

# Previsiones para la electricidad de 2024: ¿ha pasado ya el peligro?

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### Agenda

- Geopolitics and gas market
- 2. Demand
- 3. Regulation
- 4. Capacity mix
- 5. Energy prices
- 6. Market design
- 7. Key messages



#### GEOPOLITICS AND GAS MARKET

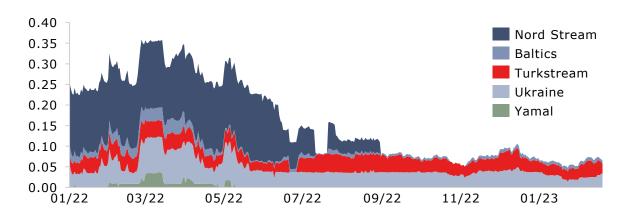
# Currently, the only remaining routes for Russian gas to Europe are via Ukraine and Turkstream which dropped to 25 bcm/y since end of 2022

### **ROUTES OF RUSSIAN GAS INTO EUROPE**



### Sources: IEA WDS, ENTSOG, S&P

### DAILY RUSSIAN GAS FLOWS 1 JAN - 19 FEB 2022 (BCM/DAY)



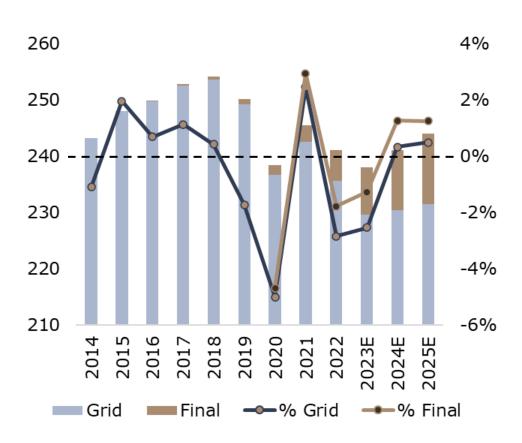
- Very high seasonal storage, but... What about price?
- Winter temperatures in Europe and Asia, rainfall..?
- Potential further reductions of Russian pipe gas
- Ukraine, Israel, Chinese LNG demand, European recession?
- New LNG (US, Qatar, Australia..)
- Deployment/closure delays of some nuclear + new RES
- Electrification and energy efficiency (e.g. insulation)
- Expensive gas in 2024 (€47/MWh) and 2025 (€42/MWh), and volatile!



### DEMAND

# Electricity demand seems falling sharply, but is significantly affected by self-consumption (final vs. 'grid' demand) and possibly transitory high prices

### **DEMAND EVOLUTION (TWH AND % GROWTH)**



- Covid
- Industry
- Self-consumption
- Data centers, EV, Heat pumps, H2...?
- Energy efficiency, insulation, demand response to high prices

Sources: REE and AFRY estimates

### **REGULATION**

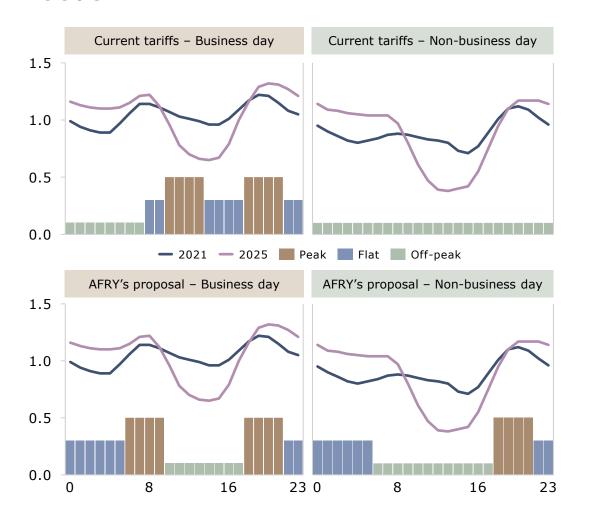
### Uncertain regulatory elements may affect power prices directly and indirectly

### PENDING REGULATORY DECISIONS

- RDL 23/2020: milestones extension, pipeline >July 2025
- RES auctions: indicative calendar (wind 1.5GW/y, PV 1.8GW/y) vs. PNIEC targets (wind 4GW/y, PV 7GW/y)
- 'grid access tenders': link with 60 months milestone extension, and COD>2026?
- 'gas cap' and RDL 17/2021 'windfall profits' temporary measures
  - Direct impact on prices
  - Indirect impact on RES investments
- Grid charges and tariff structure
- Use of the very high 'tariff surplus', and high income from CO2 auctions --> potential reduction of grid charges
- Tax measures: IVA, 'electricity tax', IVPEE (7% tax)



### Tariff design is likely to keep evolving, and should consider changing system needs



### **GRID CHARGES**

- High grid charges in hours of solar cannibalisation, which disincentivises EV charging and load management to maximise RES integration
- Charges incentivise self-consumption, which does not need incentives, or can be incentivised through other mechanisms (e.g. 'IBI' property tax discounts)
- Problematic 'evening peak' not addressed in weekends

### – Proposals:

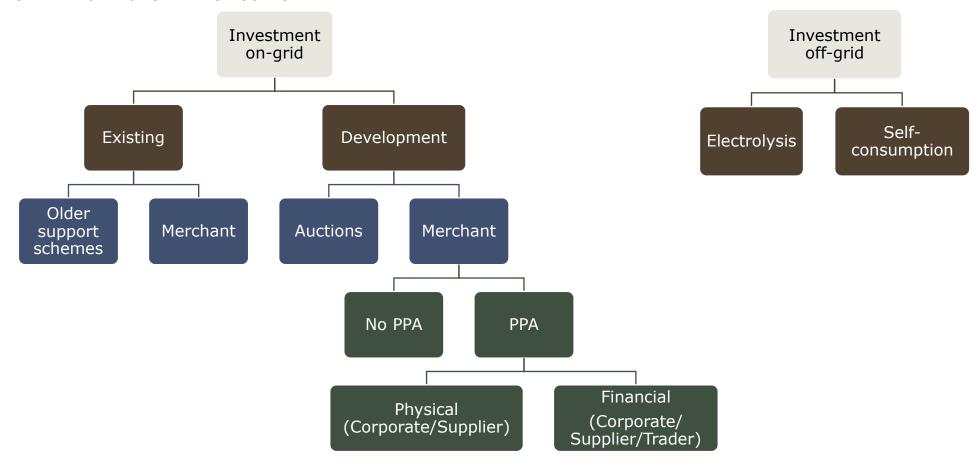
- modify hourly periods to give RES integration signals (vs. grid utilisation)
- as total grid charges reduce, shift from 3 periods to 2 periods (Peak and Off-peak)
- stronger price differentials to incentivise demand response or batteries
- Incentivise distributed storage



#### CAPACITY MIX

Different RES investment regulatory categories have different merchant and regulatory exposure triggering different investment decisions

### **INVESTMENT OPTIONS IN RES ASSETS**





### CAPACITY MIX

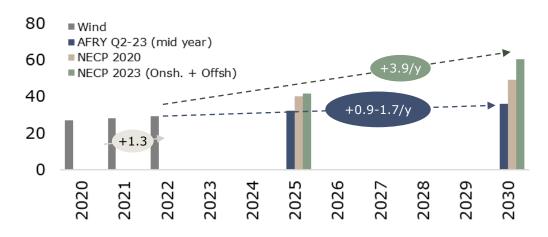
# Very ambitious RES plans, but can the market, PPAs and auctions deliver before flexibility elements arrive?

### **SOLAR PV CAPACITY (GW)**



- Technically possible targets, but unlikely economics and insufficient PPA / auction volumes / storage
- Probably higher pace in 2024 & 2025
  - 4-6GW/y utility scale
  - ~1.5GW/y self-consumption

### WIND CAPACITY (GW)



Targets technically unlikely driven by permitting and construction bottlenecks

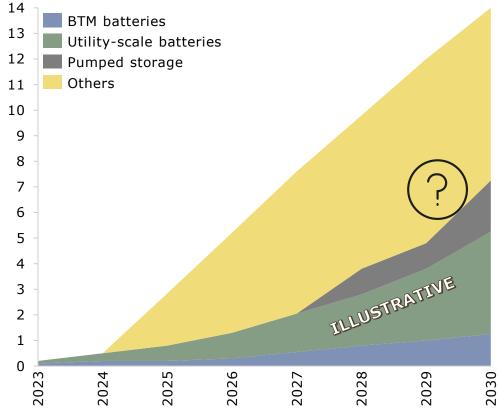


#### STORAGE DEVELOPMENT

### The new Spanish NECP sets the target of 22GW of energy storage by 2030, but further investment incentives will be needed

- Capex grants from EU funds
- Capacity market launched in 2025?
- Grid access tenders point system
- Other new mechanisms?

# ILLUSTRATIVE STORAGE CAPACITY BREAKDOWN, GW 14

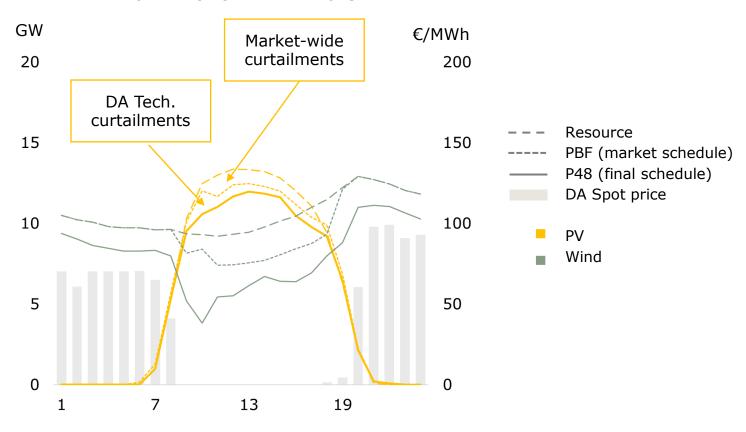




### **RES INTEGRATION**

# RES resource is 'curtailed' first by economics in the unconstrained market schedule and further by technical constraints from the grid operator

### **MARKET PERFORMANCE ON 14 MAY 2023**



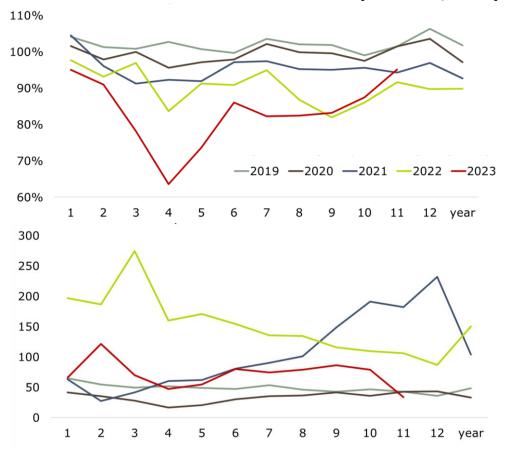




#### RENEWABLE MONTHLY CAPTURE RATES

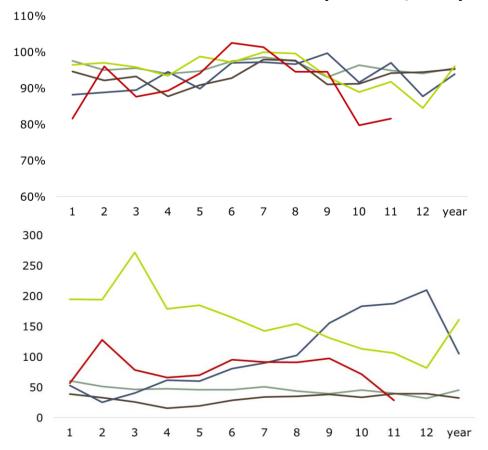
# Spring brings higher frequency of curtailment, decreasing capture rate for both wind and solar PV, due to higher wind and hydro resource

### SOLAR PV CAPTURED RATES AND PRICES (% AND €/MWH)



Captured prices are in €/MWh per unit of resource, excluding 'market wide curtailments'

### WIND CAPTURED RATES AND PRICES (% AND €/MWH)

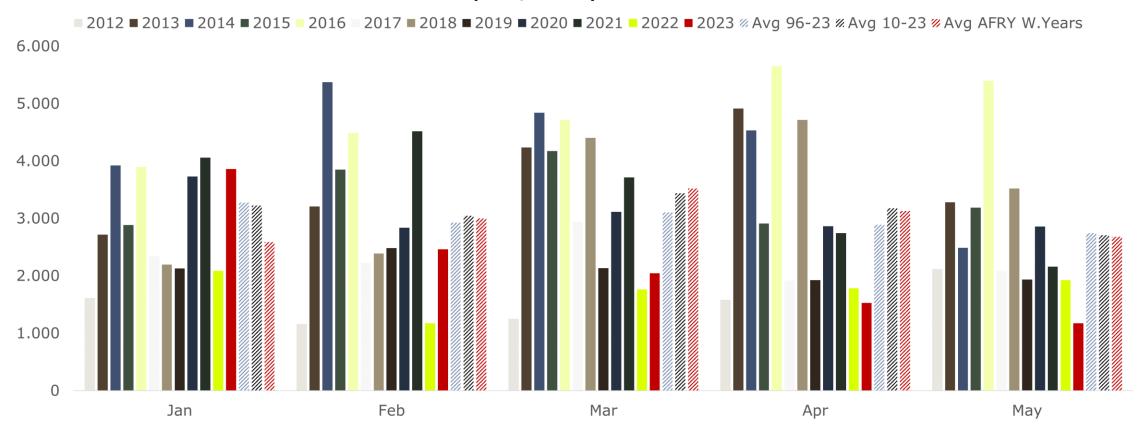




**HYDRO** 

### Importance of 'Weather Years', not only annual energy but mostly RoR flows

### **HYDRO PRODUCTION IN THE SPANISH POWER SYSTEM (GWH/MONTH)**



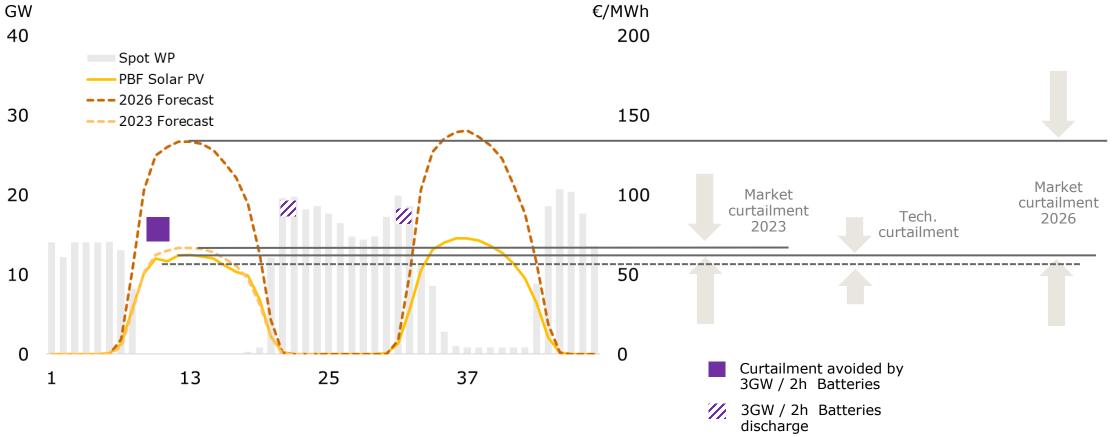
Source: REE



### **RES INTEGRATION**

# Market RES curtailments will increase substantially in absence of substantial additional storage

### **ILLUSTRATIVE MARKET PERFORMANCE ON 14 TO 15 MAY 2026**





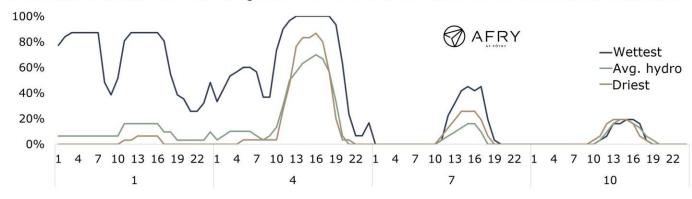


#### RES CAPTURED PRICES

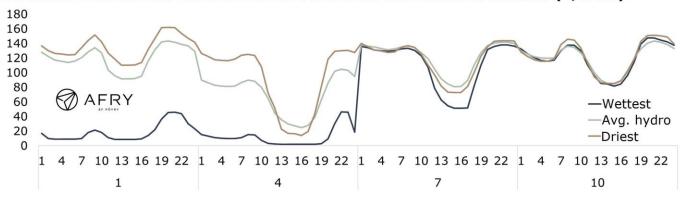
### Frequency of low price periods will keep rising in the ST and MT

- High dependence of weather patterns (RoR hydro, wind)
- Shift of low price periods to solar hours
- Regulatory changes of Time-of-Use regulated tariffs (grid tolls, and system costs levies)

### WEATHER SENSITIVITY ON FREQUENCY OF LOW PRICE PERIODS IN THE SPANISH MARKET



### WEATHER SENSITIVITY ON WHOLESALE PRICES IN THE SPANISH MARKET (€/MWH)

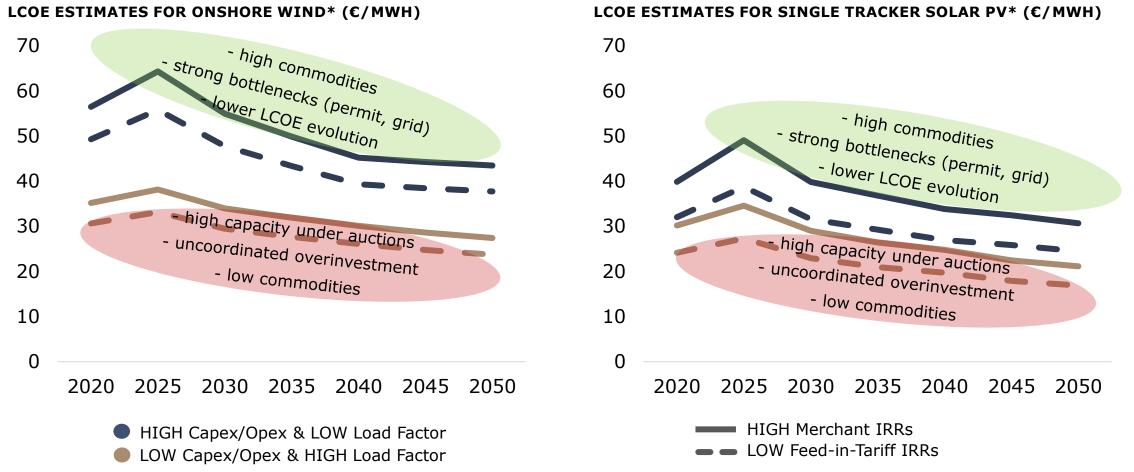


Source: AFRY Management Consulting, Q2-2023. Illustration under assumption that RDL 17/2021 is not extended beyond 2023.



#### **RES COSTS**

Potential LCOE evolution of renewable technologies will determine minimum revenue requirements... and possibly market captured prices



<sup>\*</sup> AFRY's own estimates for a fairly wide range of observed and expected Capex, Opex, and load factors; and own views on projected hurdle rates.



### FORWARD PRICES

### Potential LCOE evolution of renewable technologies will determine minimum revenue requirements... and possibly market captured prices

### IBERIAN GAS FORWARDS (€/MWH)



High gas prices until >2026

### IBERIAN ELECTRICITY FORWARDS (€/MWH)



- Implicit solar captured rate of 82% in 2024, 80% in 2025
  - 10-20 percentage points higher than AFRY
- AFRY models a delta of c.35€/MWh between extreme wetdry weather patterns (do Forwards consider wet years?)



### **KEY MESSAGES**

### Impossible to model accurately all drivers of power prices, but...

- High gas volatility, around a high average of 45-55€/MWh\_gas in 2024 & 2025
- High impact of solar cannibalisation, with rapidly falling captured rates for PV
- High impact of additional solar PV installed, yet 2024 does not seem to slow down
- High impact of weather patterns, and statistically 2024 or 2025 should be wet (unless climate change affects more and earlier)
- More reasons for Forwards over rather than under-forecasting, particularly in solar hours
- Potential reduction of grid charges, and modification of hourly tariffs structure to better integrate RES through demand shifting



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