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### Quick Facts

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| **Countries** | Brazil |
| **Specific Location** | State of Bahia, Brazil |
| **Financial Institutions** | International Finance Corporation (IFC) |
| **Status** | Active |
| **Bank Risk Rating** | B |
| **Voting Date** | 2022-06-15 |
| **Borrower** | COMPANHIA DE ELETRICIDADE DO ESTADO DA BAHIA COELBA |
| **Sectors** | Energy |
| **Investment Type(s)** | Loan |
| **Investment Amount (USD)** | $ 100.00 million |
| **Project Cost (USD)** | $ 100.00 million |

## Project Description

According to the bank-provided information, the propoposed investment consists of an 8-year green + sustainability-linked loan of up to BRL 550 million to Companhia de Electricidade do Estado da Bahia (“Neoenergia Coelba”) to finance part of its 2023 capex program, namely network expansion and renewal (excluding transmission lines), substation upgrades and digitalization programs. Neoenergia Coelba is a power distribution company operating in the state of Bahia, Brazil, with over 6.2 million customers and more than 21.2 TWh of energy sold in 2021. It is a subsidiary of Neoenergia, a publicly traded integrated energy company in Brazil, which is majority-owned by Spanish group Iberdrola (53,5%). The IFC loan will benefit from a parent company guarantee by Neoenergia.

As Sustainability Coordinator for this project, IFC has helped Neoenergia (i) identify material KPIs in line with the Sustainability-Linked Loan Principles by the Loan Market Association; (ii) define ambitious targets in line with the 1.5-degree scenario; (iii) draft its Sustainability-Linked Finance Framework and (iv) coordinate a Second Party Opinion (SPO).

## Early Warning System Project Analysis

While all Performance Standards are applicable to this investment, IFC’s environmental and social due diligence indicates that the investment will have impacts which must be managed in a manner consistent with the following Performance Standards

PS 1 - Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts
PS 2 - Labor and Working Conditions
PS 3 - Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention
PS 4 - Community Health, Safety and Security
PS 5 - Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement
PS 7 - Indigenous Peoples

PS6 and PS8 are not applicable and specific biodiversity and cultural heritage requirements are covered under PS1 and within the E&S management system.

## Investment Description

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The proposed investment consists of an 8-year green + sustainability-linked loan of up to BRL 550 million from IFC's own account. It will finance part of Neoenergia Coelba's 2023 capex program, namely network expansion and renewal (excluding transmission lines), substation upgrades and digitalization programs.

## Private Actors Description

As stated by Reuters, Companhia de Eletricidade do Estado da Bahia Coelba (COELBA) is a Brazil-based company engaged in the electrical energy sector. The Company operates as a public service concessionary of electrical power, aimed to project, construct and explore systems of sub-transmission, processing, distribution and commercialization of electrical energy and related services. It is also involved in other activities associated to electrical power services, such as technical services in the energy sector and export and import operations. The Company is part of Neoenergia Group.

As stated by the IFC, funded in 1997, Neoenergia is an integrated energy company that operates in 19 Brazilian states through the generation, transmission and distribution segments. It owns five distribution companies that bring energy to over 15.8 million consumers – i.e. 16% of the Brazilian population. It has five transmission lines (2,333 km) and 10 substations in operation, and over 4,301 of lines under construction. It has an installed capacity of 4.5GW, split among hydroelectric plants (67%), wind farms (22%) and thermal (11%). Lastly, it also operates in the liberalized business. Neoenergia has been a publicly-traded company since June 2019, with shares traded in the Brazil Stock Exchange. It is majority owned by Spanish group Iberdrola (53.5%). The PREVI pension fund holds a 30.3% interest, and the remaining shares are free floating.

Neoenergia Coelba was first incorporated as a State Owned Entity in 1960. It was privatized in 1997 and awarded as a concession to Neoenergia, which has been operating it ever since. Neoenergia Coelba operates in the state of Bahia, the 4th largest Brazilian state by population. In 2021, it supplied over 21.2 TWh of energy to more than 6.2 million customers. Its installed infrastructure comprises over 277,000 km of networks, 3.6 million poles, 7 million transformers and 337 substations.

| Private Actor 1 | Private Actor 1 Role | Private Actor 1 Sector | Relation | Private Actor 2 | Private Actor 2 Role | Private Actor 2 Sector |
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| Iberdrola SA | Parent Company | Energy | owns | Neoenergia SA | Subsidiary | Energy |
| Neoenergia SA | Parent Company | Energy | owns | Companhia de Eletricidade do Estado da Bahia Coelba (COELBA) | Client | Energy |

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## Bank Documents

- Environmental & Social Review Summary