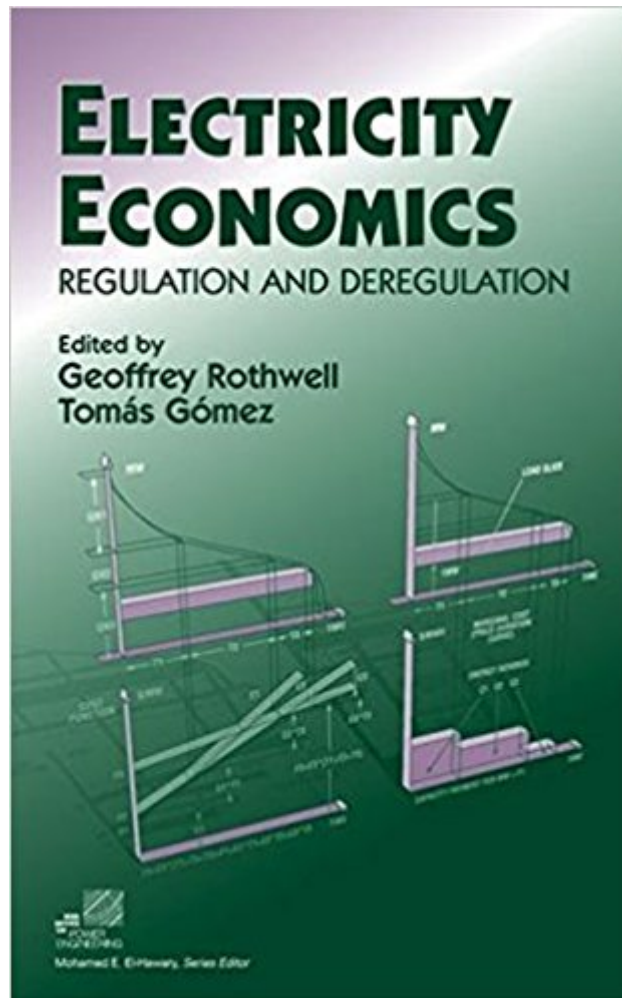




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# Electricity Economics: Regulation And Deregulation



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Hey, this is my one and only book. The first 5 chapters cover regulatory economics and the last 4 chapters examine electricity regulatory reform in California, Norway, Spain, and Argentina. Each of the case studies uses the same format, so experience can be compared from country to country (we kinda think of California as a country). I am most proud of the exercises in Chapters 2-5 that build on previous chapters. For example, Chapter 2 is an excellent overview of energy economics: everything you'll need to be able to understand economic journals articles (but you need to work through the exercises). Let me know what you think: google me to find my current email address.

I used this book for an MBA project work about Italian electricity market. Easy to read and understand, it covers the basics of deregulation, the electricity market pool, the basic activities such as generation, transmission, distribution and retail and proposes some real cases about market liberalization (California, Norway, Spain and Argentina) that should help to understand every kind of specific worldwide market. I found this book very useful for my educational purposes but maybe it could be too much generic for professional people.

This book is easy to follow all concepts. Any new power system engineers should have it in order to understanding a deregulated market.

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