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Competition benefits









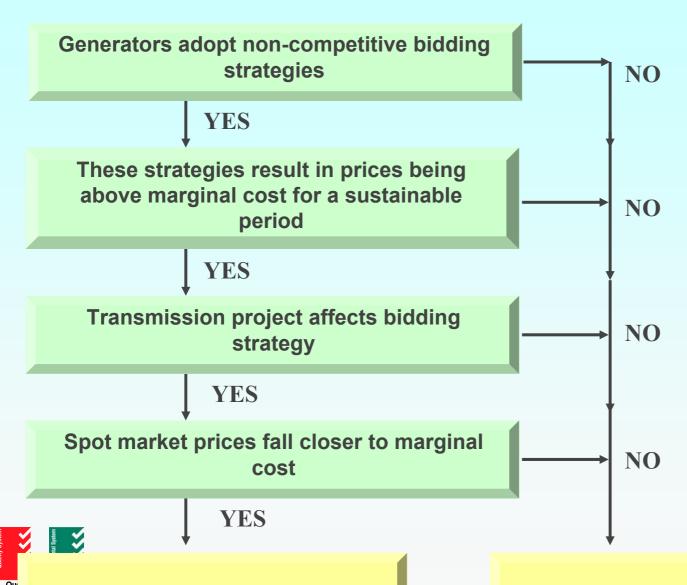
WHAT ARE COMPETITION BENEFITS?

- Spot prices more closely reflect generation marginal costs (due to reduction in market power)
- Consumption increases due to lower prices









COMPONENTS OF COMPETITION BENEFITS

- Productive efficiency gains
 (More efficient dispatch outcomes)
- Allocative efficiency gains
 (Increased consumption due to lower prices)
- Dynamic efficiency gains
 (Delayed generation entry)





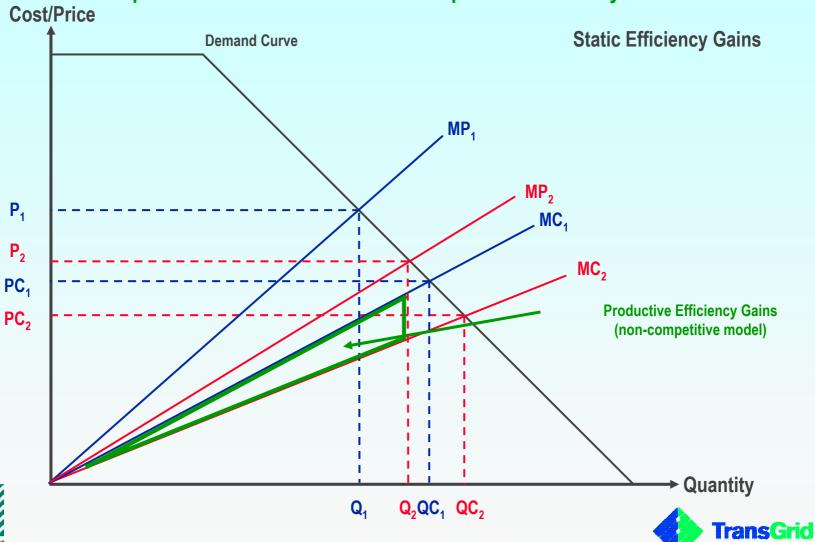


Generator dispatch must be made more efficient (productive efficiency) **End-user's consumption changes** (allocative efficiency) **Investment delayed** (dynamic efficiency) **COMPETITION BENEFITS**



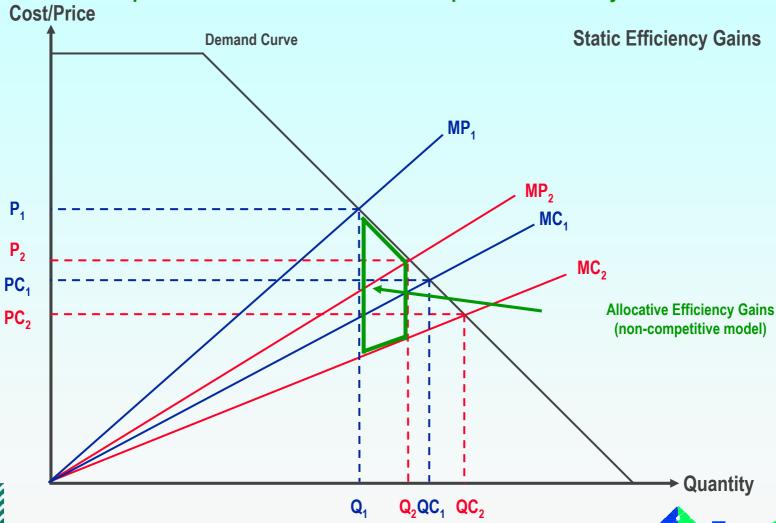








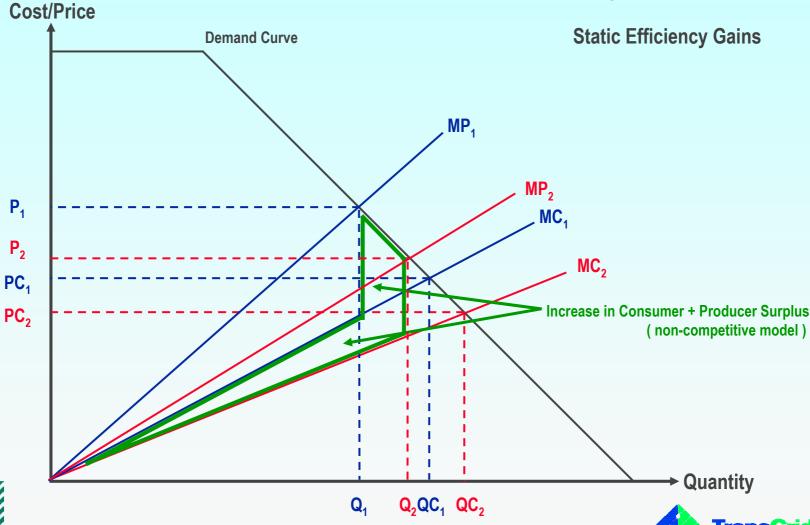








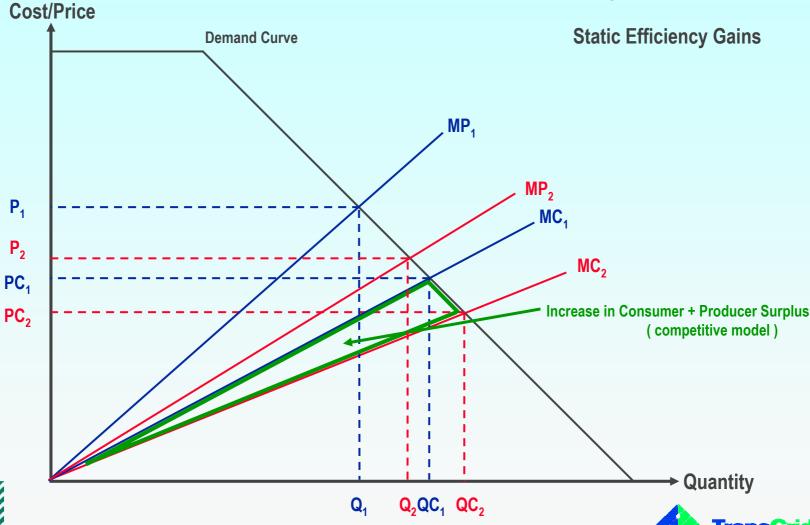










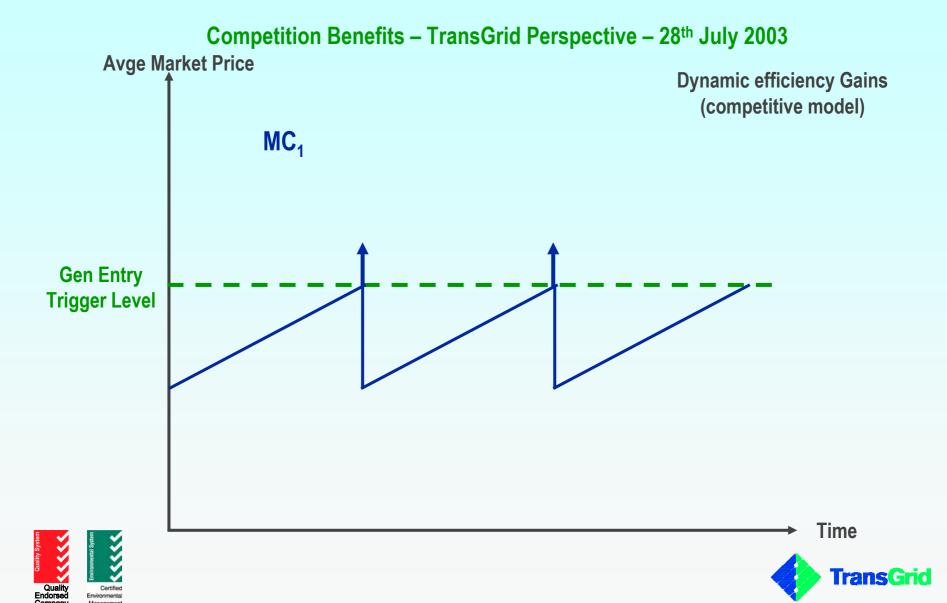




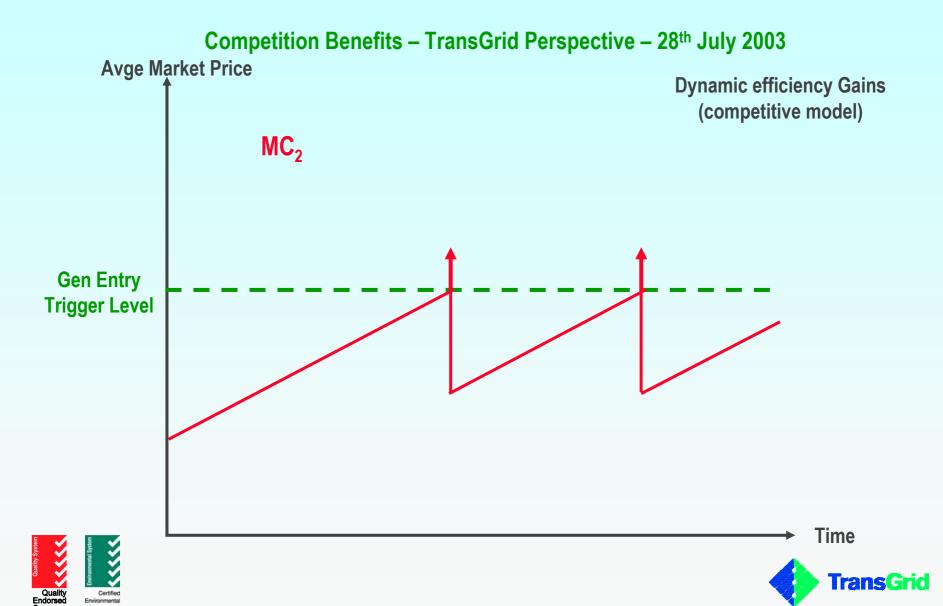




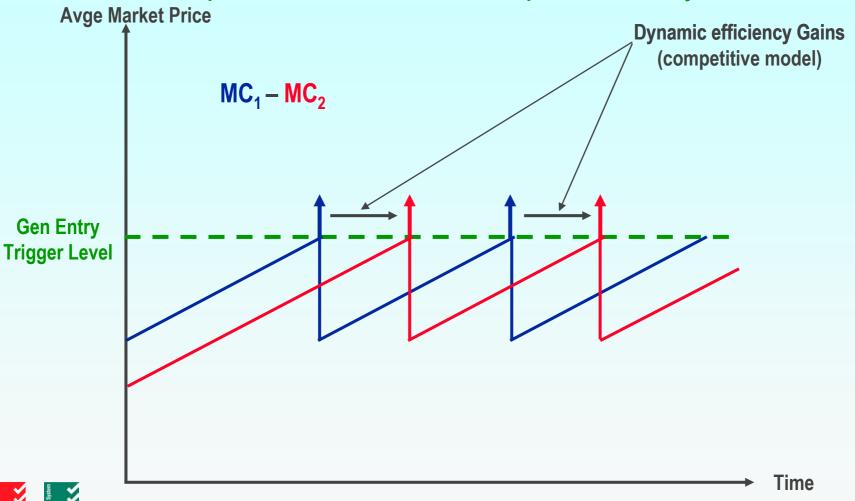
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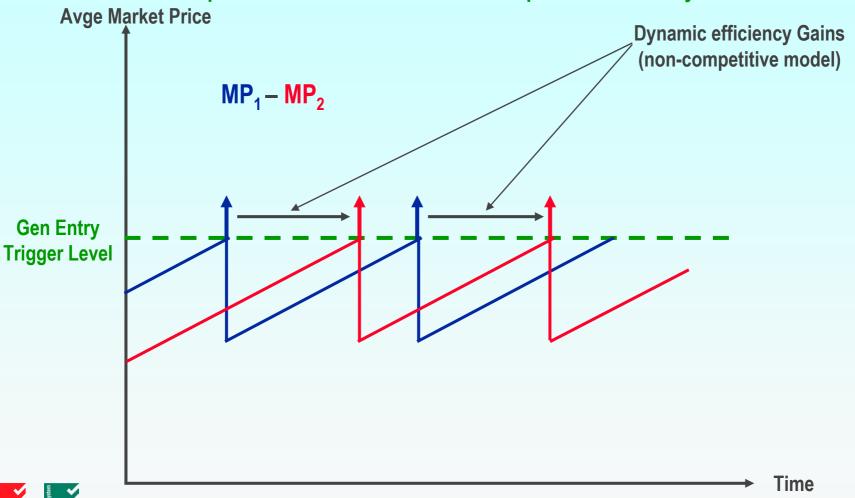


















COMPETITION BENEFITS AND THE REGULATORY TEST

Model generator power

(non-competitive bidding models) allowed?

Model willingness to pay (elasticity) allowed

Measure con + prod surplus directly <u>default</u>







SHOULD COMPETITION BENEFITS BE MODELLED?

- Yes, if likely to be a material real-world effect
- Measurement and modeling difficulties appreciated however
- Risk that an economic proposal would <u>not</u> be built (if competition benefits are not captured)







Network augmentations for who?

End game - cheaper reliable electricity for customers

- Ensuring equity in allocation of benefits
- Recognising current relative sharing of payment for transmission, particularly, interconnectors
- Protecting customers from market exploitation





Ensuring equity in allocation of benefits NET vs GROSS BENEFITS ?

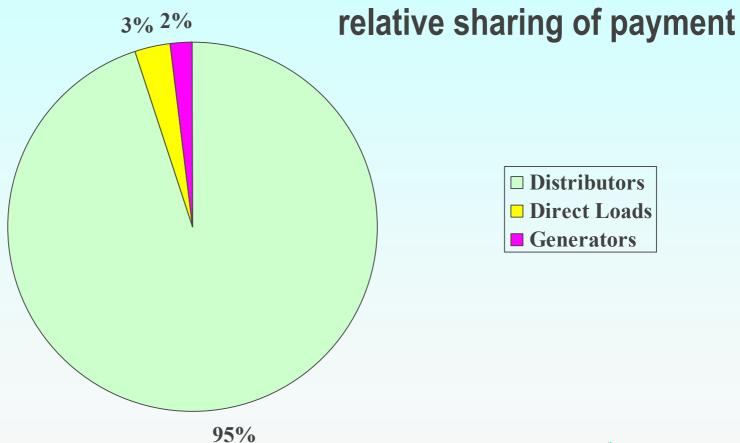
- Regulatory test does not recognise gross outcomes
- Gross customers benefits (question of policy)







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Who pays for transmission augmentations?

= Warring Tribes (apologies to Dr Booth)









Questions?





