

**Supplement to the paper**  
**“California’s cap-and-trade program and emission leakage in the**  
**Western Interconnection: comparing econometric and partial**  
**equilibrium model estimates”**

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Section A of this supplement presents JHSMINE formulation. Section B shows the frequency histograms of 2009-10 capacity factors by technology, region and block of hour (Figure A1), capacity factor trajectories of matched treated and control plants by region (Figure A2), treatment heterogeneity by hour of day based on one of our robustness checks (Figure A3), and OLS and robust confidence intervals for the post period treatment effects under varying restrictions and values of M (Figures A4-A5). Lastly, Section C includes summary statistics for nuclear, hydro and renewable generation in the treated and control regions (Table A1), balancing tests (Tables A2-A3), the assumed state-level RPS requirements (Table A4) and the shares of electricity imports used in JHSMINE (Table A5).

## A. JHSMINE formulation

A market model consists of submodels for individual market participants and a set of market clearing conditions linking participant decisions (e.g., supply = demand for electricity and other commodities). Equilibrium models search for a set of solutions that satisfy a) each submodel's first order conditions, subject to participant expectations about how the rest of the market will react if it changes its decisions, and b) market clearing conditions. Under some conditions, it is possible to define a single-objective problem yielding a solution equivalent to the equilibrium for competitive and oligopolistic models. For example, under the assumption of perfectly inelastic demand a competitive equilibrium among power producers is equivalent to minimization of total generation costs. In this section we present the optimization problems of the market players in JHSMINE (the system operator, generation companies and load serving entities) and the market clearing conditions. Under the assumptions of perfectly inelastic demand and perfect competition, the market equilibrium is obtained by solving an equivalent single optimization problem, whose objective is to minimize the sum of individual objectives. The constraints of this single optimization are formed by the union of constraints of each individual player and the market clearing conditions. The model has hourly resolution and is solved for eight representative days in 2013 and 2016. The nomenclature of JHSMINE is presented at the end of the formulation.

### I. System Operator

The system operator (SO) arbitrages any differences in nodal prices on the network by buying power at one location and selling it to the other. This can be viewed as spatial arbitrage. The SO's objective is to maximize the annual profit from spatial arbitrage across the nodes of the network:<sup>1</sup>

$$\sum_h HW_h \cdot \sum_l \left( \lambda_{h,i_l^{To}}^{LMP} - \lambda_{h,i_l^{From}}^{LMP} \right) \cdot pf_{h,l} \quad (1)$$

where  $HW_h$  is the number of hours represented by hour  $h$ ,  $\lambda_{h,i}^{LMP}$  is the locational marginal price at hour  $h$  and node  $i$ , and  $\left( \lambda_{h,i_l^{To}}^{LMP} - \lambda_{h,i_l^{From}}^{LMP} \right)$  is the price difference between the receiving node and the sending node of transmission line  $l$ . Constraint (2) is the DC power flow at hour  $h$  through transmission line  $l$ :<sup>2</sup>

$$pf_{h,l} = B_l \cdot BP \cdot \left( \theta_{h,i_l^{From}} - \theta_{h,i_l^{To}} \right) \quad \forall h, l \notin L^{DC} \quad (2)$$

Based on equations (3) and (4), power flows cannot exceed transmission capacity limits.

$$pf_{h,l} \leq LTM_l \quad \forall h, l \quad (3)$$

$$-pf_{h,l} \leq LTM_l \quad \forall h, l \quad (4)$$

### II. Generation Companies

Each generation company (GenCO)  $k$  in JHSMINE owns and operates one power plant.<sup>3</sup> The GenCO sells energy, as well as the non-electrical attributes associated with its power generation (emissions and renewable energy credits), whose demand is created through regulation. Energy (denoted by *gopt* in the model) is sold to the system operator at the nodal electricity price,  $\lambda^{LMP}$ . The non-electrical attributes of power are traded instead through bilateral contracts, and remunerated separately from the energy output.

<sup>1</sup>System operators are non-profit entities that operate but do not own network or generation assets. Although maximization of profits from spatial arbitrage is not the objective of real-world system operators, the SO problem formulation in JHSMINE is equivalent to one in which the SO adjusts demand and arbitrage variables to maximize consumer benefit from power consumption, subject to fixed values of generator sales and output (Hobbs and Helman, 2004).

<sup>2</sup>Note that the DC approximation applies to AC transmission lines. Power flows radially on HVDC lines in the model (e.g., the Intermountain HVDC between Utah and California and the Pacific DC Intertie).

<sup>3</sup>The formulation may be generalized to allow for GenCOs that own and operate multiple generators.

In particular, the GenCO may enter bilateral contracts with load serving entities in its own state, neighbor states or states adjacent to their neighbors: the variable  $cpfs^S$  refers to the emission attribute associated with a contract for specified source power (in MW) sold by generator  $k$  at a price  $\lambda^{SEC}$ . Further, if GenCO  $k$  is outside of California, it may also enter contracts to sell unspecified source power to a pool. Thus, the variable  $cpfs^U$  refers to the emissions associated with a contract for unspecified source power (in MW) sold by out-of-state generator  $k$  at a price  $\lambda^{UEC}$ ; the emission rate of unspecified power is 0.428 ton/MWh. In addition, any GenCO in WECC may enter bilateral contracts with load serving entities in its own state, neighbor states or states adjacent to their neighbors to sell its renewable energy credits (denoted by  $recs$  in the model).

We present the problem of in-state electricity producers and producers in the rest of WECC separately, because the former can only sell specified power and are subject to the cap-and-trade program.

The objective of GenCOs in California ( $k \in K_{CA}$ ) is to maximize the annual profit equal to the revenues from the electricity market, specified power contracts and renewable energy contracts, minus the variable costs of generation and the cost of emission allowances:

$$\sum_h HW_h \cdot \left( \lambda_{h,i_k}^{LMP} \cdot gopt_{h,k} + \sum_w \lambda_{w,h,k}^{SEC} \cdot cpfs_{w,h,k}^S + \sum_w \lambda_{w,h,k}^{REC} \cdot recs_{w,h,k} - GVC_{h,k} \cdot gopt_{h,k} - CTAX \cdot GER_k \cdot gopt_{h,k} \right) \quad (5)$$

where  $\lambda_{w,h,k}^{SEC}$  is the price of the bilateral power contract between GenCO  $k$  and load serving entity  $w$  at hour  $h$ ,  $\lambda_{w,h,k}^{REC}$  denotes the hourly price of the bilateral REC contract between  $k$  and  $w$ , and  $CTAX$  is the carbon price. The GenCO's objective is subject to several constraints. Based on equation (6), GenCOs in California must sell their power output to the state load serving entity through specified energy contracts:

$$gopt_{h,k} = cpfs_{CA,h,k}^S \quad \forall h, k \in K_{CA} \quad (6)$$

Equation (7) is the generation capacity limit, accounting for forced outage rates and (in the case of intermittent sources) hydro, wind, or solar availability:

$$gopt_{h,k} \leq GNPL_k \cdot GHAV_{h,k} \quad \forall h, k \in K_{CA} \quad (7)$$

Equation (8) limits the total amount of RECs sold to be lower than power generation:

$$\sum_w recs_{w,h,k} \leq gopt_{h,k} \quad \forall h, k \in K_{CA} \quad (8)$$

Finally, the GenCO's problem is subject to non-negativity constraints on the specified energy contracts sold  $cpfs_{w,h,k}^S$ , power output  $gopt_{h,k}$ , REC contracts sold  $recs_{w,h,k}$ , unit commitment and minimum up/down time constraints (not shown).

The objective of GenCOs outside of California ( $k \notin K_{CA}$ ) is given by:

$$\sum_h HW_h \cdot \left( \lambda_{h,i_k}^{LMP} \cdot gopt_{h,k} + \sum_w \lambda_{w,h,k}^{SEC} \cdot cpfs_{w,h,k}^S + \lambda_h^{UEC} \cdot cpfs_{h,k}^U + \sum_w \lambda_{w,h,k}^{REC} \cdot recs_{w,h,k} - GVC_{h,k} \cdot gopt_{h,k} \right) \quad (9)$$

where  $\lambda_h^{UEC}$  is the hourly price at which  $k$  sells its unspecified power to the pool. Unlike the GenCOs in California, electricity producers in the rest of WECC can also sell unspecified power and are not subject to the carbon policy. As a result, equation (6) is modified as follows:

$$gopt_{h,k} = \sum_w cpfs_{w,h,k}^S + cpfs_{h,k}^U \quad \forall h, k \notin K_{CA} \quad (10)$$

The objective is also subject to a generation capacity constraint (like equation (7), but applied to  $k \notin K_{CA}$ ) and a limit on the total amount of RECs sold (like equation (8), but applied to  $k \notin K_{CA}$ ). Finally, the GenCO's problem is subject to non-negativity constraints on the energy contracts sold  $cpfs_{w,h,k}^S$  and  $cpfs_{h,k}^U$ , power output  $gopt_{h,k}$ , REC contracts sold  $recs_{w,h,k}$ , unit commitment and minimum up/down time constraints (not shown).

### III. Load Serving Entities

Each load serving entity (LSE)  $w$  in JHSMINE corresponds to one state in the U.S. (or province in Canada). LSEs serve load by purchasing energy from the SO at the nodal price, and all load served must be bought through specified contracts or from the unspecified pool. Thus, for each MW bought a LSE pays the price of the contract ( $\lambda^{SEC}$  or  $\lambda^{UEC}$ ) and the energy price at its node ( $\lambda^{LMP}$ ). In addition, the LSE buys RECs to meet its RPS obligation, or pays a penalty for noncompliance. As for the GenCOs, we present the problem of the California LSE ( $w = CA$ ) and LSEs in the rest of WECC separately, because only the former is subject to the cap-and-trade program and pays for the emissions associated with power imports.

The objective of the California LSE ( $w = CA$ ) is to minimize the cost of serving inelastic electricity demand, which includes the cost of energy bought from the electricity market, specified power contracts, unspecified power, renewable energy contracts, unserved energy, noncompliance with the RPS policy, and imported emissions:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_h HW_h \cdot \left[ \sum_{i \in I_w} \lambda_{h,i}^{LMP} (LOAD_{h,i} - n_{h,i}^{Load}) + \sum_k \lambda_{w,h,k}^{SEC} \cdot cpfb_{w,h,k}^S + \lambda_h^{UEC} \cdot cpfb_{w,h}^U + \sum_k \lambda_{w,h,k}^{REC} \cdot recb_{w,h,k} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{i \in I_w} VOLL \cdot n_{h,i}^{Load} + ACP_w \cdot n_{w,h}^{RPS} + CTAX \cdot \left( \sum_{k \notin K_w} DR_{w,k}^S \cdot cpfb_{w,h,k}^S + DR_w^U \cdot cpfb_{w,h}^U \right) \right] \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

Constraints (12)-(17) apply for  $w = CA$ . Based on equation (12), the LSE must buy power directly from GenCOs  $k$  or from the unspecified power pool:

$$\sum_k cpfb_{w,h,k}^S + cpfb_{w,h}^U = \sum_{i \in I_w} (LOAD_{h,i} - n_{h,i}^{Load}) \quad \forall h \quad (12)$$

The California LSE also faces a RPS constraint:

$$\sum_h HW_h \cdot \left( n_{w,h}^{RPS} + \sum_k RE_{w,k} \cdot recb_{w,h,k} \right) \geq RPS_w \cdot \left( \sum_h HW_h \sum_{i \in I_w} (LOAD_{h,i} - n_{h,i}^{Load}) \right) \quad (13)$$

Equation (14) sets a lower bound on the renewable energy coming from resources within California and/or in states directly adjacent to California (Official California Legislative Information, 2015):

$$\sum_h HW_h \cdot \left( n_{w,h}^{RPS} + \sum_{\substack{k \in K_{CA} \\ \cup K_{OR} \\ \cup K_{NV} \\ \cup K_{AZ}}} RE_{w,k} \cdot recb_{w,h,k} \right) \geq RES_{CA} \cdot RPS_w \cdot \left( \sum_h HW_h \sum_{i \in I_w} (LOAD_{h,i} - n_{h,i}^{Load}) \right) \quad (14)$$

where  $RES_{CA}$  is the minimum annual share of renewable energy supplied to the California grid, located within or proximate to the state. To make sure that the level and composition of power imports to California in JHSMINE are comparable to historical values, we take two steps. First, we introduce a constraint on the annual share of specified imports over total power imports to California:

$$\sum_h HW_h \cdot \left( \sum_{k \notin K_w} cpfb_{w,h,k}^S \right) = SSI_y \cdot \sum_h HW_h \cdot \left( \sum_{k \notin K_w} cpfb_{w,h,k}^S + cpfb_{w,h}^U \right) \quad (15)$$

Second, we introduce constraints on the share of California imports by fossil fuel generation type. For specified generation from natural gas ( $f = NG$ ), the constraint is:

$$\sum_h HW_h \left( \sum_{\substack{k \in K_{NG} \\ k \notin K_w}} cpfb_{w,h,k}^S \right) = SSI_{f,y} \cdot \sum_h HW_h \left( \sum_{k \notin K_w} cpfb_{w,h,k}^S + cpfb_{w,h}^U \right) \quad (16)$$

where  $K_{NG}$  refers to natural gas-fired generators, and  $SSI_{f,y}$  is the fuel-specific annual share of imports. For specified generation from coal and oil products ( $f = CO$ ), the constraint is:

$$\sum_h HW_h \left( \sum_{\substack{k \in K_{CO} \\ k \notin K_w}} cpfb_{w,h,k}^S \right) = SSI_{f,y} \cdot \sum_h HW_h \left( \sum_{k \notin K_w} cpfb_{w,h,k}^S + cpfb_{w,h}^U \right) \quad (17)$$

where  $K_{CO}$  refers to coal- and oil-fired generators. Finally, the LSE's problem is subject to non-negativity constraints on the contracts bought  $cpfb_{w,h,k}^S$  and  $cpfb_{w,h}^U$ , the load shedding amount  $n_{h,i}^{Load}$ , REC contracts bought  $recb_{w,h,k}$ , and non-compliance amount with RPS policy  $n_{w,h}^{RPS}$ .

The objective of LSEs in the rest of WECC ( $w \neq CA$ ) is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_h HW_h \cdot \left[ \sum_{i \in I_w} \lambda_{h,i}^{LMP} (LOAD_{h,i} - n_{h,i}^{Load}) + \sum_k \lambda_{w,h,k}^{SEC} \cdot cpfb_{w,h,k}^S + \lambda_h^{UEC} \cdot cpfb_{w,h}^U + \sum_k \lambda_{w,h,k}^{REC} \cdot recb_{w,h,k} \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{i \in I_w} VOLL \cdot n_{h,i}^{Load} + ACP_w \cdot n_{w,h}^{RPS} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Unlike the California LSE, load serving entities in the rest of WECC do not incur a cost of imported emissions (i.e., last term in (11)). The LSEs must buy specified or unspecified power (equation (12)) and are subject to RPS constraints (equation (13)), plus non-negativity constraints on the contracts bought  $cpfb_{w,h,k}^S$  and  $cpfb_{w,h}^U$ , the load shedding amount  $n_{h,i}^{Load}$ , REC contracts bought  $recb_{w,h,k}$ , and non-compliance amount with RPS policy  $n_{w,h}^{RPS}$ .

#### IV. Market Clearing Conditions

Market clearing conditions for electricity ensure that hourly demand equals supply at each location in the network, and the associated dual variable presents the nodal electricity price  $\lambda_{h,i}^{LMP}$ :

$$\sum_{k \in K_i} gopt_{h,k} + \sum_{l \in L_i^{In}} pfl_{l,h} - \sum_{l \in L_i^{Out}} pfl_{l,h} = LOAD_{h,i} - n_{h,i}^{Load} \quad \forall h, i \quad (19)$$

There are two clearing conditions for the contract market. First, the unspecified power sold from GenCOs equals the amount by the LSEs at every hour. The associated dual variable is the price of unspecified power at hour  $h$ ,  $\lambda_h^{UEC}$ :

$$\sum_k cofs_{h,k}^U = \sum_w cpfb_{w,h}^U \quad \forall h \quad (20)$$

Second, for every bilateral contract between GenCO  $k$  and LSE  $w$  at hour  $h$ , demand must equal supply equation (21). The associated dual variable is the price of the specified energy contract  $\lambda_{w,h,k}^{SEC}$ :

$$cofs_{w,h,k}^S = cpfb_{w,h,k}^S \quad \forall w, h, k \quad (21)$$

Finally, since emission allowances and RECs are unbundled in the current formulation of JHSMINE, a REC market clearing is given by equation (22). The corresponding price variable is  $\lambda_{w,h,k}^{REC}$ .

$$recs_{w,h,k} = recb_{w,h,k} \quad \forall w, h, k \quad (22)$$

**Sets and indices**

| Set                   | Description                             | Index |
|-----------------------|---|-------|
| $F$                   | Fuel type                               | $f$   |
| $H$                   | Hour                                    | $h$   |
| $I$                   | Node                                    | $i$   |
| $K$                   | Generation company/Generator            | $k$   |
| $L$                   | Transmission line                       | $l$   |
| $Y$                   | Year                                    | $y$   |
| $W$                   | Load serving entity/state or province   | $w$   |
| Subset                | Description                             |       |
| $K_f \subset K$       | Generator of fuel type $f$              |       |
| $K_i \subset K$       | Generator connected to bus $i$          |       |
| $K_w \subset K$       | Generator in state $w$                  |       |
| $L^{DC} \subset L$    | HVDC transmission line                  |       |
| $L_i^{In} \subset L$  | Transmission line entering bus $i$      |       |
| $L_i^{Out} \subset L$ | Transmission line leaving bus $i$       |       |
| Special Index         | Description                             |       |
| $i_k$                 | Node where generator $k$ is located     |       |
| $i_l^{From}$          | Sending node of transmission line $l$   |       |
| $i_l^{To}$            | Receiving node of transmission line $l$ |       |
| $w_k$                 | State where generator $k$ is located    |       |

## Parameters

|              | Description   | Unit (or Value)             |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|
| $ACP_w$      | Alternative compliance penalty of RPS   | \$/MWh                      |
| $BP$         | Base power of the per unit transmission system  | 100 MW                      |
| $B_l$        | Susceptance of transmission line $l$  | p.u.                        |
| $CTAX$       | Carbon price in California  | \$/ton                      |
| $DR_{w,k}^S$ | Deemed emission rate assumed for the energy credit contract between the state-level LSE $w$ and generator $k$ | ton/MWh                     |
| $DR_w^U$     | Default emission rate for unspecified power   | 0.428 ton/MWh               |
| $GER_k$      | Emission rate of generator $k$  | ton/MWh                     |
| $GHAV_{k,h}$ | Hourly availability of generator $k$ in hour $h$  | fraction of capacity        |
| $GNPL_k$     | Nameplate capacity of generator $k$   | MW                          |
| $GVC_{k,h}$  | Variable cost of generator $k$ , including fuel and variable O&M cost   | \$/MWh                      |
| $HW_h$       | Number of hours represented by hour $h$   | hour                        |
| $LTM_l$      | Line Rating (or thermal limit) of transmission line $l$   | MW                          |
| $RE_{w,k}$   | Renewable eligibility; 1 if generator $k$ is considered as renewable in state $w$                             | 0 or 1                      |
| $RES_{CA}$   | Renewable energy share supplied to the California grid, located within or proximate to the state              | fraction of RPS requirement |
| $RPS_w$      | RPS of state $w$  | fraction of demand          |
| $SSI_y$      | share of specified imports over total CA imports in year $y$  | %                           |
| $SSI_{f,y}$  | share of specified imports by fuel $f$ over total CA imports in year $y$                                      | %                           |
| $VOLL$       | Value of lost load  | \$/MWh                      |

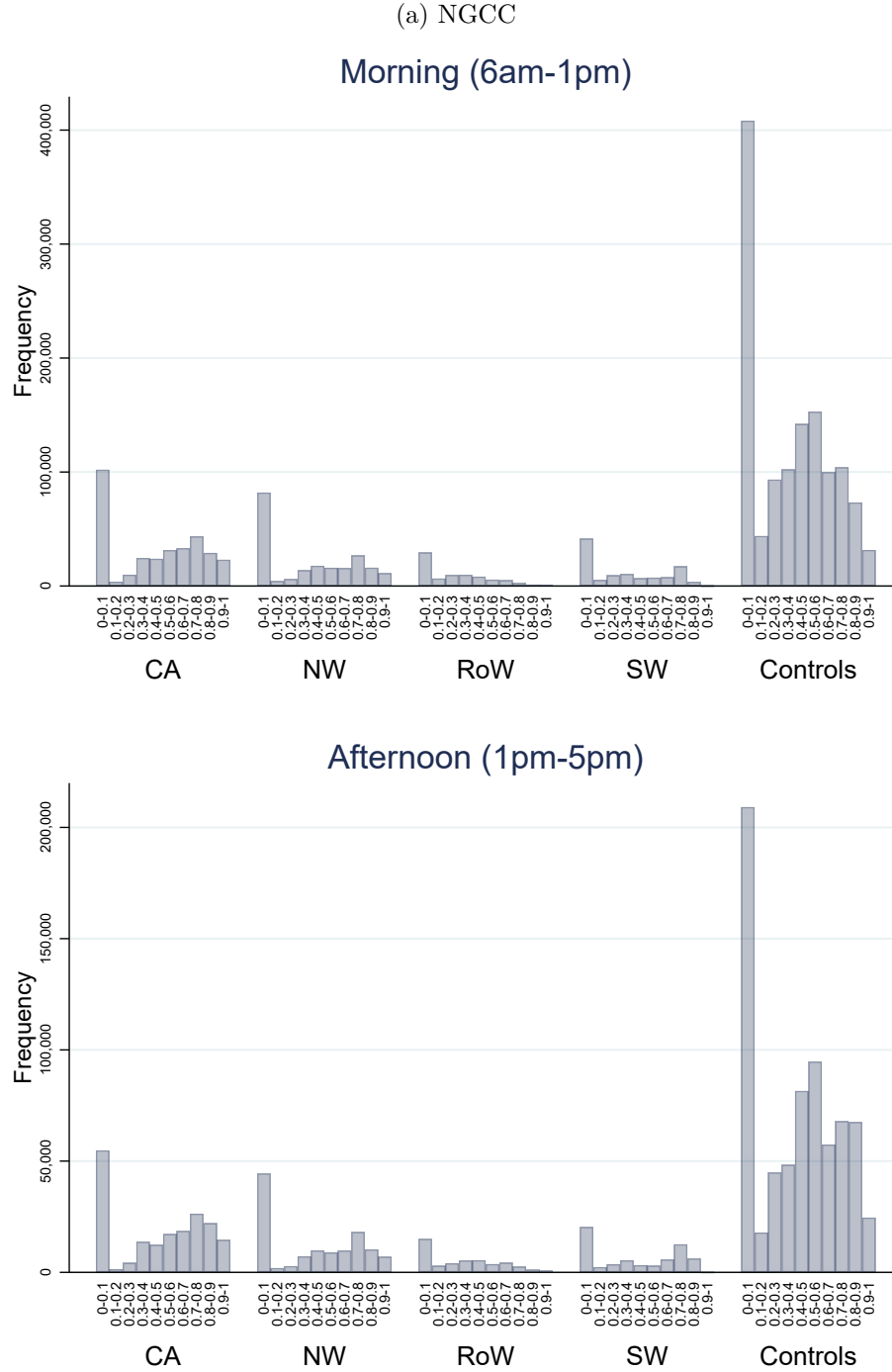
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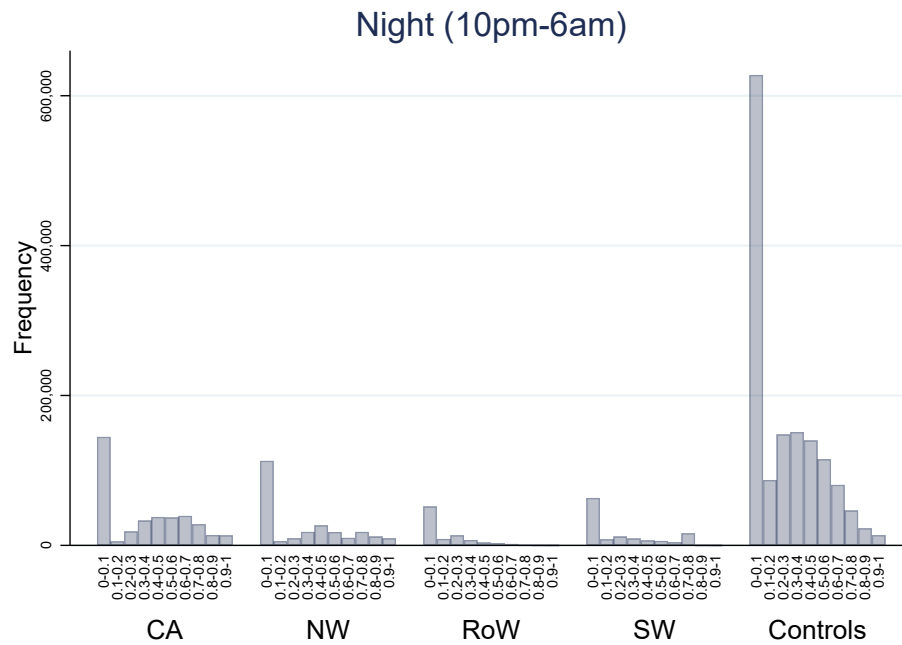
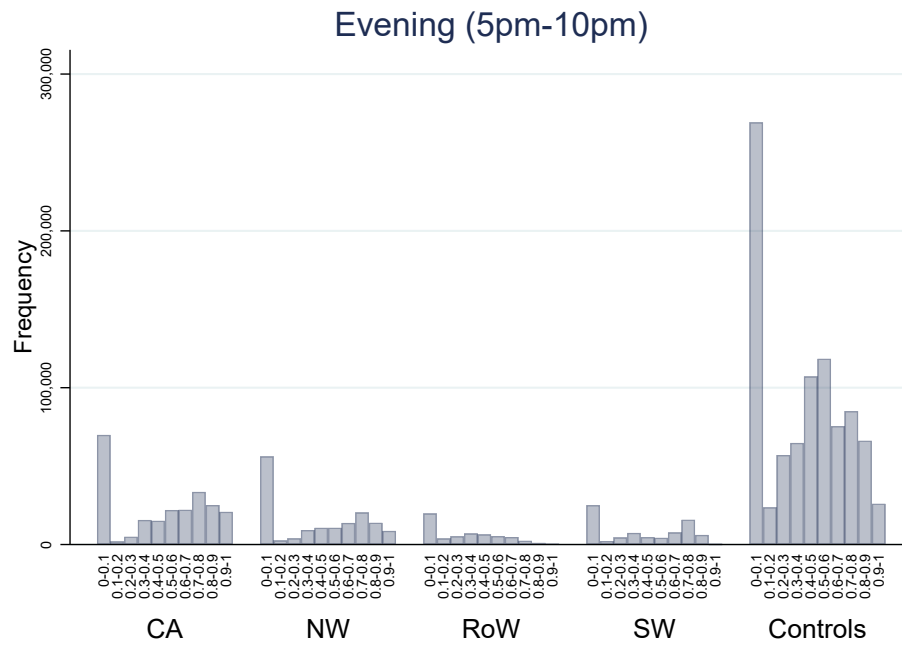
|                  | Description  | Unit   |
|------------------|--|--------|
| $cpfb_{w,h}^U$   | Unspecified contract bought by state $w$ at hour $h$ ( $\geq 0$ )  | MW     |
| $cpfs_{h,k}^U$   | Unspecified contract sold by generator $k$ at hour $h$ ( $\geq 0$ )  | MW     |
| $cpfb_{w,h,k}^S$ | Specified contract bought by state-level LSE $w$ from generator $k$ at hour $h$ ( $\geq 0$ )               | MW     |
| $cpfs_{w,h,k}^S$ | Specified contract sold by generator $k$ to state-level LSE $w$ at hour $h$ ( $\geq 0$ )                   | MW     |
| $gopt_{h,k}$     | Power output of generator $k$ at hour $h$ ( $\geq 0$ )   | MW     |
| $n_{h,i}^{load}$ | Load shedding at bus $i$ at hour $h$ ( $\geq 0$ )  | MW     |
| $n_{h,w}^{rps}$  | Noncompliance with RPS policy ( $\geq 0$ )   | MW     |
| $pf_l$           | Power flow on transmission line $l$ at hour $h$ (unrestricted)   | MW     |
| $recb_{w,h,k}$   | REC contract bought by the state LSE $w$ from generator $k$ at hour $h$ ( $\geq 0$ )                       | MW     |
| $recs_{w,h,k}$   | REC contract sold to the state LSE $w$ by generator $k$ at hour $h$ ( $\geq 0$ )                           | MW     |
| $\theta_{h,i}$   | Voltage angle of bus $i$ at hour $h$   | radian |
| $\lambda$        | Dual variables: shadow prices of the constraints; the meaning and the units depend on the super/subscripts | -      |



## B. Figures

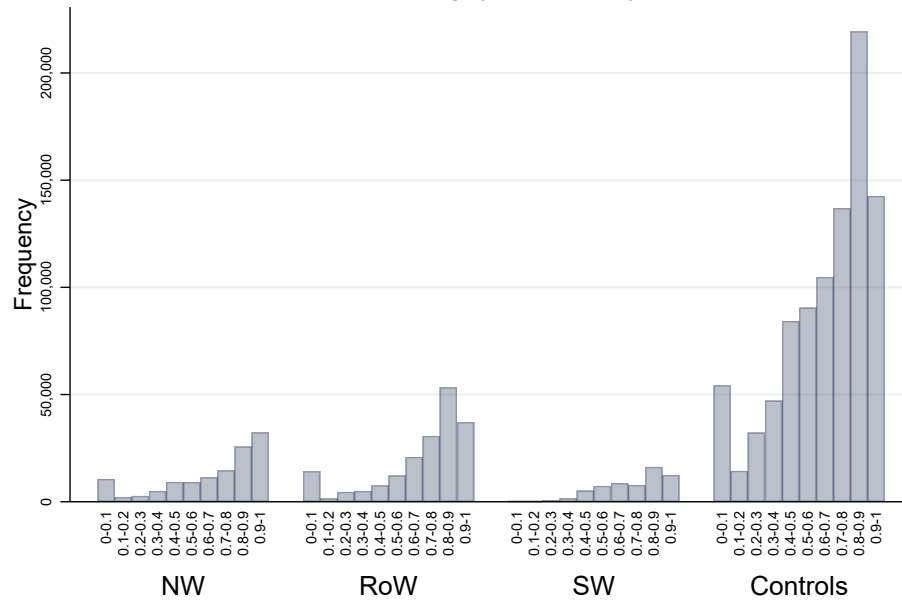
**Figure A1:** Frequency histograms of 2009-10 average capacity factors by technology, region and block of hour



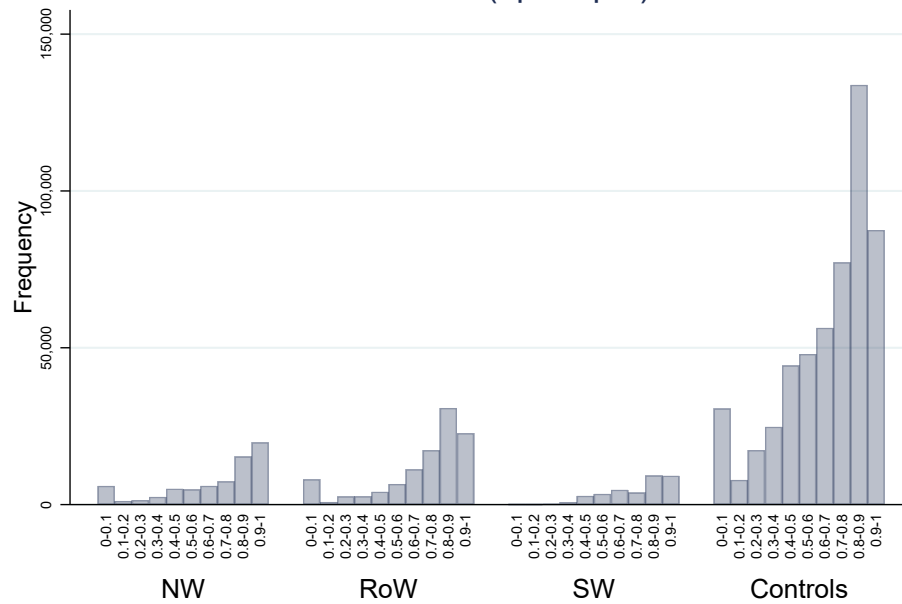


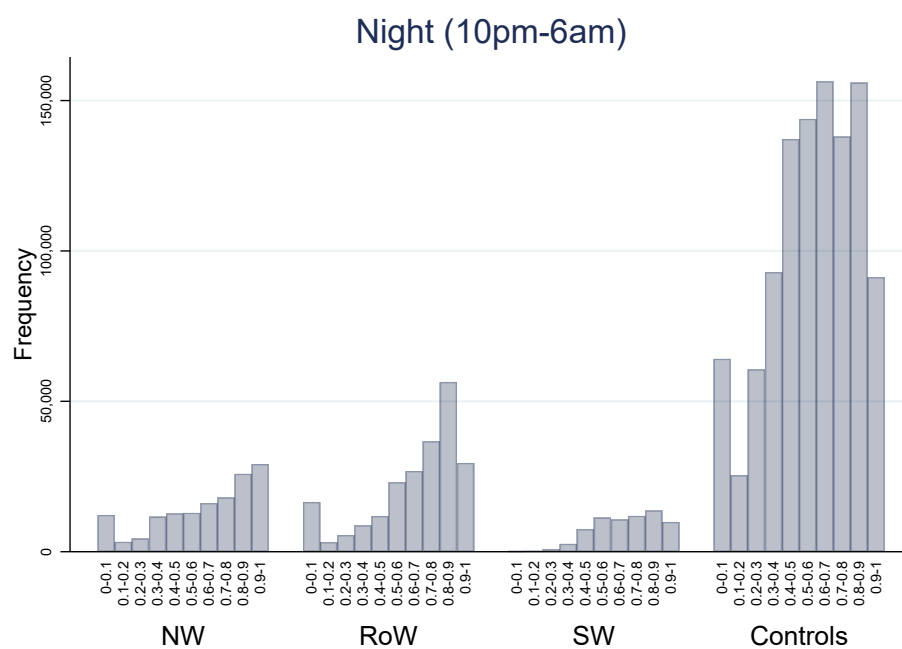
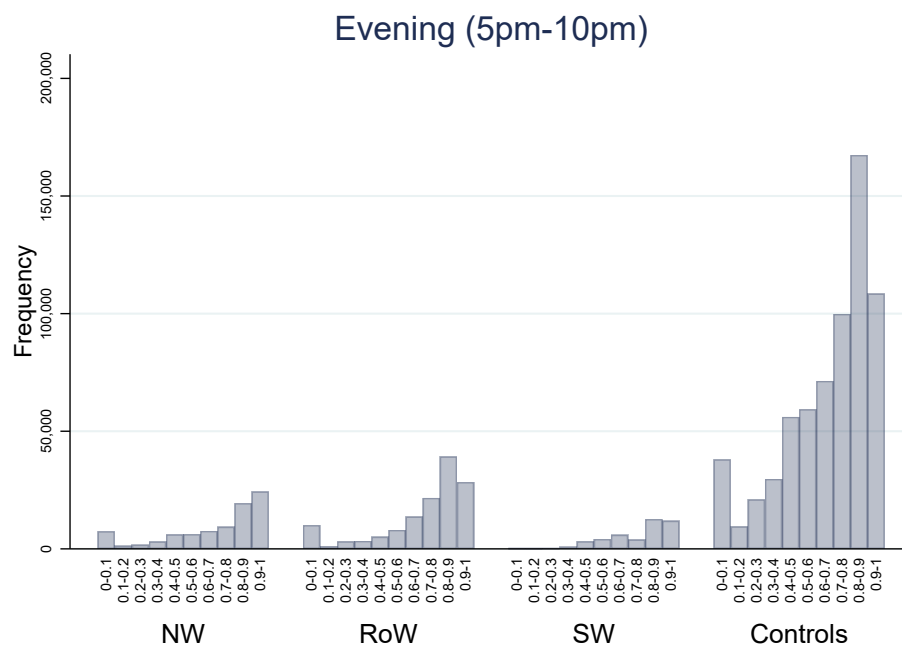
(b) Coal

### Morning (6am-1pm)



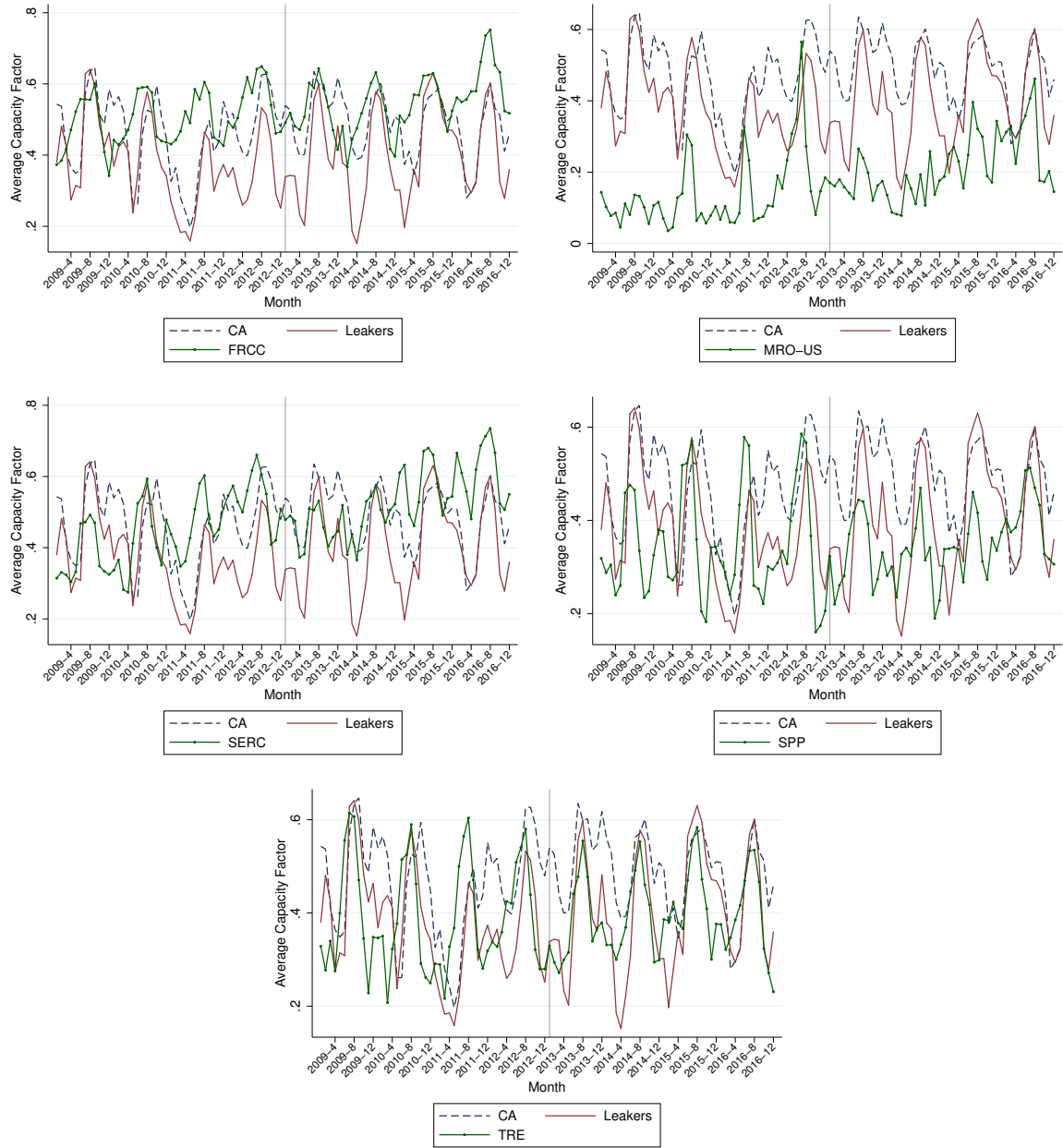
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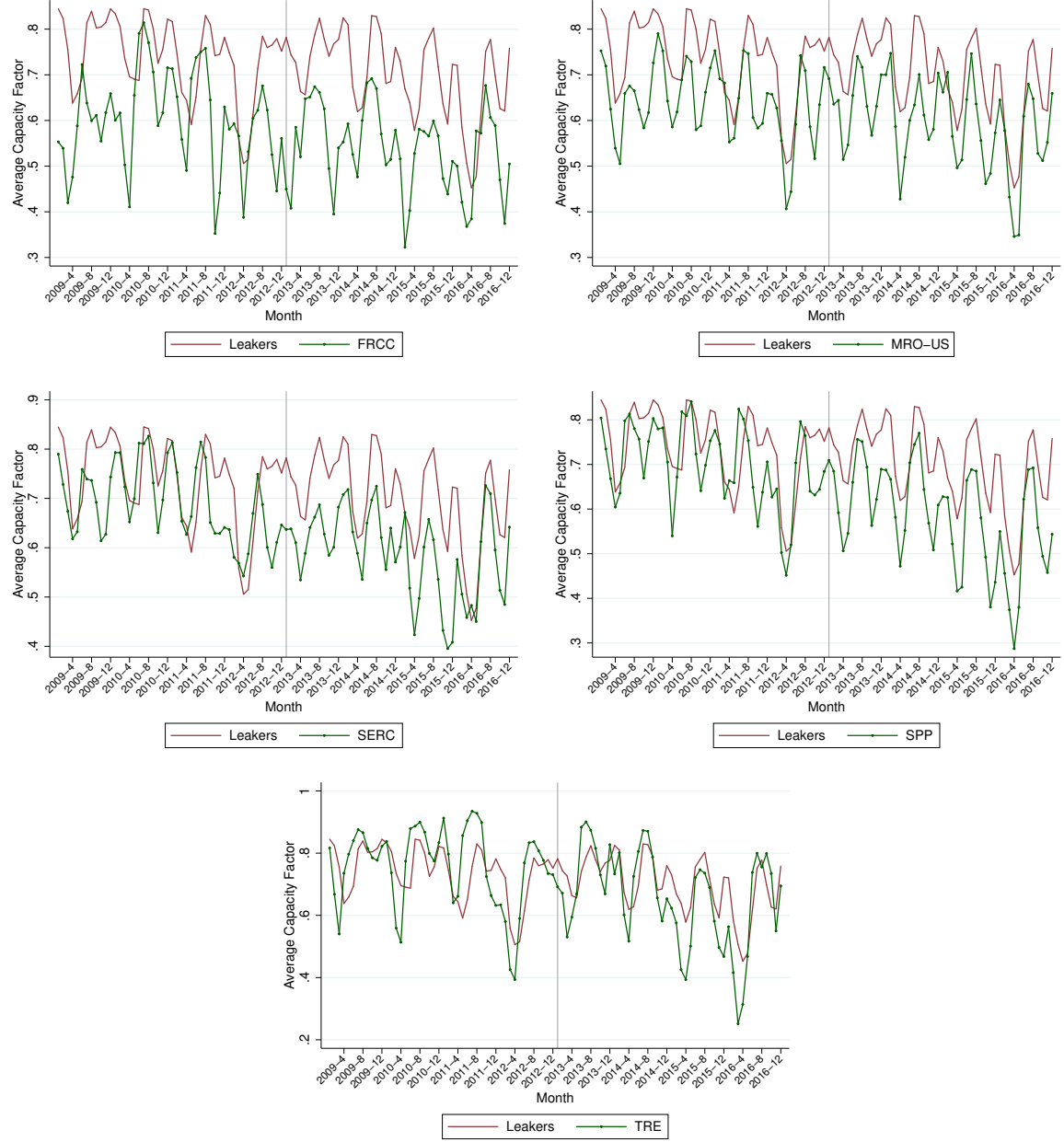
**Figure A2:** Capacity factor trajectories of matched treated and control plants by region

(a) NGCC



*Note:* The vertical line indicates the starting point for policy implementation.

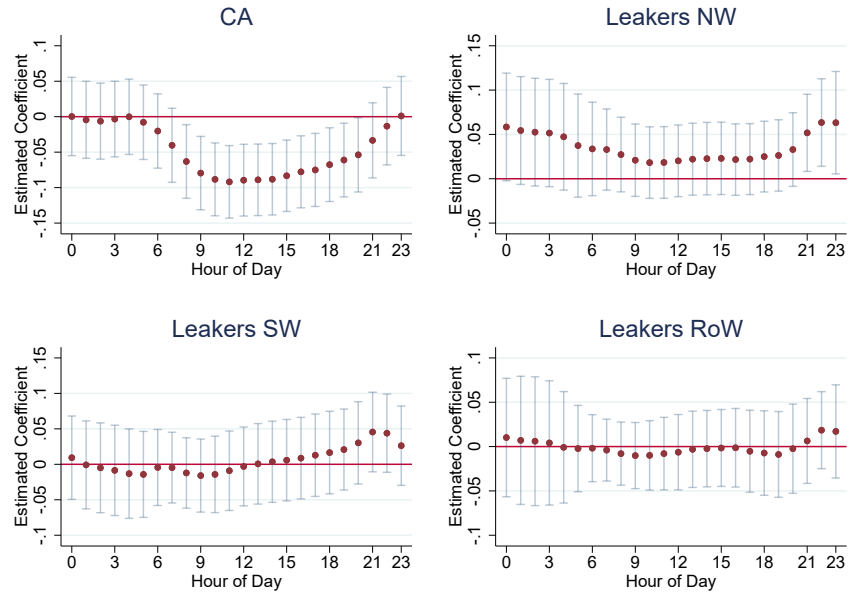
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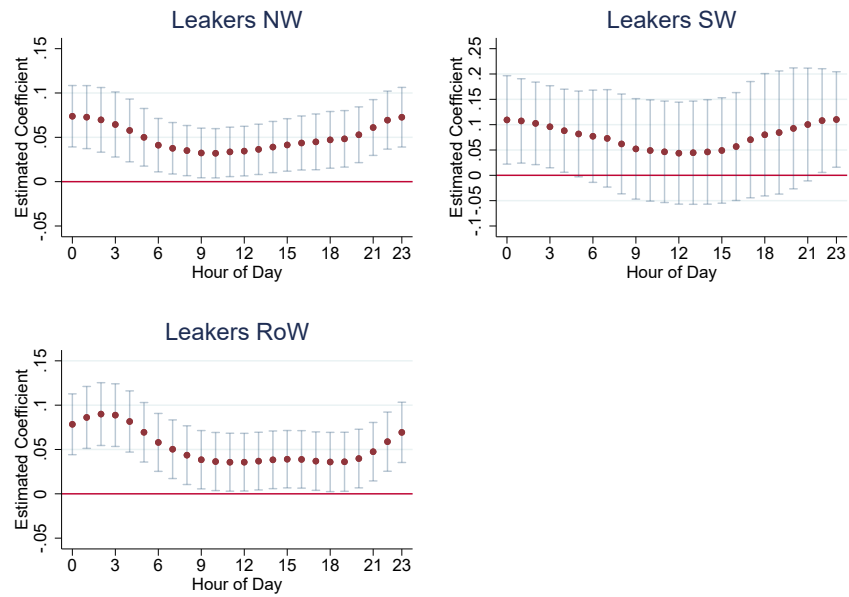
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**Figure A3:** Treatment heterogeneity by hour of day based on specification (6)

(a) NGCC

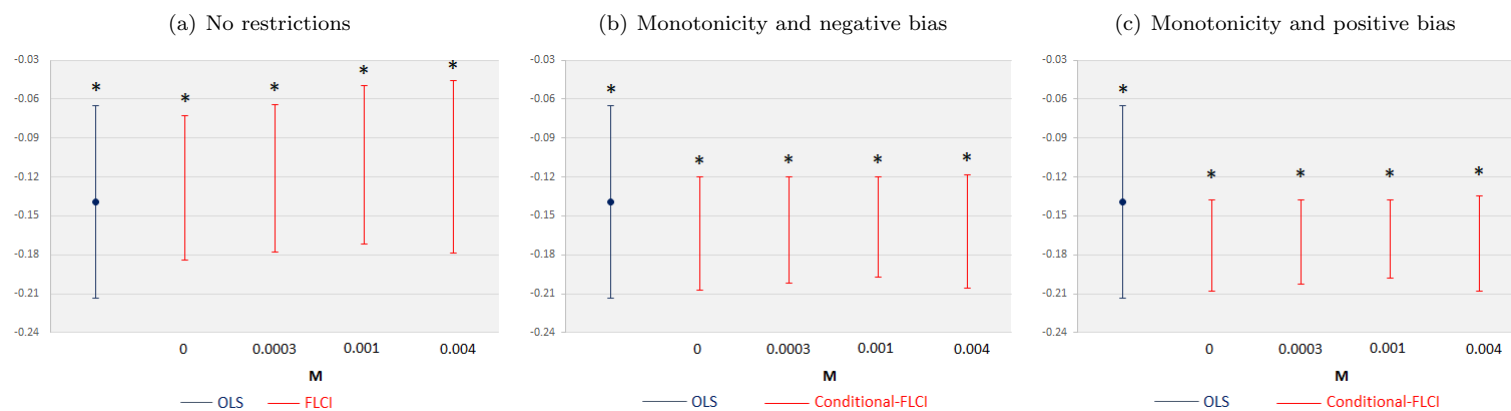


(b) Coal

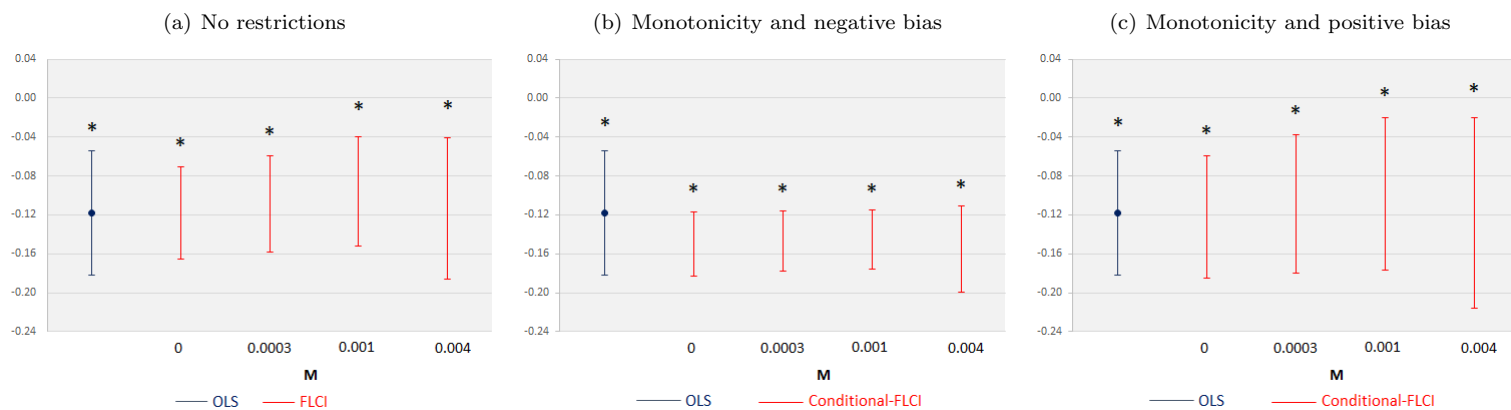


**Figure A4:** Estimated policy effect on NGCC plant capacity factors in California (Day): OLS and robust confidence intervals

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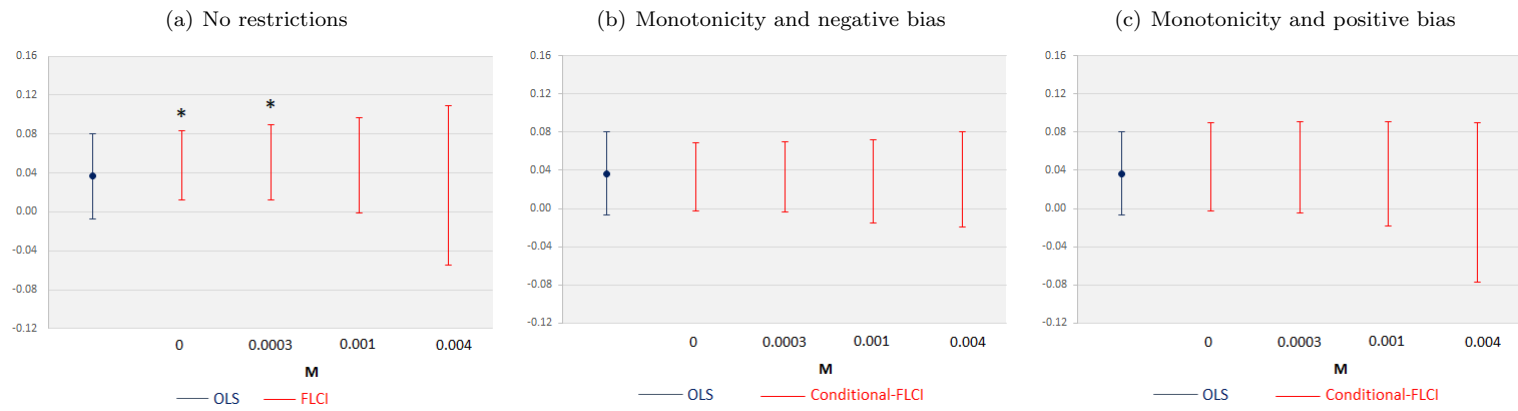


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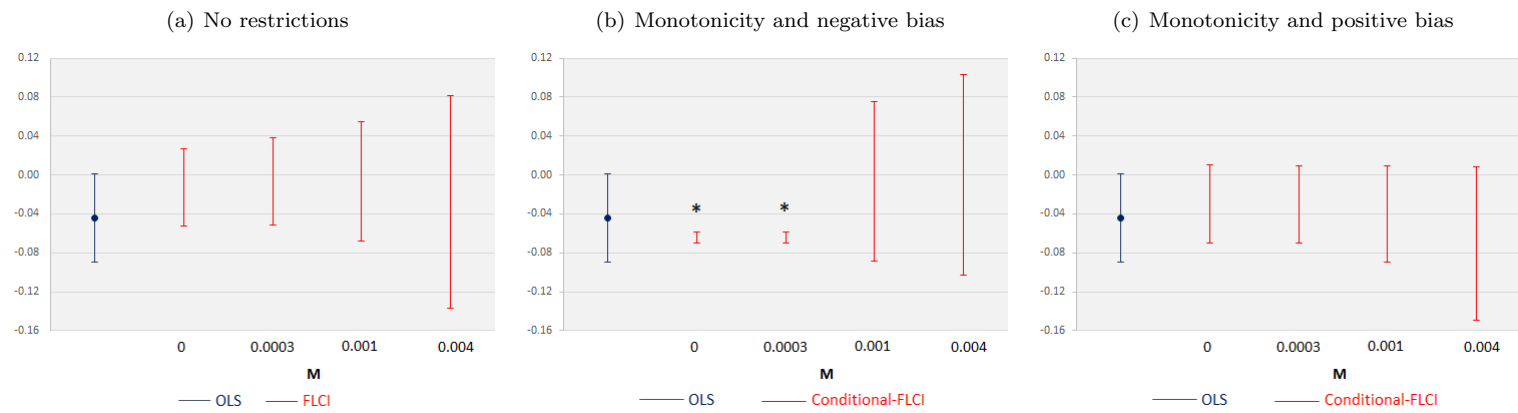




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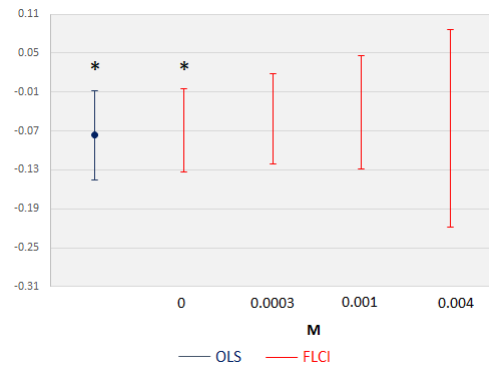


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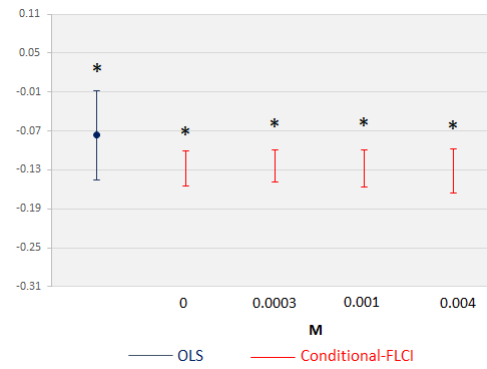


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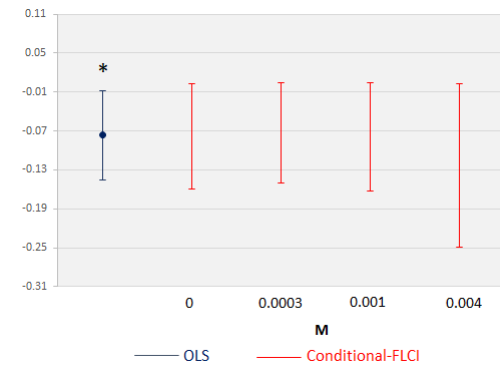
(a) No restrictions



(b) Monotonicity and negative bias

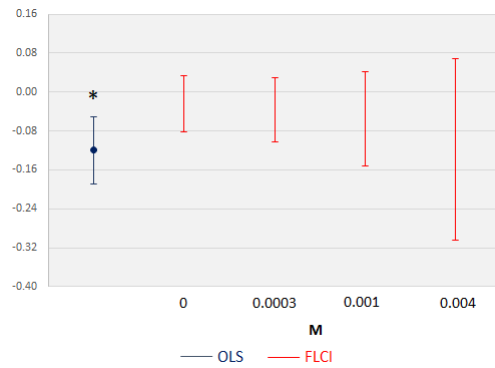


(c) Monotonicity and positive bias

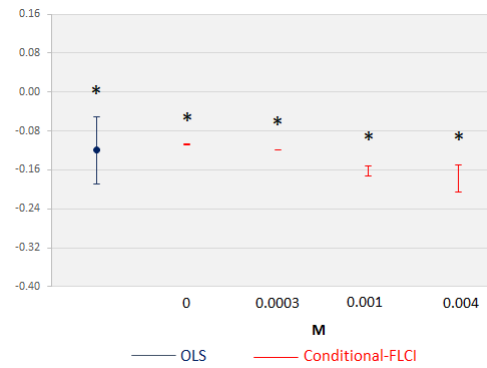


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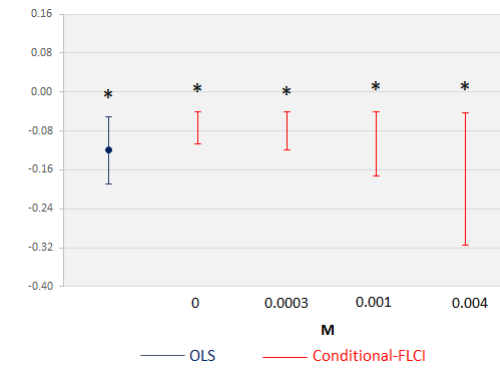
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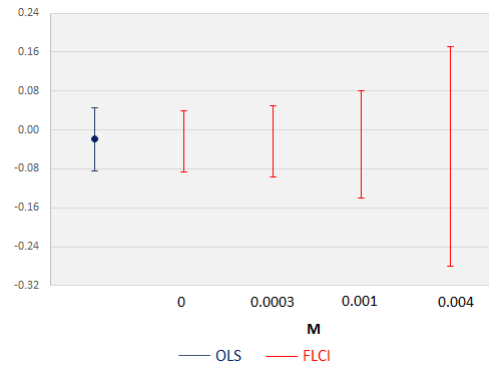


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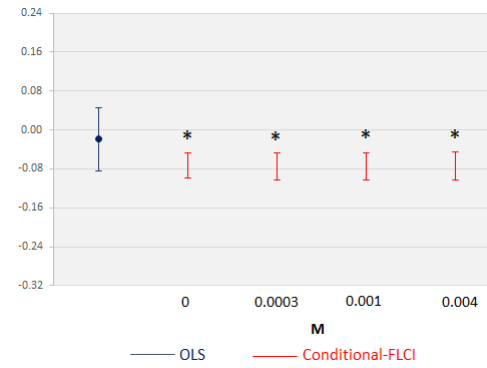


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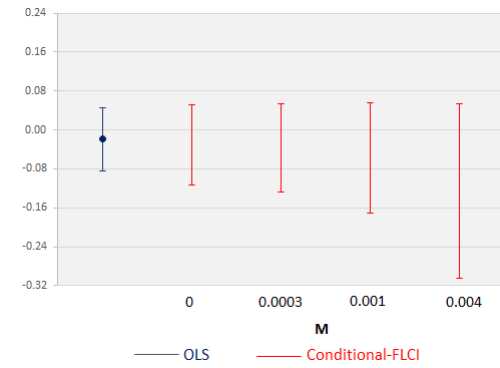
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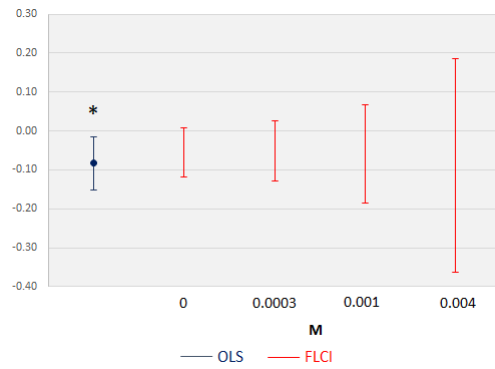


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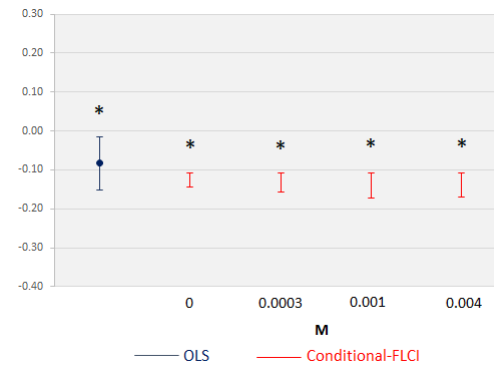


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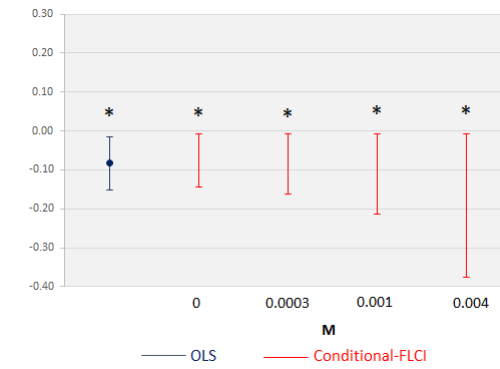
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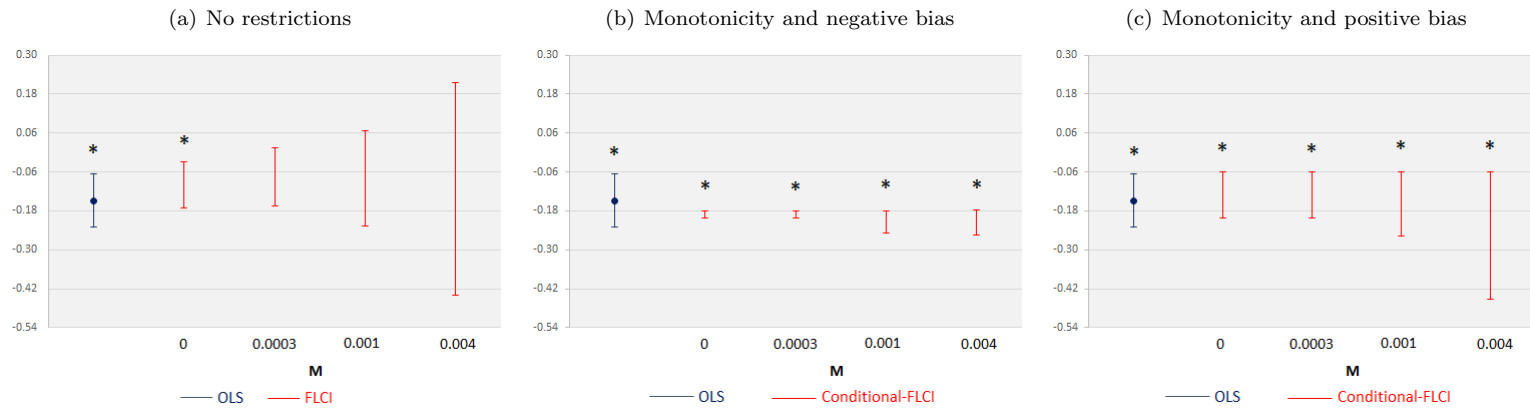
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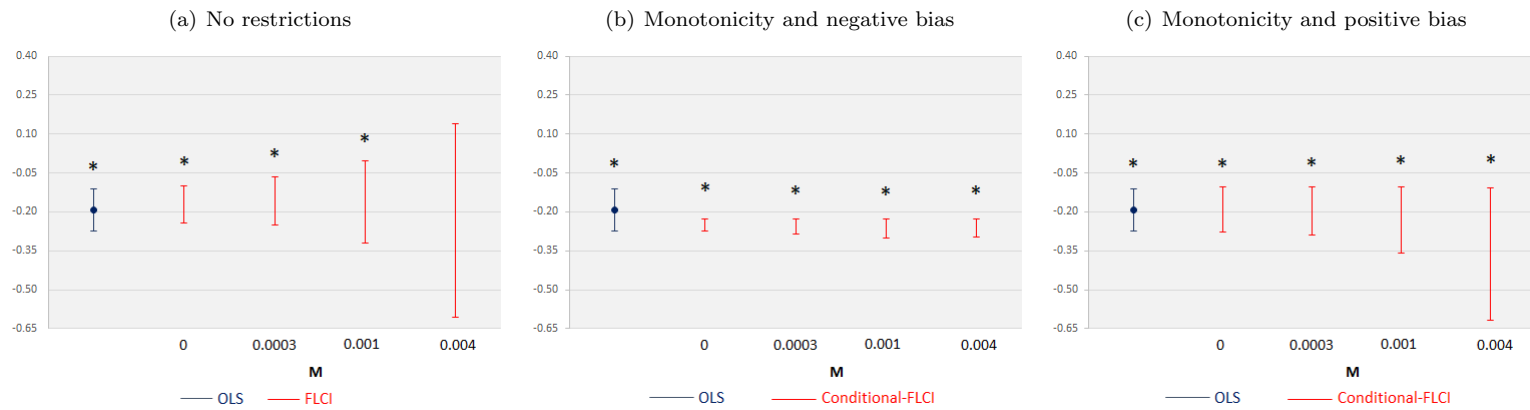
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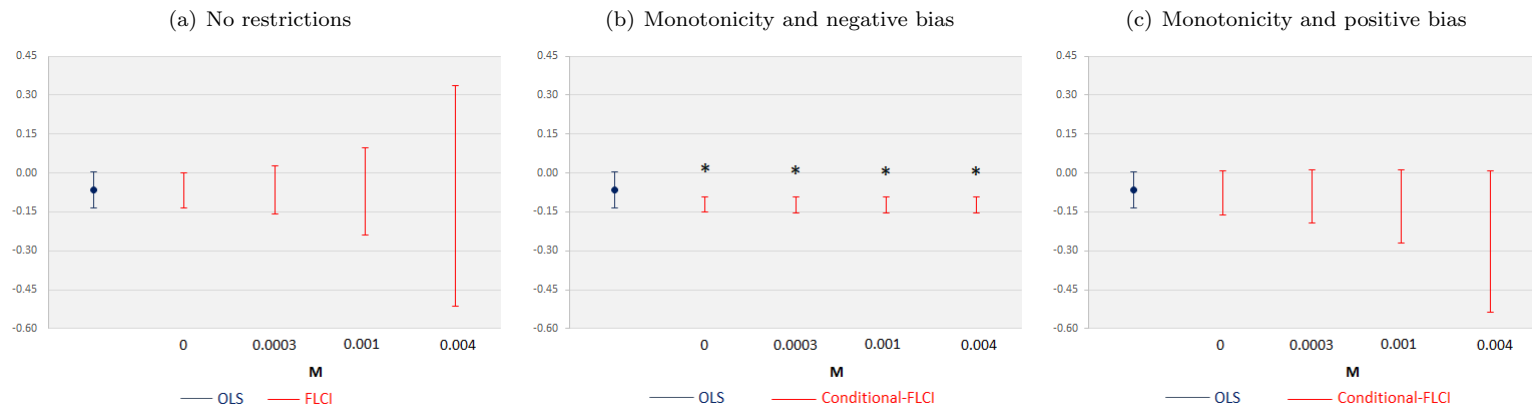
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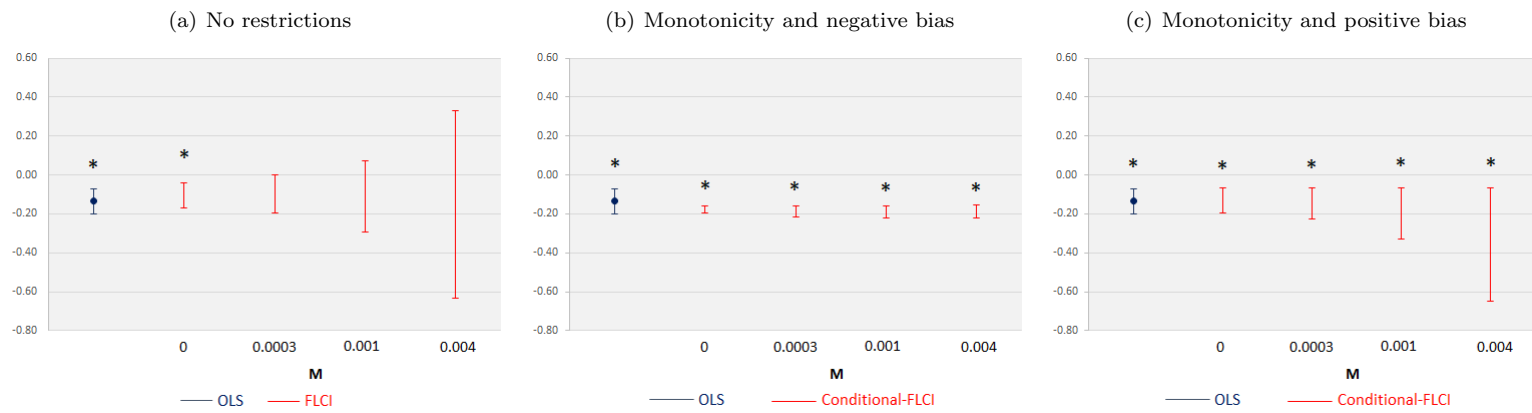
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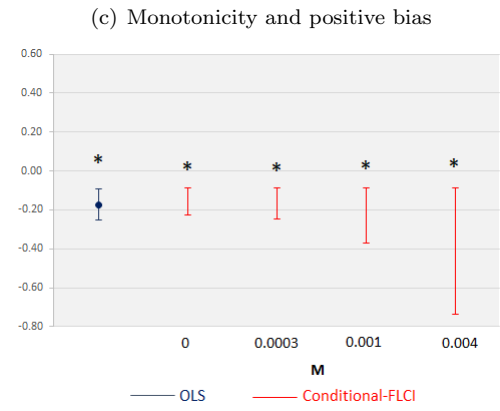
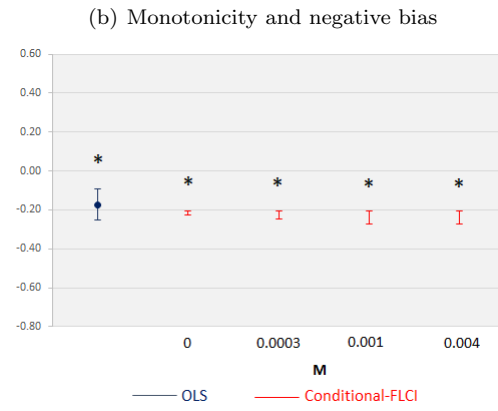
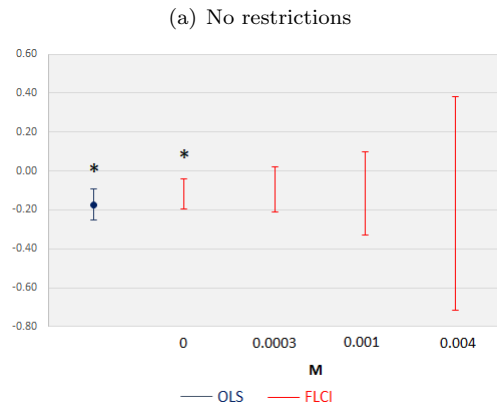
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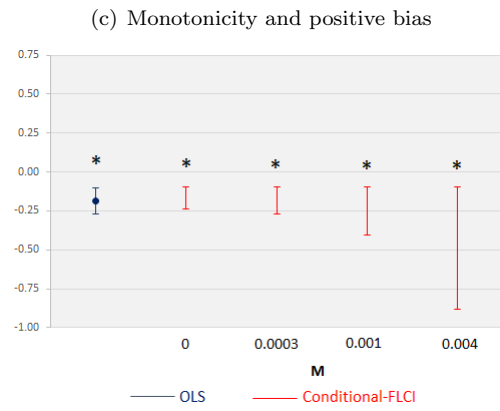
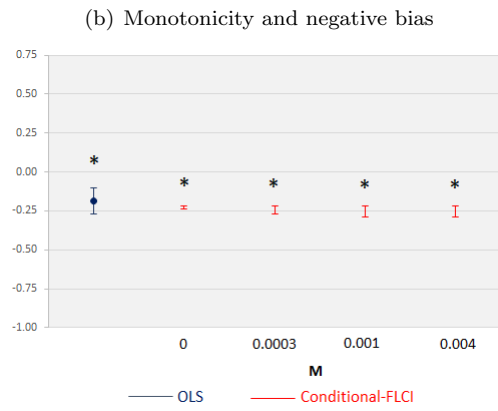
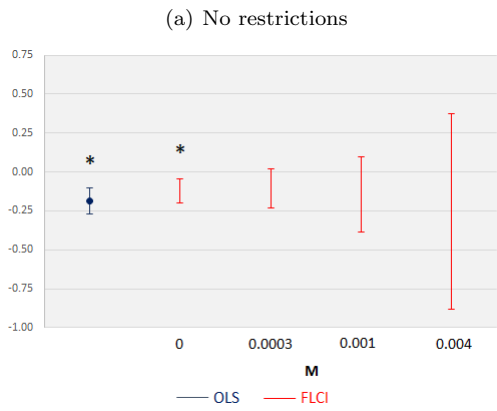
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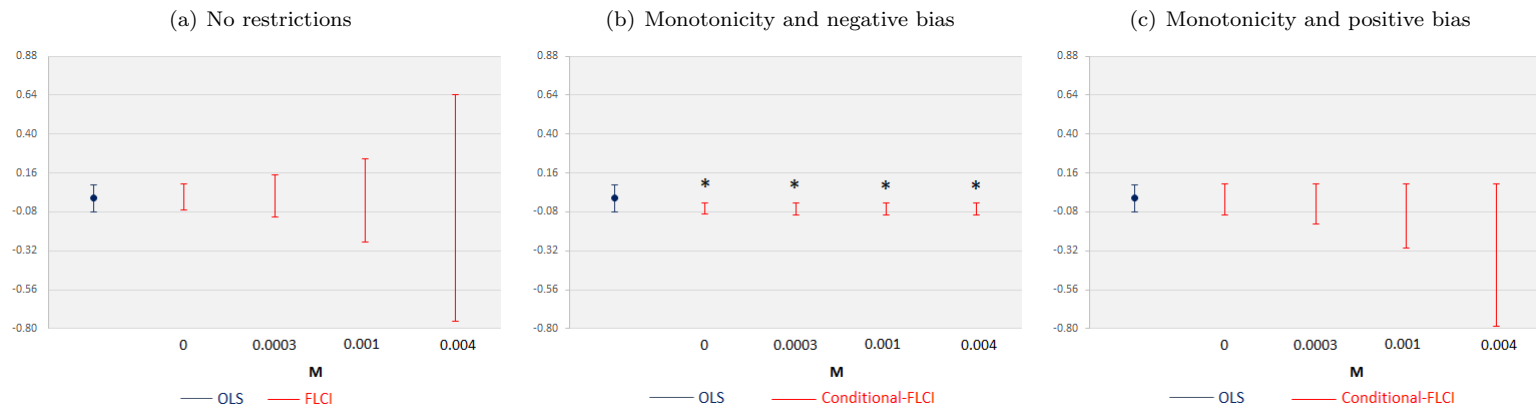
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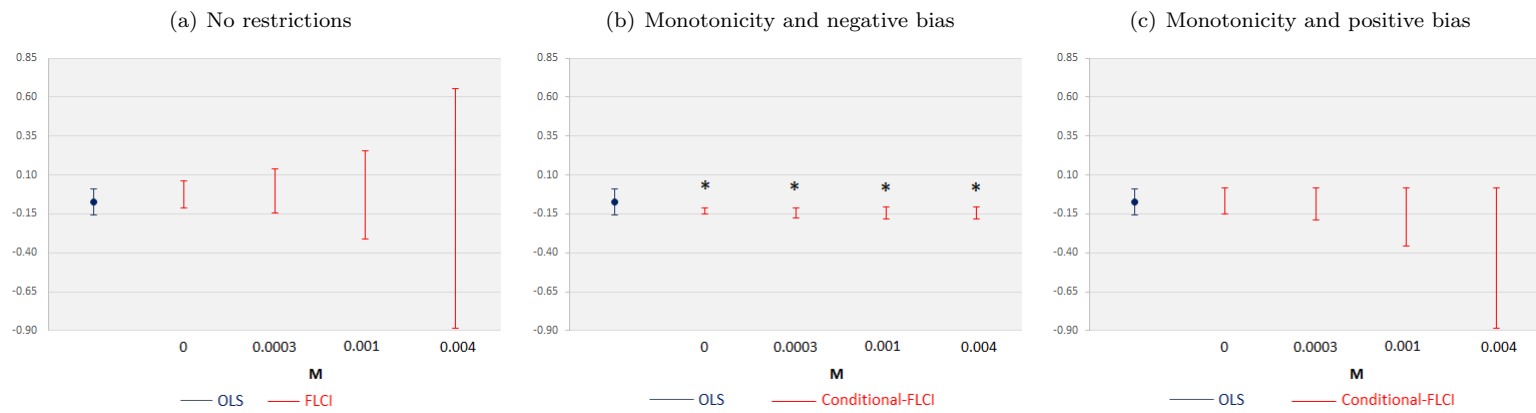
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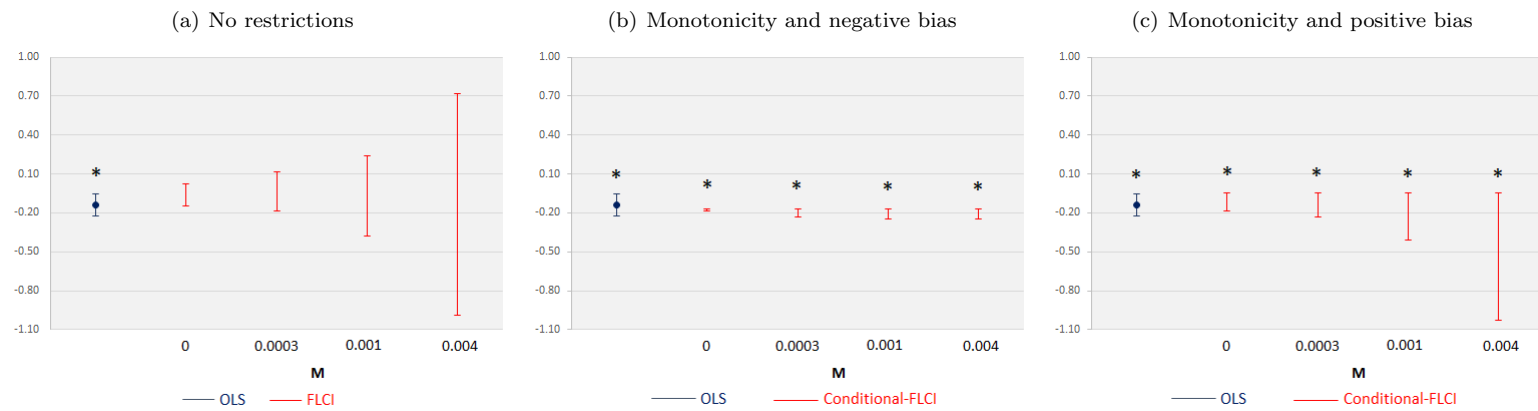
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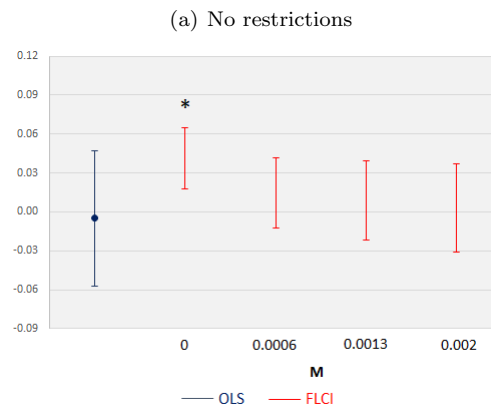


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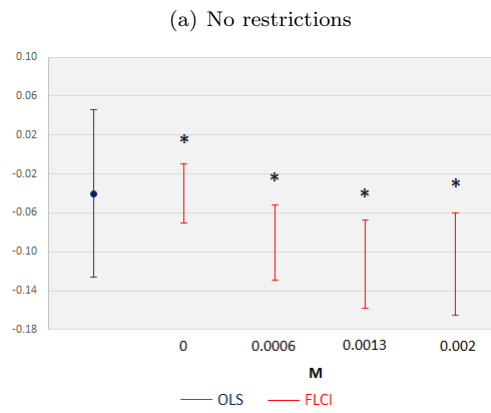


**Figure A5:** Estimated policy effect on coal-fired plant capacity factors in the Rest of WECC (Day): OLS and robust confidence intervals

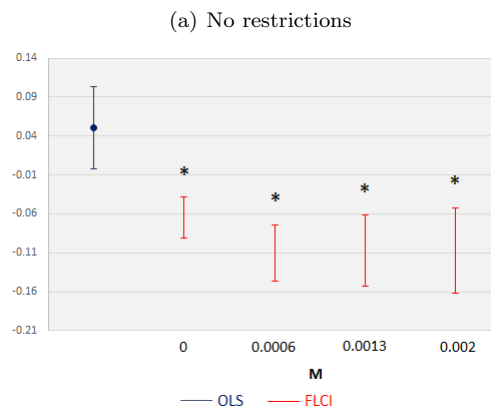
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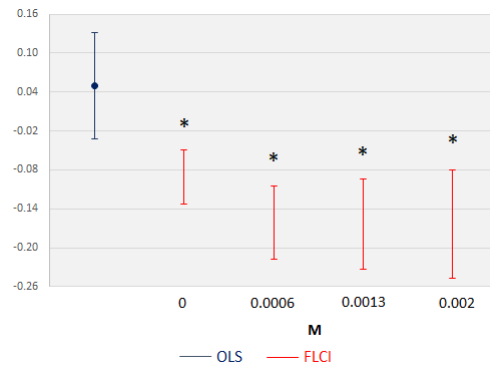


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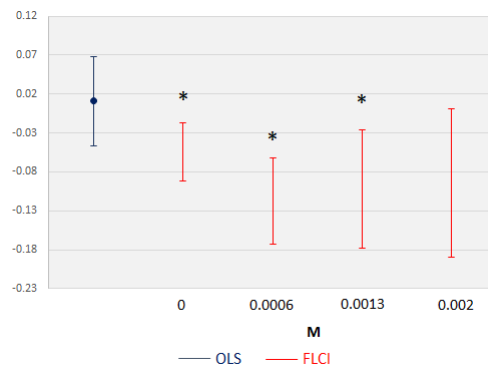
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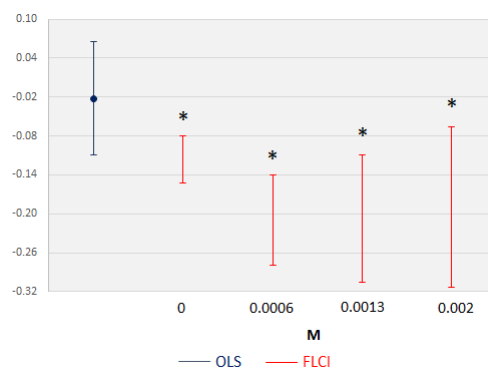
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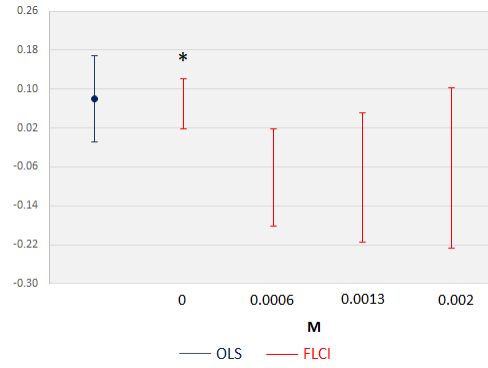
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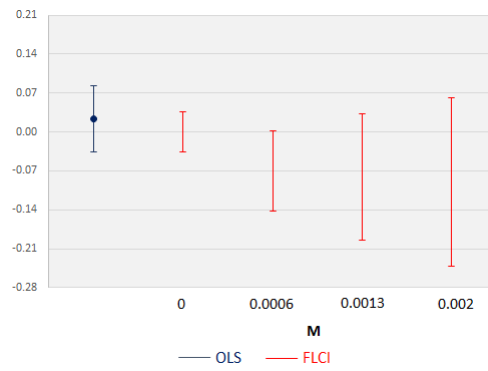
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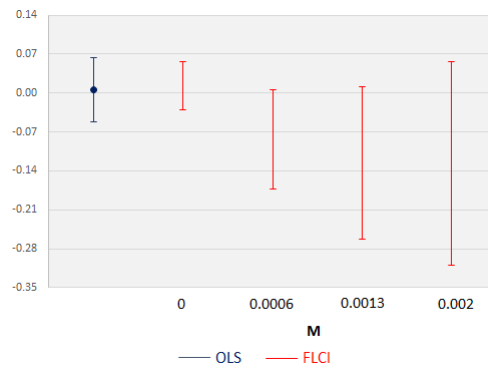
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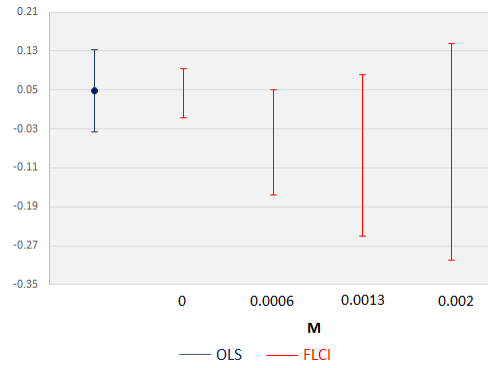
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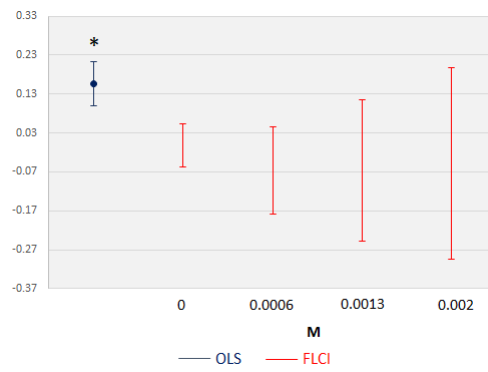
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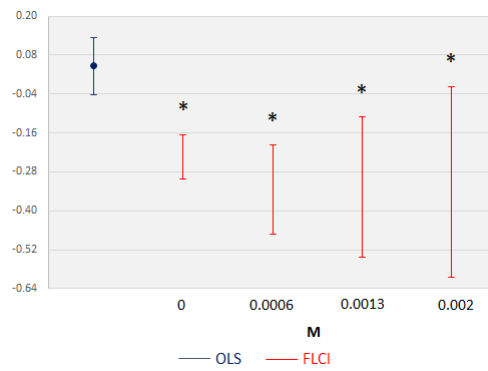
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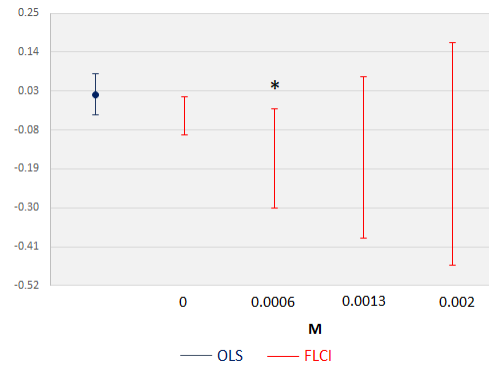
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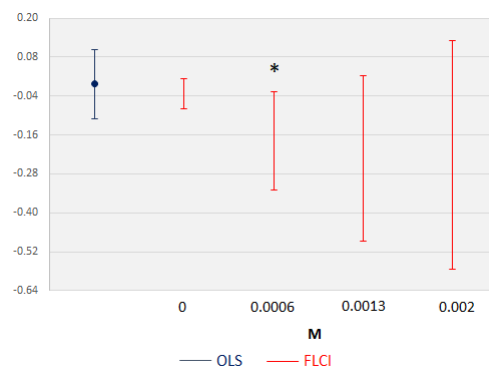
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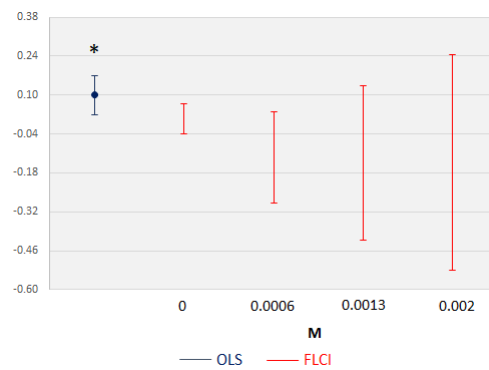
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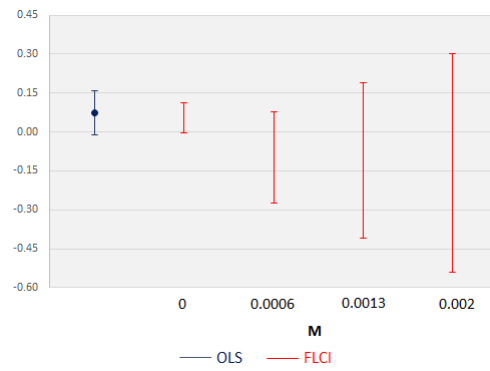
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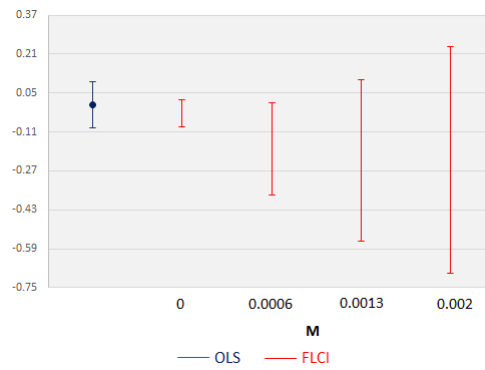
Fall 2016

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Nov and Dec 2016

(a) No restrictions



*Note:* Stars indicate intervals that do not cross zero.

## C. Tables

**Table A1:** Summary statistics for nuclear, hydro and renewable generation

| Treated<br>region<br>in WECC | Pre ETS                        |                              |                                  | Post ETS                       |                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                              | Nuclear<br>generation<br>(MWh) | Hydro<br>generation<br>(MWh) | Renewable<br>generation<br>(MWh) | Nuclear<br>generation<br>(MWh) | Hydro<br>generation<br>(MWh) | Renewables<br>generation<br>(MWh) |
| CA                           | 2,481.98<br>(750.94)           | 2,812.90<br>(1,158.53)       | 2,434.53<br>(399.23)             | 1,506.48<br>(268.66)           | 1,791.71<br>(832.48)         | 4,057.49<br>(947.48)              |
| NW                           | 625.32<br>(297.12)             | 10,328.15<br>(2,882.33)      | 1,512.62<br>(346.15)             | 744.68<br>(196.11)             | 9,842.57<br>(2,295.28)       | 2,077.80<br>(250.30)              |
| RoW                          | 0<br>-                         | 1,956.57<br>(551.16)         | 626.24<br>(206.96)               | 0<br>-                         | 1,608.51<br>(334.96)         | 1,133.70<br>(235.16)              |
| SW                           | 2,605.70<br>(375.56)           | 516.31<br>(136.08)           | 74.28<br>(44.41)                 | 2,680.31<br>(334.18)           | 491.37<br>(115.57)           | 276.87<br>(70.54)                 |
| Control<br>region            | Pre ETS                        |                              |                                  | Post ETS                       |                              |                                   |
|                              | Nuclear<br>generation<br>(MWh) | Hydro<br>generation<br>(MWh) | Renewable<br>generation<br>(MWh) | Nuclear<br>generation<br>(MWh) | Hydro<br>generation<br>(MWh) | Renewables<br>generation<br>(MWh) |
| FRCC                         | 1,936.23<br>(458.51)           | 14.96<br>(5.04)              | 532.13<br>(53.65)                | 2,329.92<br>(374.68)           | 18.46<br>(7.32)              | 542.05<br>(48.46)                 |
| MRO-US                       | 8,632.34<br>(844.34)           | 842.12<br>(209.71)           | 2,931.12<br>(664.13)             | 8,283.35<br>(815.15)           | 877.07<br>(190.70)           | 4,462.99<br>(924.96)              |
| SERC                         | 15,952.18<br>(1,449.39)        | 3,105.64<br>(938.75)         | 1,431.15<br>(128.29)             | 16,461.50<br>(1,152.76)        | 3,277.52<br>(994.19)         | 1,952.69<br>(252.13)              |
| SPP                          | 1,399.00<br>(448.33)           | 1,229.62<br>(280.47)         | 1,310.86<br>(421.07)             | 1,442.61<br>(442.17)           | 1,124.14<br>(304.94)         | 3,009.59<br>(696.95)              |
| TRE                          | 3,352.55<br>(527.21)           | 54.38<br>(39.29)             | 2,100.78<br>(538.64)             | 3,313.26<br>(486.36)           | 44.61<br>(47.37)             | 3,433.54<br>(926.75)              |

*Note:* Values represent averages between January 2009-December 2012 (Pre ETS) and January 2013-December 2016 (Post ETS). Standard deviations are reported in parentheses.

**Table A2:** Balancing tests on plant heat rates

|           | NGCC               |                   | Coal               |                   |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|           | Before<br>matching | After<br>matching | Before<br>matching | After<br>matching |
| Hour 0    | -2.161**           | -0.889            | -0.562             | 0.199             |
| Hour 1    | -2.334**           | -1.103            | -0.892             | -0.407            |
| Hour 2    | -2.878***          | -1.617            | -1.226             | -0.590            |
| Hour 3    | -2.610***          | -1.295            | -0.982             | -0.686            |
| Hour 4    | -2.281**           | -0.920            | -1.200             | -0.996            |
| Hour 5    | -1.749*            | -0.417            | -1.185             | -1.263            |
| Hour 6    | -2.356**           | -0.714            | -1.266             | -1.322            |
| Hour 7    | -2.316**           | -0.618            | -1.191             | -1.305            |
| Hour 8    | -2.449**           | -0.843            | -0.907             | -1.180            |
| Hour 9    | -1.648             | -0.285            | -1.046             | -0.358            |
| Hour 10   | -1.640             | -0.159            | -0.951             | -0.347            |
| Hour 11   | -1.987**           | -0.559            | -0.837             | -0.310            |
| Hour 12   | -2.194**           | -0.804            | -0.931             | -0.401            |
| Hour 13   | -2.481**           | -1.220            | -0.876             | -0.350            |
| Hour 14   | -2.293**           | -0.936            | -0.777             | -0.112            |
| Hour 15   | -2.245**           | -0.843            | -0.869             | -0.718            |
| Hour 16   | -2.188**           | -0.822            | -0.775             | 0.062             |
| Hour 17   | -2.209**           | -0.840            | -0.830             | -0.722            |
| Hour 18   | -2.070**           | -0.713            | -0.826             | -0.948            |
| Hour 19   | -1.968*            | -0.659            | -0.788             | -0.610            |
| Hour 20   | -1.861*            | -0.626            | -0.802             | -0.754            |
| Hour 21   | -0.936             | -0.004            | -0.817             | -0.771            |
| Hour 22   | -1.076             | -0.369            | -0.777             | -0.705            |
| Hour 23   | -1.292             | -0.521            | -0.699             | -0.718            |
| Morning   | -2.180**           | -0.594            | -1.045             | -0.767            |
| Afternoon | -2.381**           | -0.985            | -0.828             | -0.280            |
| Evening   | -1.830*            | -0.562            | -0.815             | -0.782            |
| Night     | -2.483**           | -1.185            | -0.969             | -0.698            |

*Note:* The table reports t statistics of a two-sided test of mean comparisons between treated and control groups before and after matching. \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* indicate statistical significance at 10%, 5% and 1% level, respectively.

**Table A3:** Balancing tests on plant age

|     | NGCC               |                   | Coal               |                   |
|-----|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|     | Before<br>matching | After<br>matching | Before<br>matching | After<br>matching |
| Age | -2.376**           | -1.586            | -2.833***          | 0.642             |

*Note:* The table reports t statistics of a two-sided test of mean comparisons between treated and control groups before and after matching. \*\* and \*\*\* indicate statistical significance at 5% and 1% level, respectively.



**Table A4:** Assumed RPS requirements in 2013 and 2016

|       | 2013 | 2016 |
|-------|------|------|
| State | RPS  | RPS  |
| AZ    | 4%   | 6%   |
| CA    | 20%  | 25%  |
| CO    | 12%  | 20%  |
| MT    | 10%  | 15%  |
| NM    | 10%  | 15%  |
| NV    | 18%  | 20%  |
| OR    | 5%   | 15%  |
| WA    | 3%   | 9%   |

*Note:* California also requires that 50% (65%) of its RPS requirement be met by in-state renewable generation and/or renewable generation in AZ, NV and OR in 2013 (2016).

**Table A5:** Shares of electricity imports into California, 2013 and 2016

|   | 2013         | 2016         |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Imported electricity (TWh)  | 102.5        | 100.0        |
| <i>of which:</i>  |              |              |
| (1) specified imports (TWh)                                       | 74.9         | 78.6         |
| <i>share of specified imports over total</i>                      | <i>73.1%</i> | <i>78.6%</i> |
| (2) specified imports from natural gas (TWh)                      | 13.4         | 13.2         |
| <i>share of specified imports from natural gas over total</i>     | <i>13.1%</i> | <i>13.2%</i> |
| (3) specified imports from coal and diesel (TWh)                  | 23.9         | 11.4         |
| <i>share of specified imports from coal and diesel over total</i> | <i>23.3%</i> | <i>11.4%</i> |
| (4) unspecified imports (TWh)                                     | 27.6         | 21.4         |
| <i>share of unspecified imports over total</i>                    | <i>26.9%</i> | <i>21.4%</i> |

*Note:* Imports from coal include the line item “MJRP” in the CARB spreadsheet.

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