte	13-Cuauhtémoc	Photovoltaic	2029	30	35.00	Cuauhtémoc	115	Chihuahua
Noreste	19-Nuevo Laredo	Wind	2028	140	38.00	Falcón Mexicano	138	Tamaulipas
	21-Matamoros	Wind	2027	120	38.00	Matamoros Potencia	138	Tamaulipas
	27-Güémez	Wind	2028	200	176.00	Jiménez	115	Tamaulipas
	25-Huasteca	Wind	2027	80	106.00	Switching substation connecting Libramiento–Mante line	115	Tamaulipas

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	25-Huasteca	Photovoltaic	2028	110	27.00	Puerto Altamira Eléctrica	115	Tamaulipas
	23-Salttillo	Wind	2028	300	76.00	Derramadero	400	Coahuila



ANNEX 2 – CALL’S TIMELINE

Stage	Period (2025)	Authority / Platform	Action Required from the Developer
1. Publication of the Call	Date of publication in DOF	SENER / VUPE	None
2. Registration of Interest and Study Request	October 20–24	VUPE / CENACE	File the expression of interest and request for interconnection studies
3. Determination of Study Payments	October 27	CENACE / VUPE	Await notification of amount or study revalidation
4. Payment of Studies	October 28–31	CENACE / VUPE	Pay the corresponding fee and upload proof of payment
5. Application for Generation Permit	October 28 – November 5	OPE / CNE	Submit application in accordance with the applicable administrative guidelines (DACGs)
6. Review of Requirements and Prevention Notice	November 6–11	CNE / OPE	Review any prevention notices issued by the authority
7. Response to Prevention Notice	November 12–19	CNE / OPE	Address and correct the single prevention notice (if applicable)
8. Results of Studies and Cost of Works	November 26	CENACE / VUPE	Review notification of results and cost estimates
9. Acceptance of Works and Costs	November 27 – December 4	CENACE / VUPE	Submit the Irrevocable Works Acceptance Form
10. Technical Review and Binding Planning	December 5–9	CNE / Technical Analysis Group	No action required
11. Permit Approval	December 10	CNE Technical Committee	No action required
12. Publication of Results	December 11	CNE / VUPE	Check the list of approved projects
13. Notification of Permits	December 11–12	CNE / OPE	Review notification and obtain the permit title
14. Withdrawal of Previous Applications	December 15–19	CNE / OPE	Submit withdrawal of any prior applications