

# MATHEMATICAL APPENDIX

## A Two-Part Feed-In-Tariff for Intermittent Electricity Generation

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The derivation of optimal FIT and CAT gives rise to a number of predictions, which are summarized in this appendix. Equation (12) demonstrates that a two-part tariff is often feasible but not always feasible. The electric utility can use either a FIT or a CAT or both. The following theorems identify properties that follow from (12).

**Theorem 1** (Existence). *For a feasible combination of FIT and CAT to exist, it must hold that  $f_n \leq z_n$ . Because  $f_n > 0$ , a feasible two-part tariff does not exist if  $z_n < 0$ .*

This first theorem has an important implication. Because  $z_n$  must be non-negative, it must hold that  $p_0T/s_0 > \gamma v_n/u_n - 1$ . This means that the two-part tariff is more likely to be feasible when the  $v_n$  is small or negative, or when the utilization rate  $u_n$  is large. There is an obvious corollary. When the ratio  $v_n$  is negative, a feasible two-part tariff always exists because the expression  $\gamma v_n/u_n - 1$  is negative. The second corollary follows from the fact that  $p_0$  and  $s_0$  are positive, and thus  $p_0T/s_0 > 0$ . Therefore, a feasible two-part tariff also exists always when  $v_n$  is positive but sufficiently small:  $v_n < u_n/\gamma$ .

The next two theorems explore the constraints on offering single-part tariffs.

**Theorem 2** (FIT without CAT). *If the utility does not offer a CAT, then it must offer a differentiated FIT  $p_n$  such that  $f_n/u_nT \leq p_n \leq z_n/u_nT$ .*

**Theorem 3** (CAT without FIT). *If the utility does not offer a FIT, then it must offer a differentiated CAT such that  $f_n \leq s_n \leq z_n$ .*

If the utility offers a two-part tariff, there is an equivalency relationship between the two components, defined in the next theorem.

**Theorem 4** (Equivalence). *If the utility offers both FIT and CAT, any incentive pair  $(p_n, s_n)$  and  $(p'_n, s'_n)$  that satisfies  $(s_n - s'_n)/(p'_n - p_n) = u_nT$  is equivalent.*

The next two theorems explore the possibility that the utility offers a two-part tariff that is uniform across IPPs in one element and differentiated in the other element.

**Theorem 5** (Uniform FIT). *If the utility pays a uniform FIT  $\forall n : p_n = \tilde{p}$ , it must offer a differen-*

*tiated CAT  $s_n$  so that  $f_n - \tilde{p}u_nT \leq s_n \leq z_n - \tilde{p}u_nT$ .*

**Theorem 6** (Uniform CAT). *If the utility pays a uniform CAT  $\forall n : s_n = \tilde{s}$ , it must offer a differentiated FIT  $p_n$  such that  $f_n - \tilde{s} \leq p_nu_nT \leq z_n - \tilde{s}$ .*

A useful comparison concerns the conventional scenario of a uniform FIT without a second pricing instrument

**Theorem 7** (Conventional FIT). *A uniform FIT  $\forall n : p_n = \tilde{p}$  without CAT  $\forall n : s_n = 0$  is welfare-reducing because it rejects projects  $n$  for which  $\tilde{p} < f_n/(u_nT) < \tilde{p} + s_n/(u_nT)$  when  $s_n$  would have been positive, and it accepts projects  $n$  for which  $\tilde{p} + s_n/(u_nT) < z_n/(u_nT) < \tilde{p}$  when  $s_n$  would have been negative.*

In other words, a uniform FIT without CAT falsely rejects projects when  $\tilde{p}$  is not crediting new projects for their reduction in back-up capacity, and it falsely accepts projects when  $\tilde{p}$  is not charging new projects for an increase in back-up capacity. Essentially, a uniform FIT without CAT generates type-I and type-II errors.

The final theorem looks at a variation of theorem 5 where the utility offers a uniform FIT, but with a differentiated CAT. This option has some desirable characteristics because it attributes the heterogeneity across firms to one pricing element only. It fixes the problem encountered in theorem 7.

**Theorem 8** (Optimal uniform FIT with differentiated CAT). *Among the feasible two-part tariffs is one that offers a uniform FIT defined by  $\forall n : p_n = \tilde{p} = p_0$  and a heterogeneous CAT defined by  $s_n \leq s_0(u_n - \gamma v_n)$ . The CAT is positive when  $u_n > \gamma v_n$  and is negative when  $u_n < \gamma v_n$ . When  $v_n$  is negative, the CAT is guaranteed to be positive.*

Using (7) and (11), the sufficiency condition for the CAT to be positive is

$$\frac{u_n K_n}{\gamma \sqrt{\Sigma_0^{(n-1)}}} > \sqrt{1 + \frac{\Delta^{(n)}}{\Sigma_0^{(n-1)}}} - 1 \quad (18)$$

When  $\Delta^{(n)} < 0$ , the expression on the right-hand side of (18) is negative, and thus the inequality always holds. But even for small positive  $\Delta^{(n)}$ , the inequality will hold.