Reviewer’s report

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The authors have adequately addressed my concerns. I would strongly encourage the authors to undertake a further study on the decisions of Veikkaus regarding their internal decision making process. It would be valuable to know more about the processes they use to allocate EGMs geographically. Little is known about this decision making process anywhere in the world. Finland offers an ideal case study in this case, given that Veikkaus are a monopoly operator who are likely to cooperate with researchers. But this is a topic for a separate study.

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