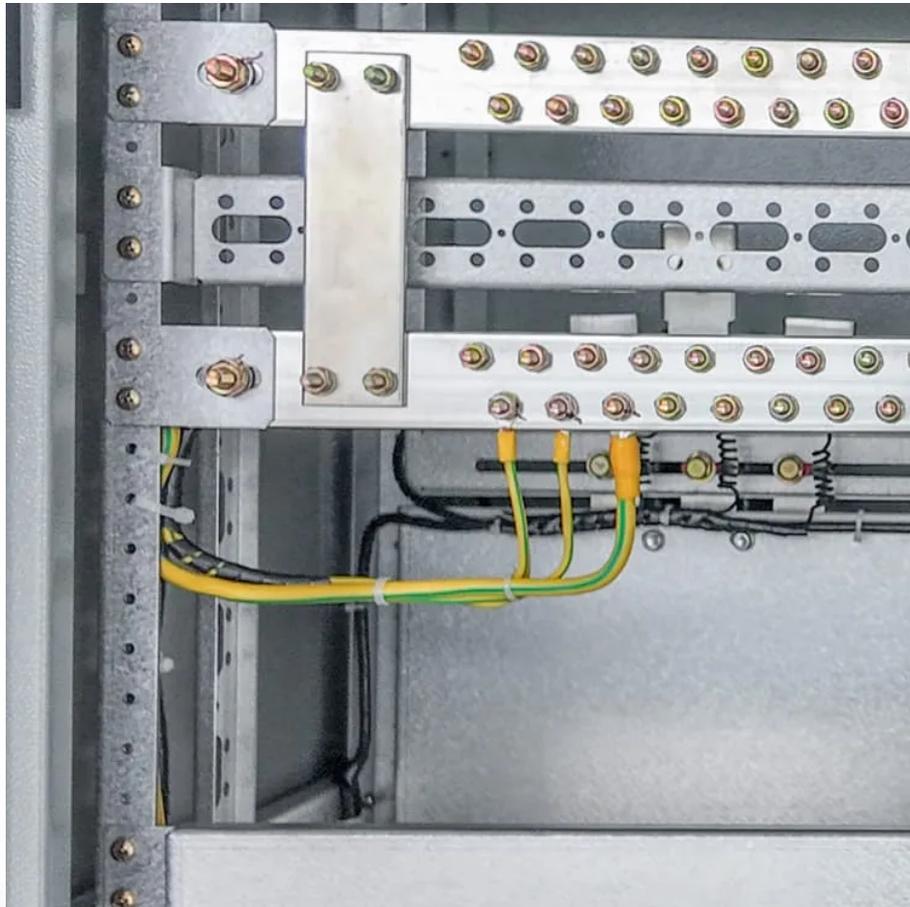


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## Overview

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In Nicaragua, the company Dissur-Disnorte, owned by the Spanish Unión Fenosa, controls 95% of the distribution. Other companies with minor contributions are Bluefields, Wiwilí and ATDER-BL. Overview has the 2nd lowest electricity generation in Central America, ahead only of Belize. Nicaragua also possesses the lowest percentage of population with access to electricity. The unbundling and privatization.

Nicaragua continues significantly dependent on oil for electricity generation, despite recent developments toward renewable energy sources following the , with approximately 36% of ene.

In 2001, only 47% of the population in Nicaragua had access to electricity. The electrification programs developed by the former National Electricity Commission (CNE) with resources from the National Fund for th.

When did Nicaragua create a national electricity grid?

The creation of a national electric grid started in 1958 with the construction of two 69 kV power lines from Managua to Granada and from Managua to León and Chinandega. Until the early 1990s, the electricity sector in Nicaragua was characterized by the presence of the State, through the Nicaraguan Energy Institute (INE), in all its activities.

What is the electricity system in Nicaragua?

The Nicaraguan electricity system comprises the National Interconnected System (SIN), which covers more than 90% of the territory where the population of the country lives (the entire Pacific, Central and North zone of the country). The remaining regions are covered by small isolated generation systems.

What percentage of Nicaragua's electricity is produced by hydroelectric plants?

Currently, hydroelectric plants account only for 10% of the electricity produced in Nicaragua. The public company Hidrogesa owns and operates the two existing plants (Centroamérica and Santa Bárbara).

Does the World Bank have an off-grid rural electrification project in Nicaragua?

The World Bank has currently one Off-grid Rural Electrification (PERZA) project under implementation in Nicaragua. The US\$19 million project will receive US\$12 million funding from the Bank in the period 2003–2008.

Why does Nicaragua produce so much electricity?

This high contribution to emissions from electricity production in comparison with other countries in the region is due to the high share of thermal generation. Currently (November 2007), there are only two registered CDM projects in the electricity sector in Nicaragua, with overall estimated emission reductions of 336,723 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per year.

What funding sources are available for rural electrification in Nicaragua?

Financing sources for rural electrification are limited. The National Fund for the Development of the Electricity Industry (FODIEN) receives its resources from the concessions and licenses granted by the Nicaraguan Energy Institute (INE). However, funds have been insufficient.

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