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Engaging civil society in the energy transition: The role of grids

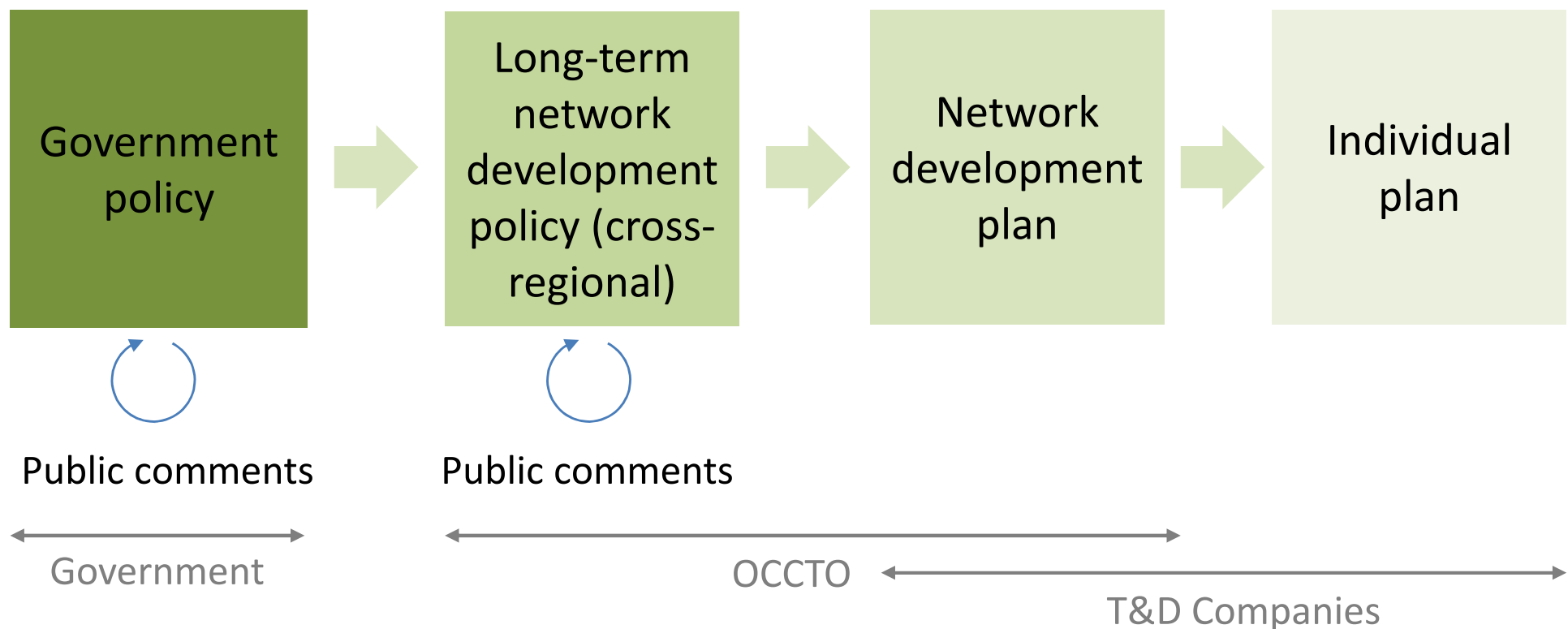
Grid Planning and Stakeholder Engagement in Japan

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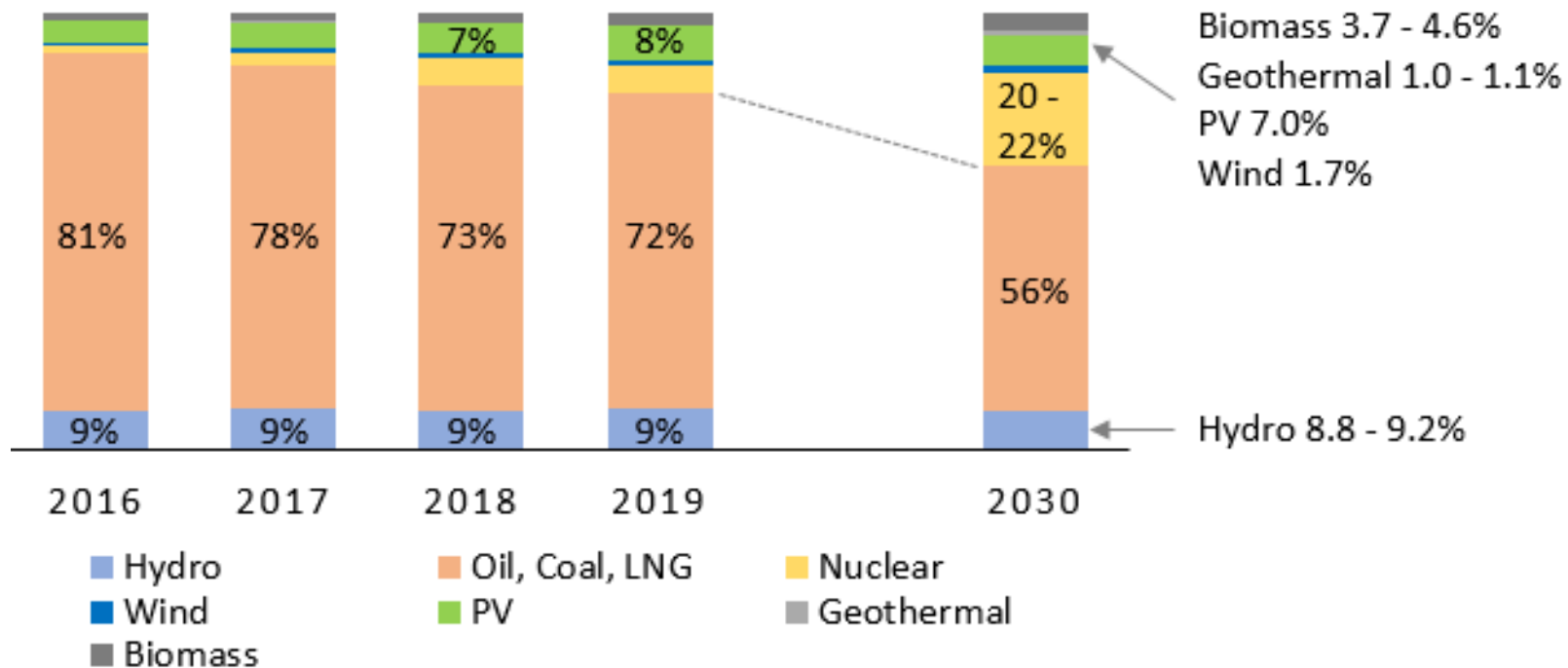
Energy Mix and Grid Planning

- The long-term network development policy is established based on the government policy including the future energy mix.
- Both policies are established through respective committees and public comments.
- Committees are composed of members from various sectors such as academia, legal, consumer and energy (gen, retail, T&D).



Target Energy Mix in 2030

- The target energy mix in 2030 was established in 2015, considering 3E + S: energy security, economic efficiency, environment and safety.
- Current government policy (strategic energy plan) was updated in 2018. Discussions to update it were started in the government committee last month.



Created from the government statistics on generation records.

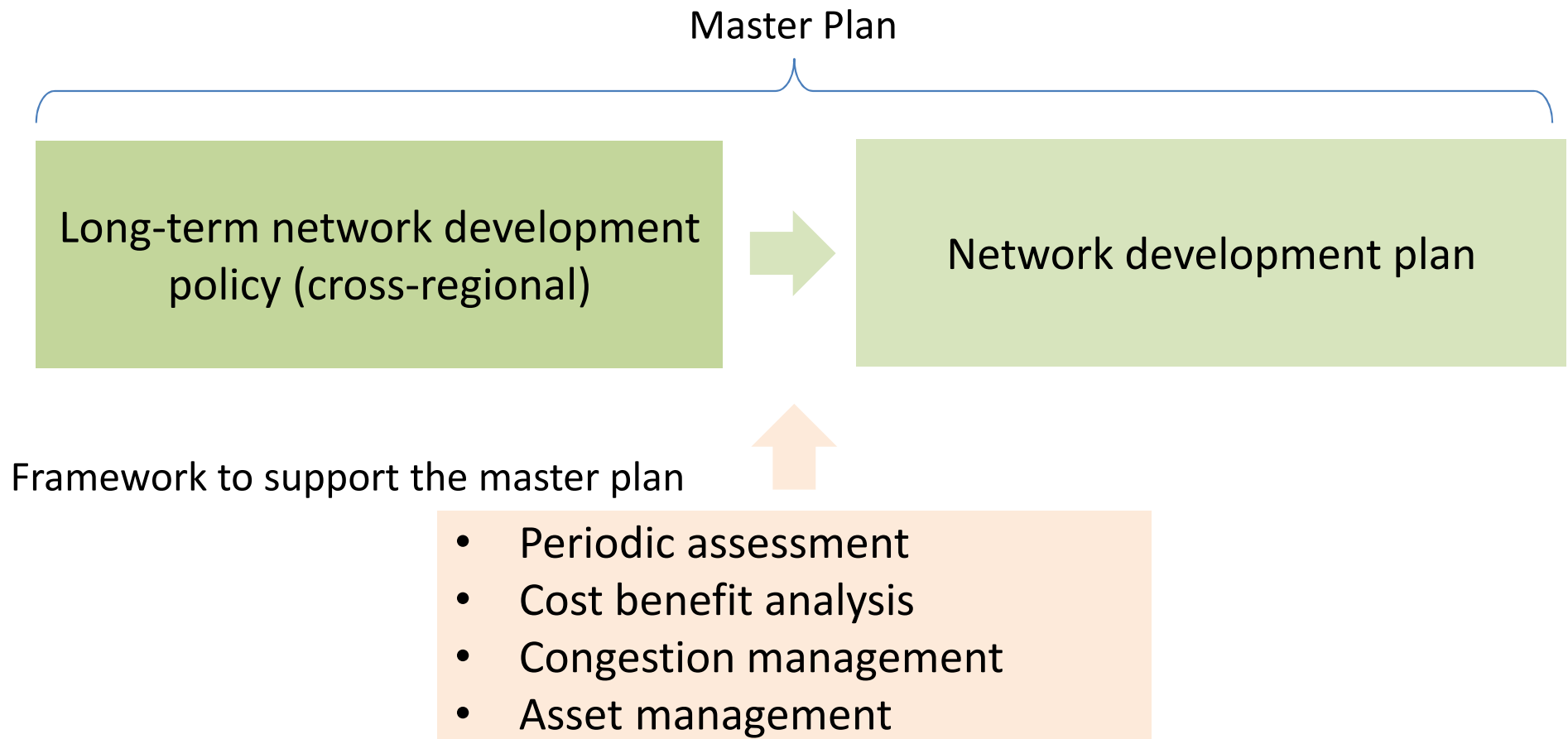
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Residential PV is not included in the records.



Grid Planning - Master Plan

- Current long-term network development policy (cross-regional) was established in 2017. It is updated approximately every 5 years.
- The discussion was started to update the master plan in August this year.



Recent Changes and Discussions

Transition from 'Pull' to 'Push'

- The transition from 'Pull' to 'Push' is necessary to achieve the large integration of renewable energy while limiting the public burden.
- Pull: Grid planning according to the each connection application
Push: Grid planning based on the generation potential
- The following changes are included in the discussion to achieve the transition.

- A) Invitation of the connection application for the individual reinforcement issued by the T&D company
- B) Acquisition of the connection capacity for the off-shore windfarm by the government
- C) Grid planning based on the cost benefit analysis considering the generation potential



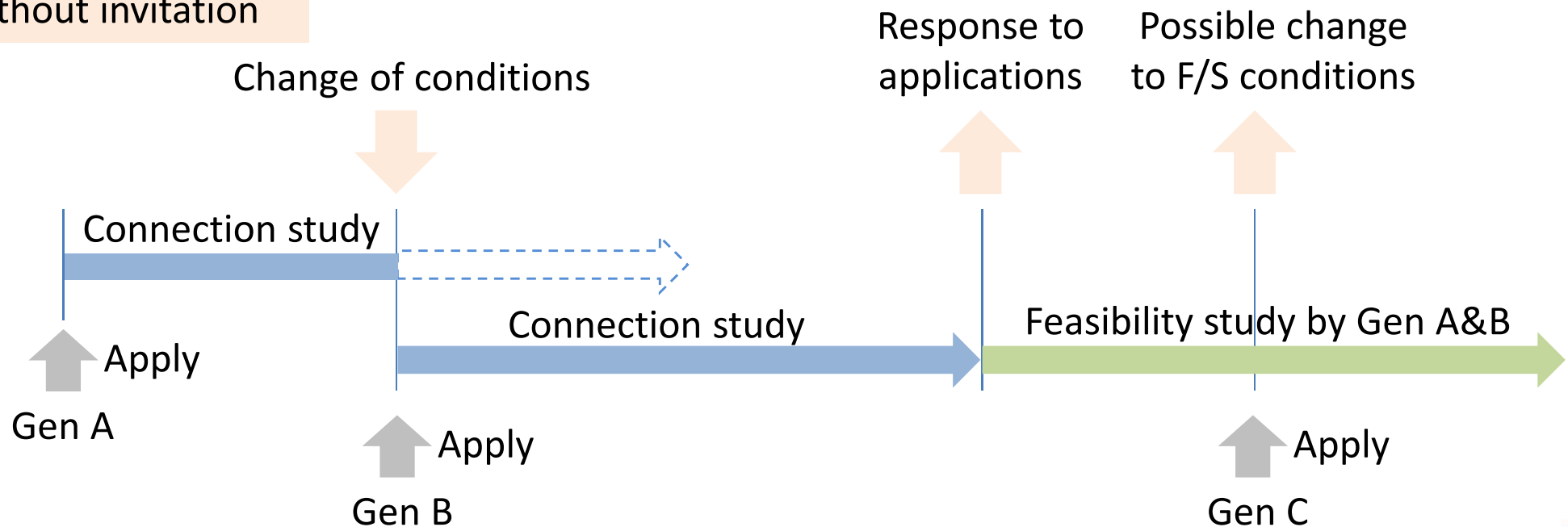
Recent Changes and Discussions

Invitation of Connection Application

- When the connection study is performed for each application, the condition for the study can be changed during the study period due to additional applications.
- By inviting connection applications for the individual reinforcement for a certain period, the connection study can be done considering the generation potential in the area.

➡ More systematic and efficient process

Without invitation



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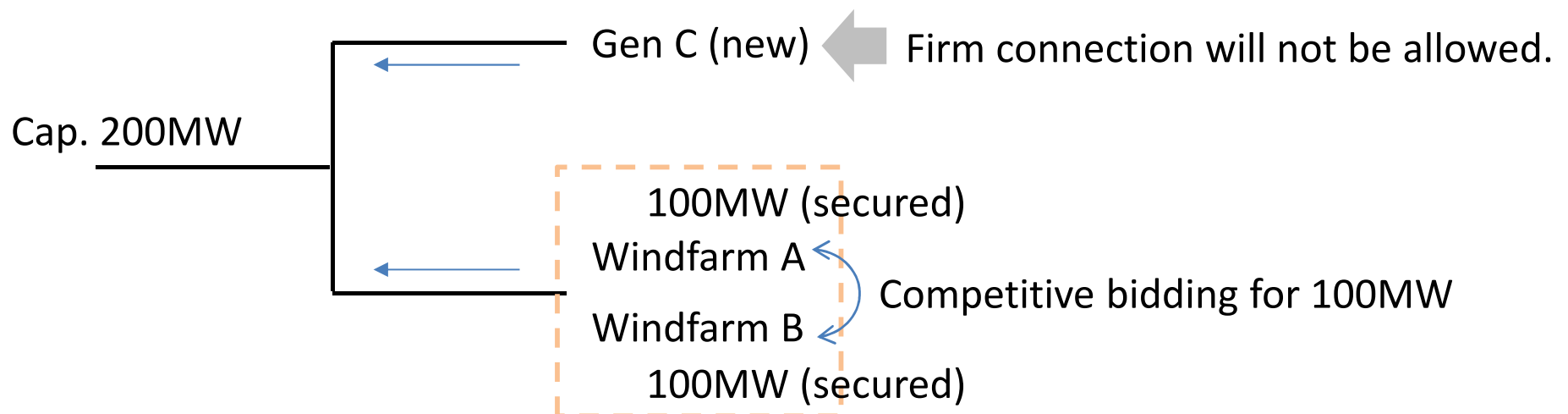
Connection Capacity for Off-shore Windfarms

- When an off-shore wind developer without a connection right wins in the competitive bidding, the right is transferred to the successful bidder.



- The transfer process could be complicated.
- Other generation companies may not be able to secure the connection right due to the surplus connection capacity acquired by multiple windfarm developers.

- The government will acquire the connection capacity for the off-shore windfarm in advance based on the windfarm capacity for the competitive bidding.



Recent Changes and Discussions

from First-come-first-served to Merit Order

- The transmission capacity has been allocated to generators on the first-come-first-served basis.
- After the whole capacity is allocated, generators can apply for the non-firm connection in some areas. (will soon be expanded to the whole country.)



- Cheaper or more environmentally-friendly generators may need to reduce their outputs due to the non-firm connection.

- The discussion was started in July this year to study the possible congestion management after the transition from the first-come-first-served basis to the merit order basis.

Possible methods for congestion management

Re-dispatch

Market zonal pricing

Market nodal pricing

Efficiency
Price signal
Time for transition



Master Plan - Schedule

- The master plan is expected to be established in spring 2022.
- When each supporting framework is established, it will be applied even before the establishment of the master plan.

