

# Energy Economics and Environment

## Lecture 3



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- Transmission pricing (Nodal versus Zonal)
  - Peak-load pricing
  - Nodal and zonal dispatch in meshed networks

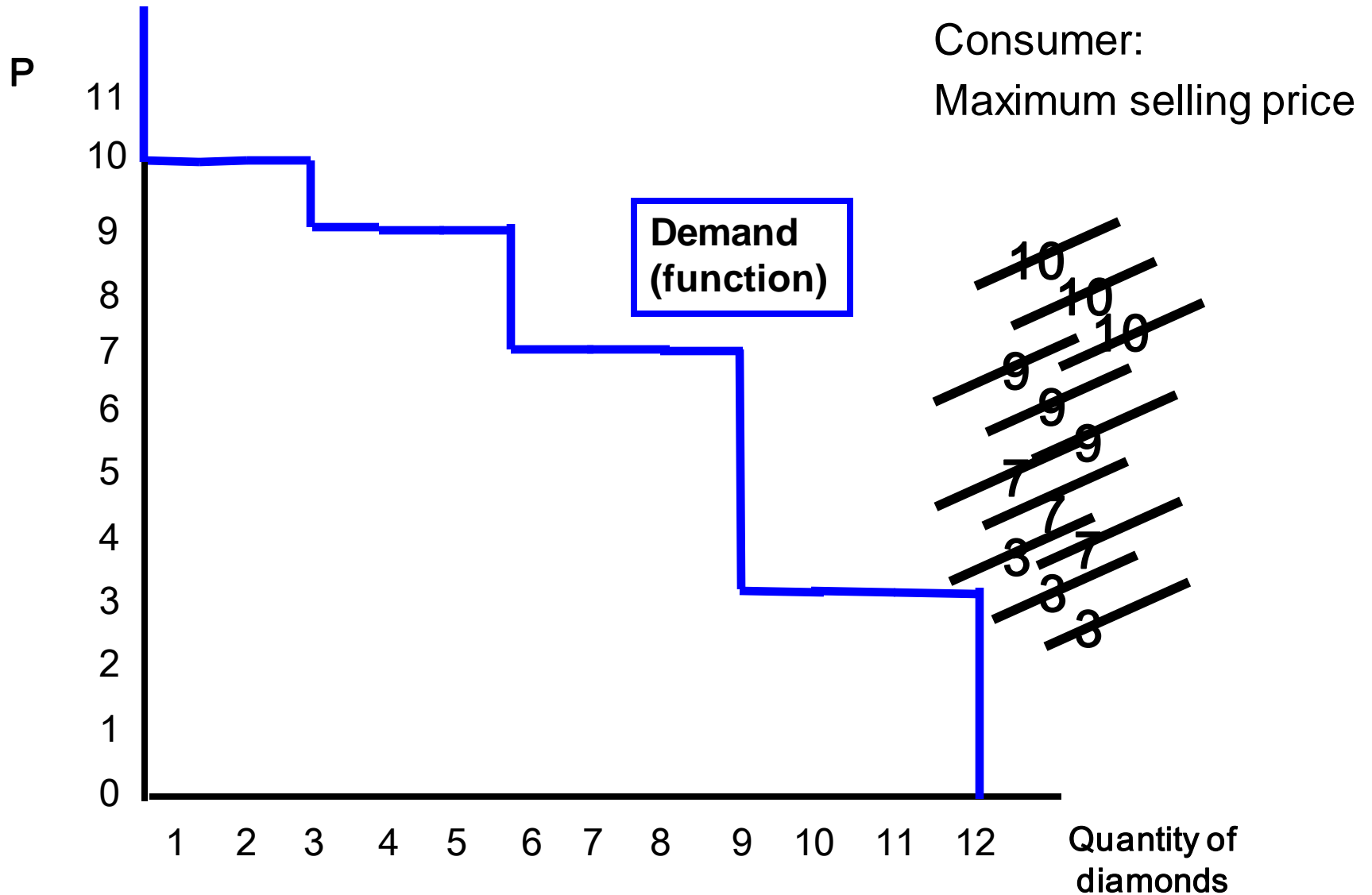
- Consumer:
- Maximum buying price

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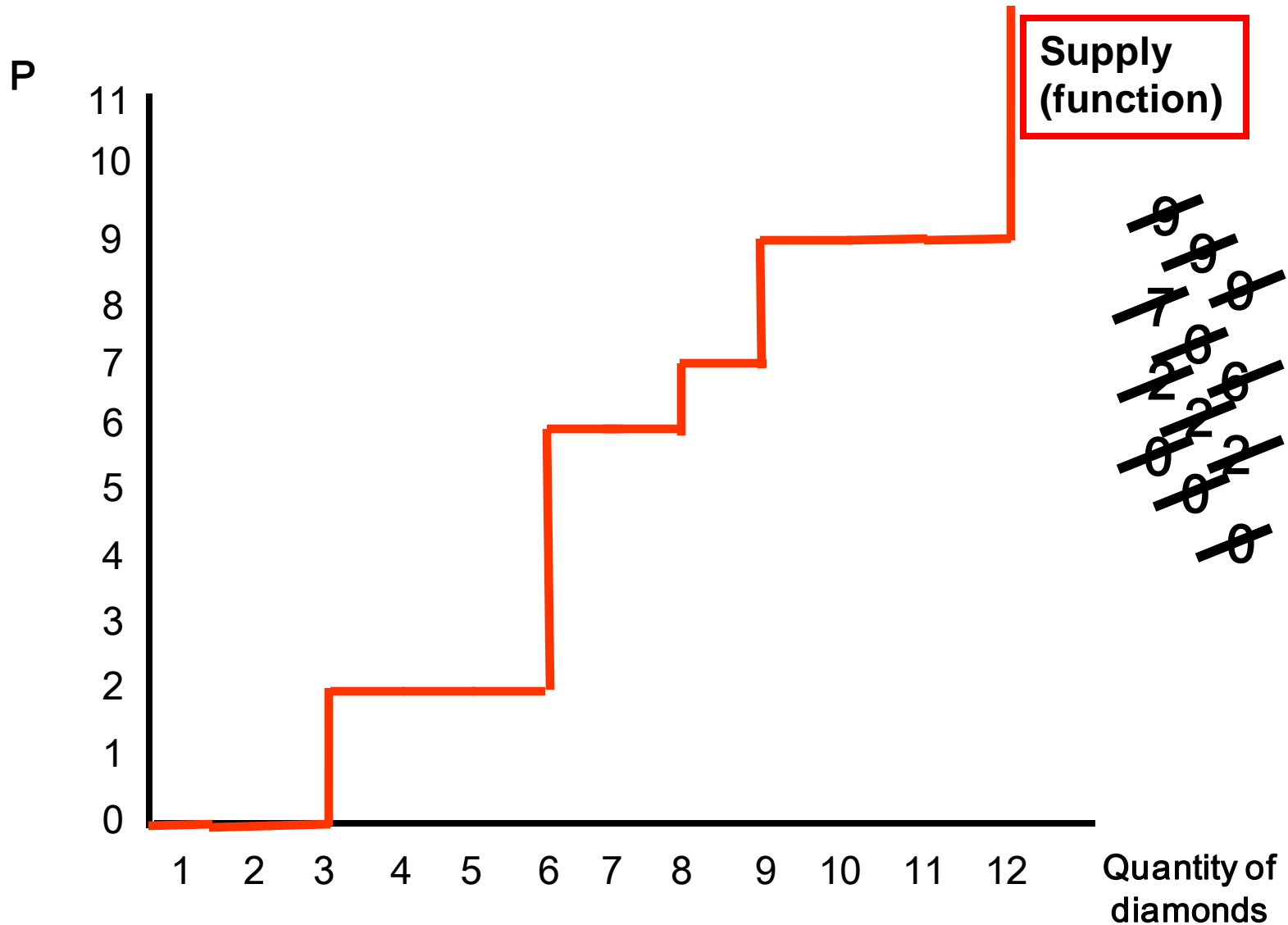
Producer:  
Minimal selling price

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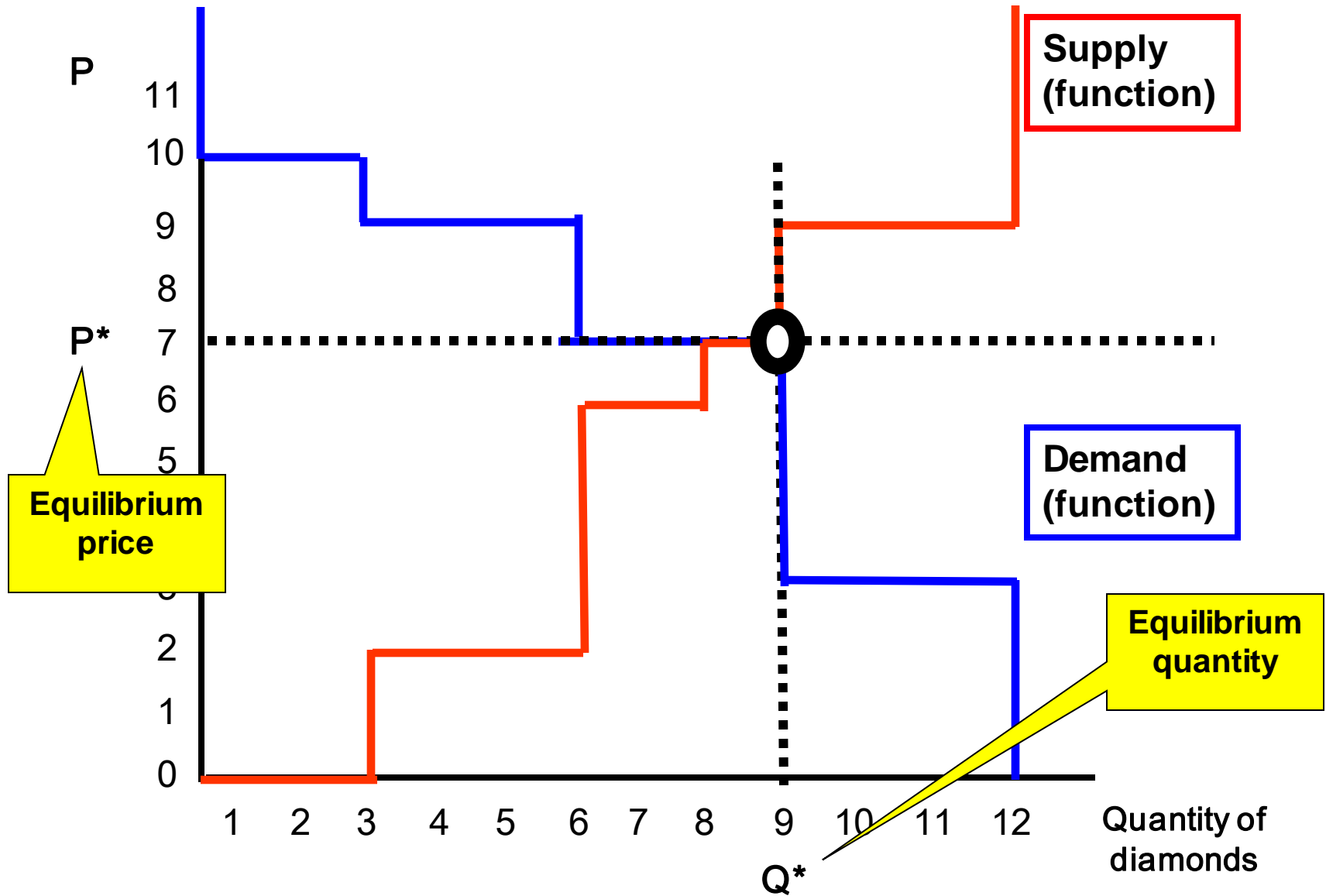
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Free market mechanism imposes a rich structure

# Looking at total welfare

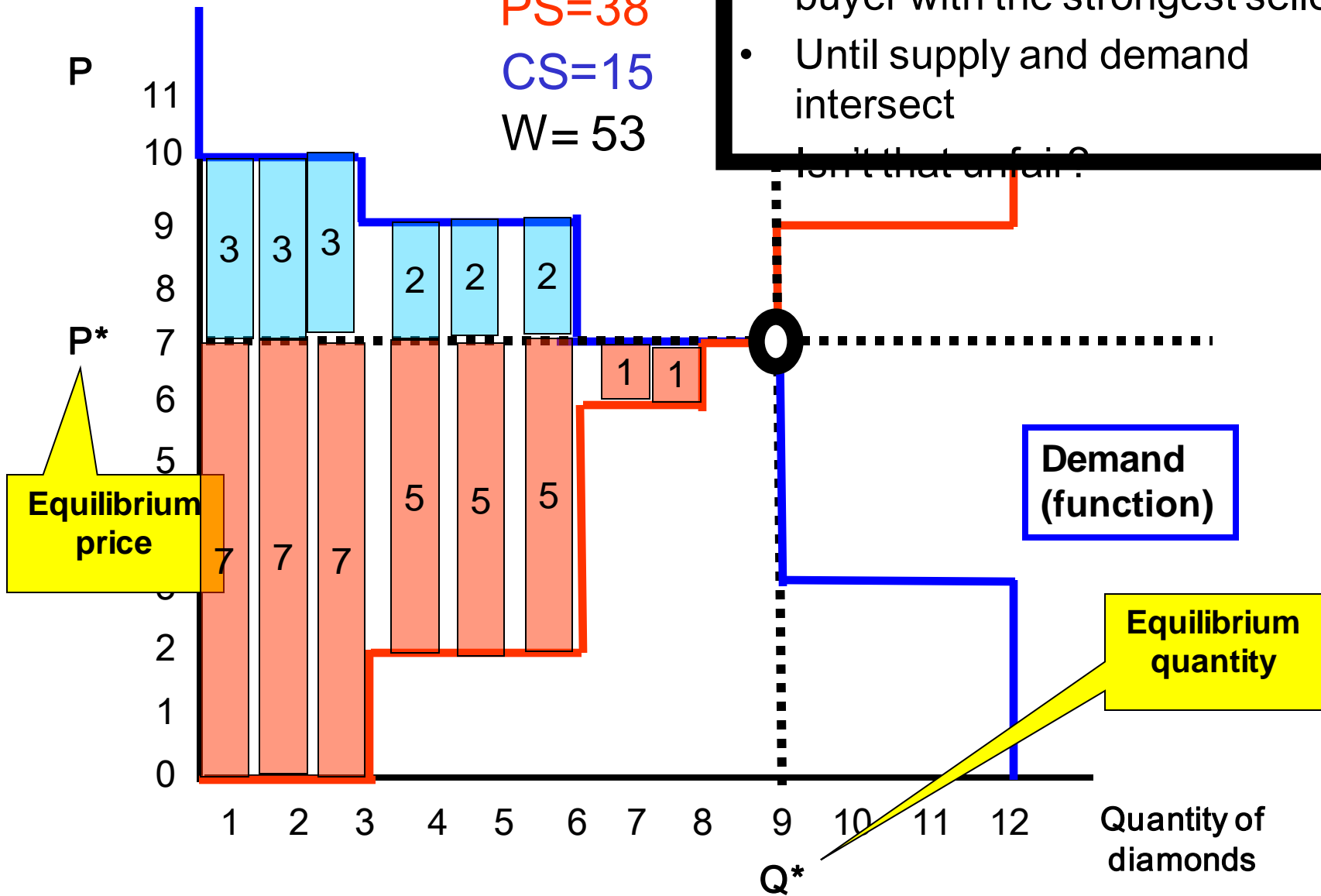
PS=38

CS=15

W= 53

- You always pair the strongest buyer with the strongest seller.
- Until supply and demand intersect

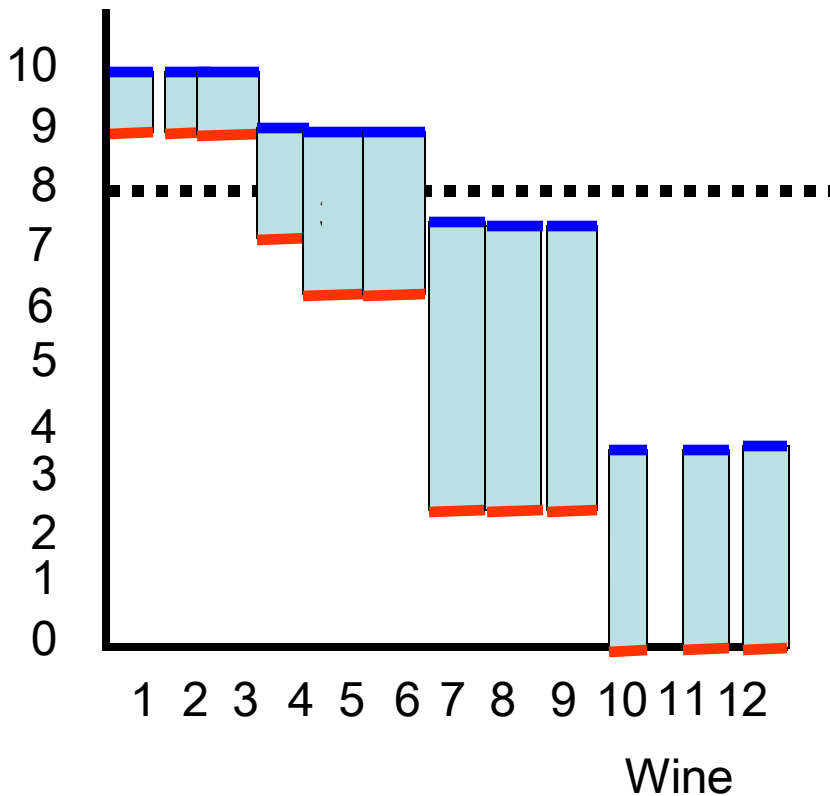
Isn't that unfair?



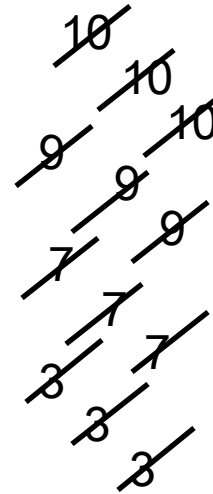


# Other possible arrangements: Communist “fair” dictator

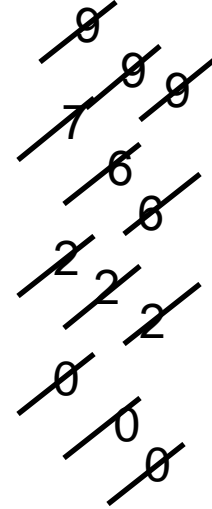
Could this be more efficient?



Consumer



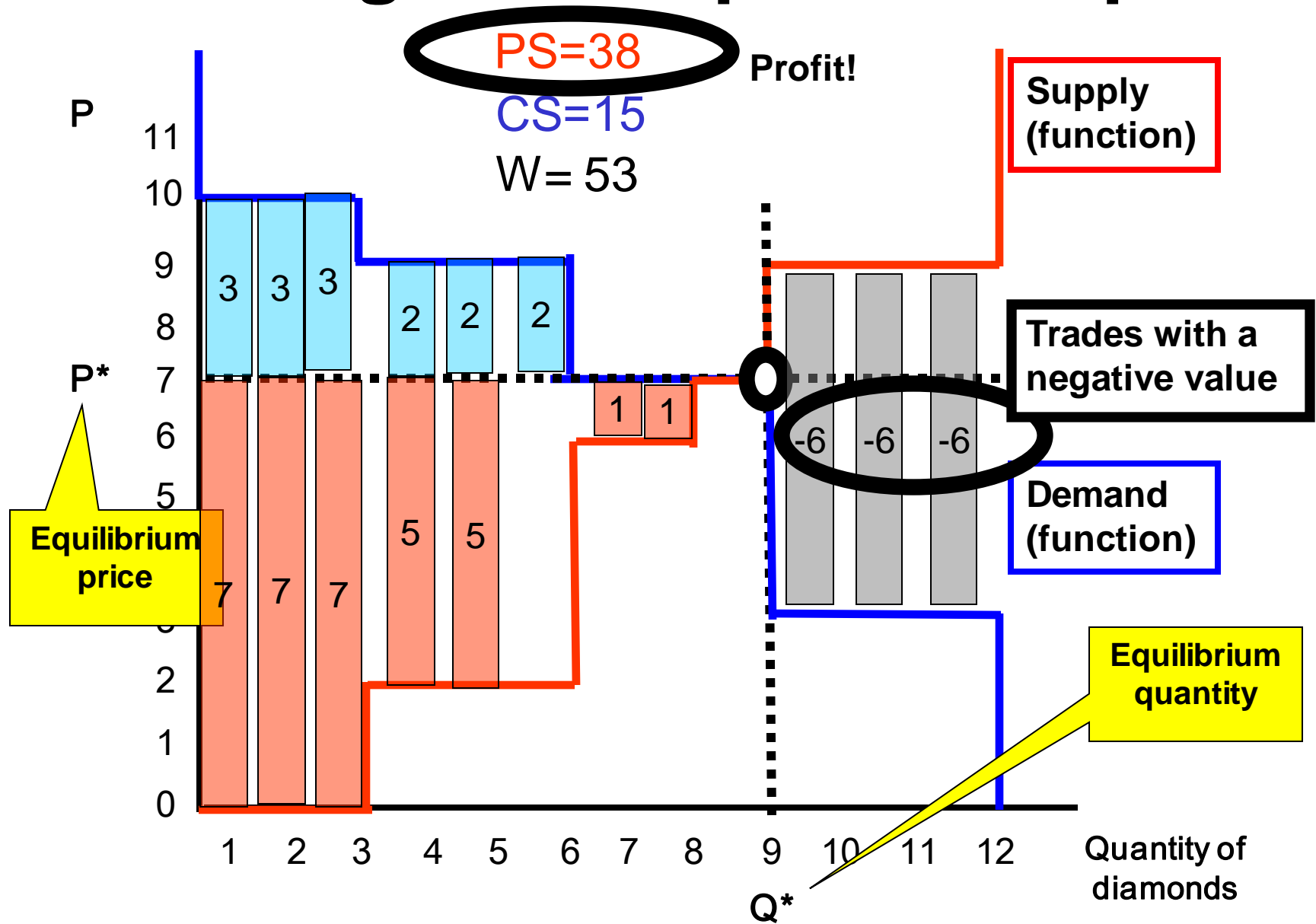
Producer



W= 35  
W(Free market)=53  
(difference =18)

Free market maximizes  
 $W=CS+PS$

# Deriving a the equilibrium price



- Peak-load pricing
- Nodal & Zonal

- A new transmission line has to be build. Once it will be running, demand per hour is given by:

$$P_L [Q_L] = 8 - Q_L \quad \bullet \text{ for the hours 20:00-08:00}$$

$$P_H [Q_H] = 20 - Q_H \quad \bullet \text{ for the hours 08:00-20:00}$$

- Amortized fixed cost per unit capacity per hour:
  - $f=1.5\$$ .
- The marginal cost of use
  - $mc=0\$$ .
- Imagine that it has already be decided that a line of size 10 will be built.
  - What is the welfare maximizing tariff in \$/hour (given this size)?
  - What is the average earning per unit per hour for the line owner?
  - Is the capacity of 10 the welfare maximizing size of the line? Why (not)?
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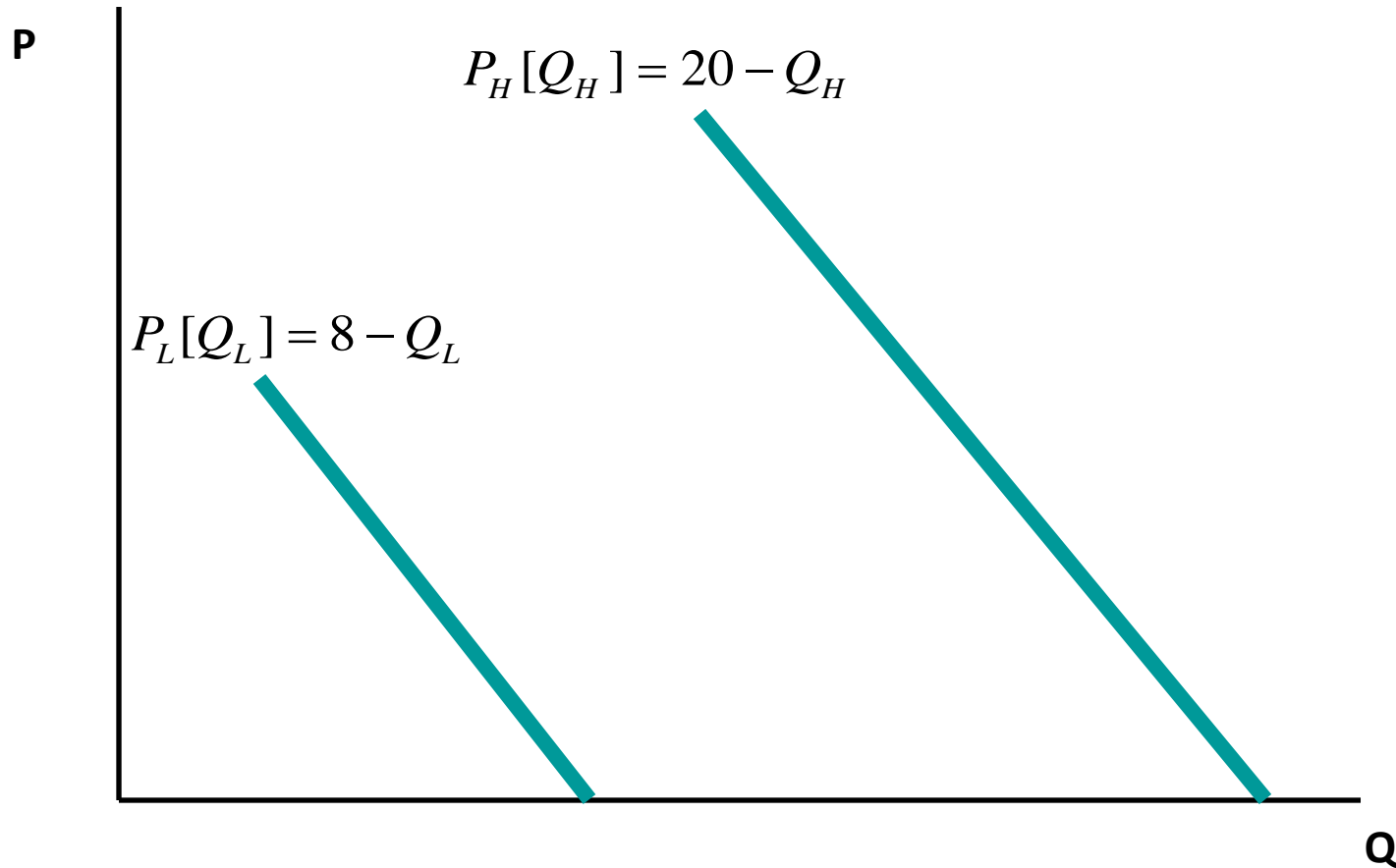
## Demand part

$$P_L[Q_L] = 8 - Q_L$$

- for the hours 20:00-08:00

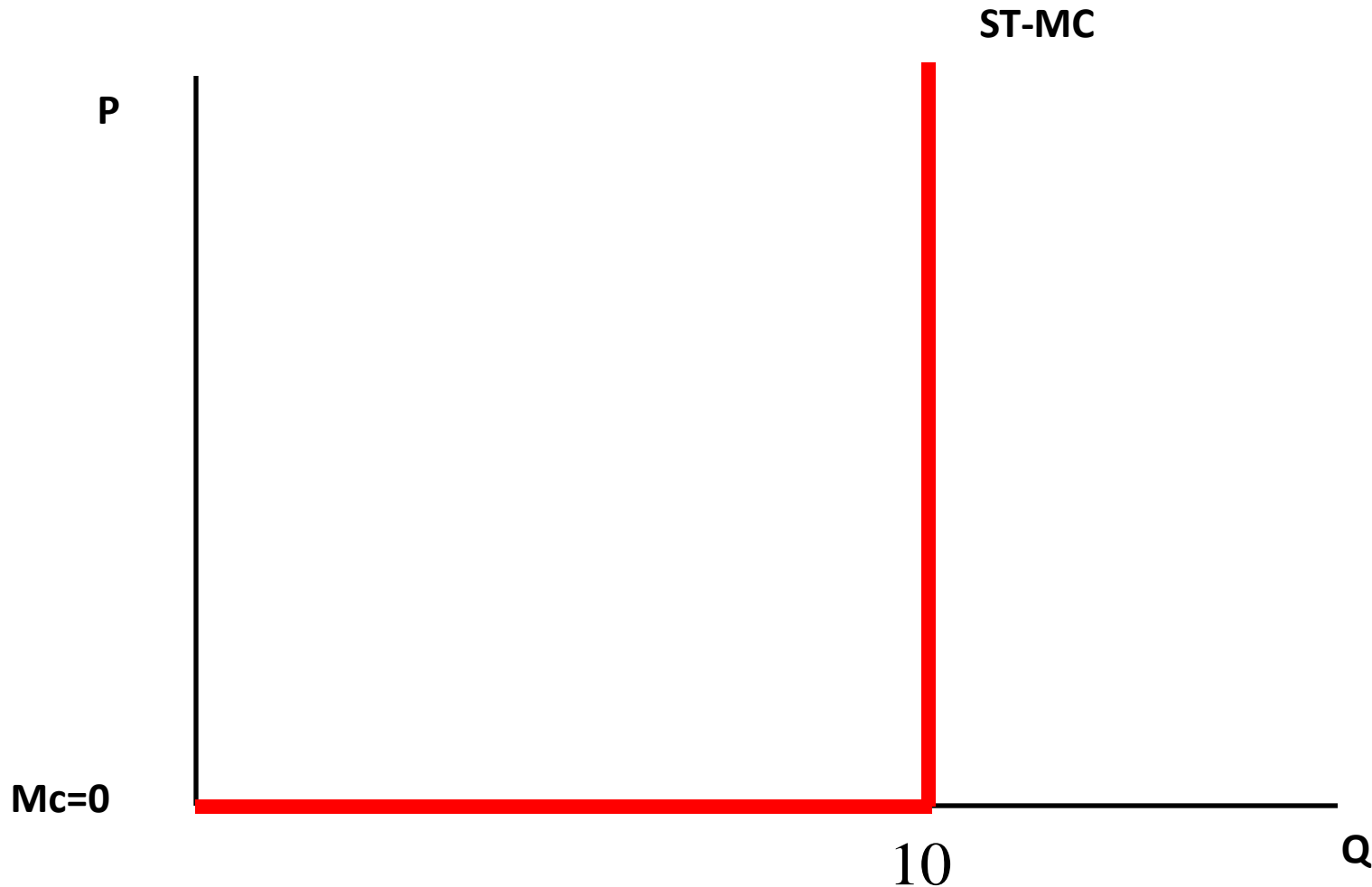
$$P_H[Q_H] = 20 - Q_H$$

- for the hours 08:00-20:00



# Supply part

- Amortized fixed cost per unit capacity per hour:  $f=1.5\$$ .
- The marginal cost of use:  $mc=0\$$ .
- already been decided that size of line: 10

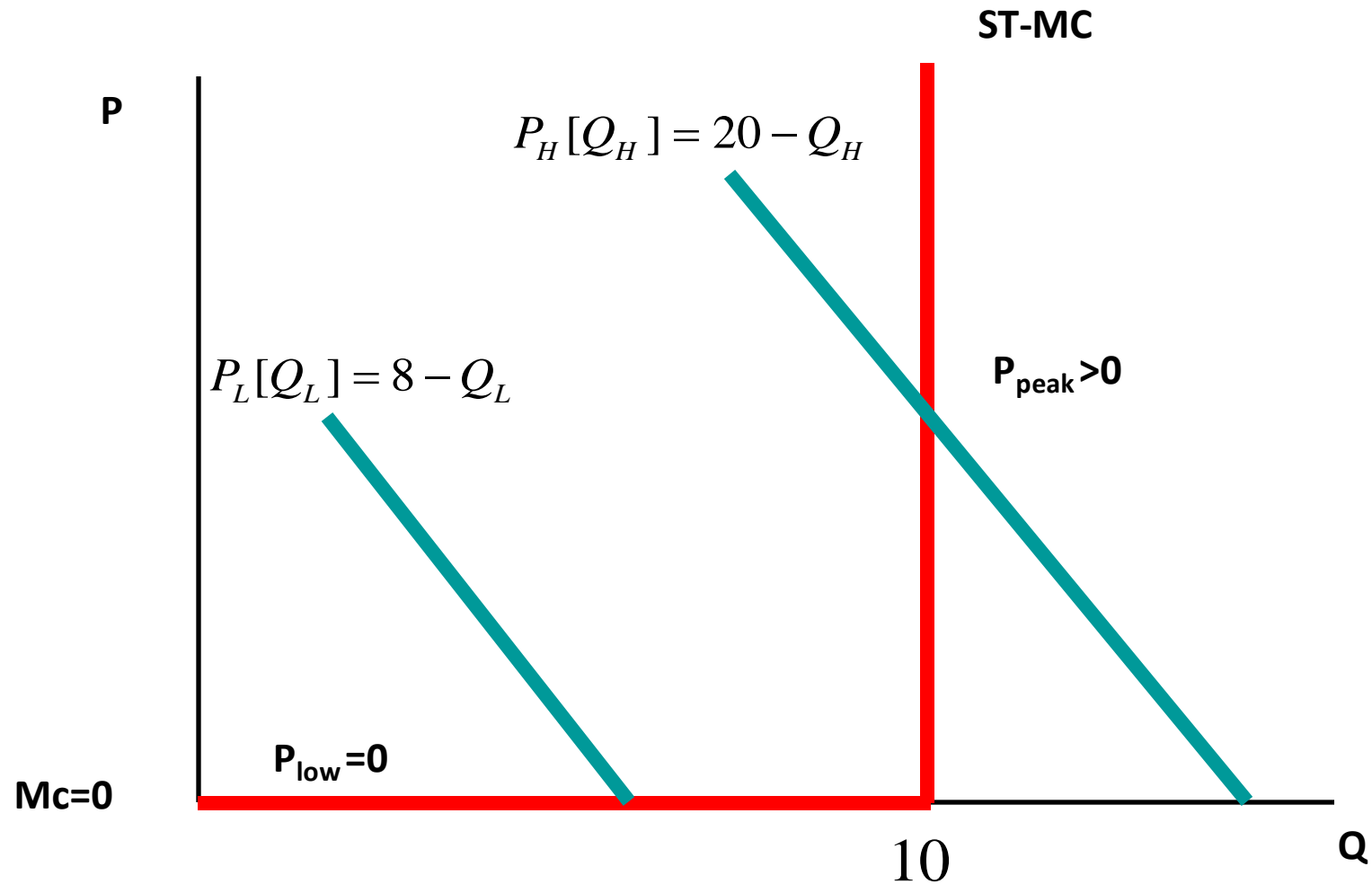


$$p_L = mc = 0\$$$

$$D_L = 8$$

$$P_H[Q_H] = 20 - Q_H \quad \& \quad D_H[p_H] = 10$$

$$p_H = 10\$$$





$$p_L = 0\$ \quad p_H = 10\$$$

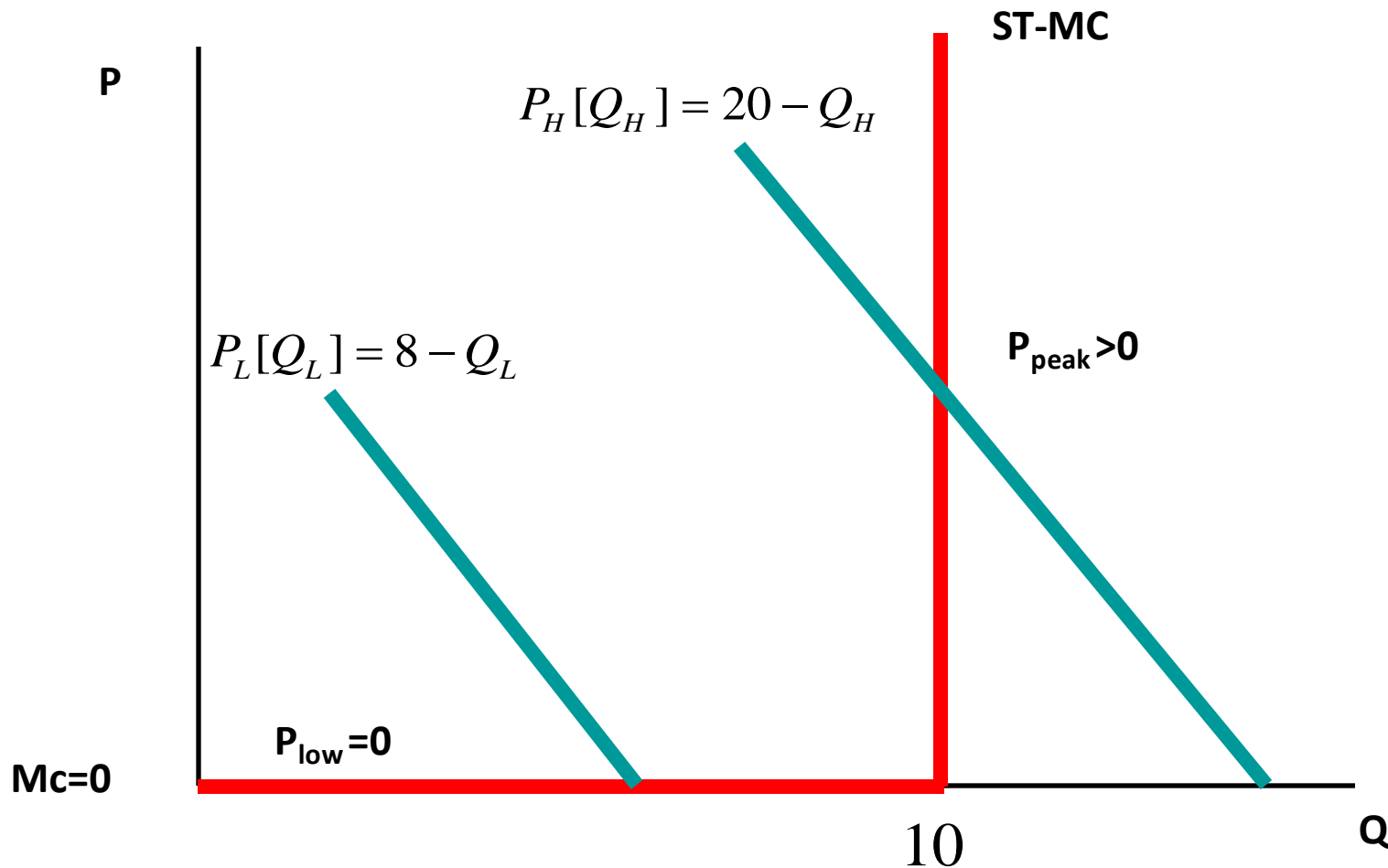
$$D_L = 8 \quad D_H = 10$$

The average gross earnings per unit per hour:

$$0.5 \cdot p_L + 0.5 \cdot p_H = 0.5 \cdot 0\$ + 0.5 \cdot 10\$ = 5\$$$

The average net earnings (minus fixed costs) per unit per hour:

$$5\$ - 1.5\$ = 3.5\$/h$$



- What is the welfare maximizing tariff in \$/hour (given this size)?

$$p_L = 0\$ \quad p_H = 10\$$$

- What is the average net earning per unit per hour for the line owner?

$$3.5\$ / h$$

- Is the capacity of 10 the welfare maximizing size of the line? Why (not)?

- Under perfect competition, owner would earn on average zero net profits per hour!
- positive net profits attracts competition
- Capacity increases, price decreases until net profit =0
- Thus the line is now too small.

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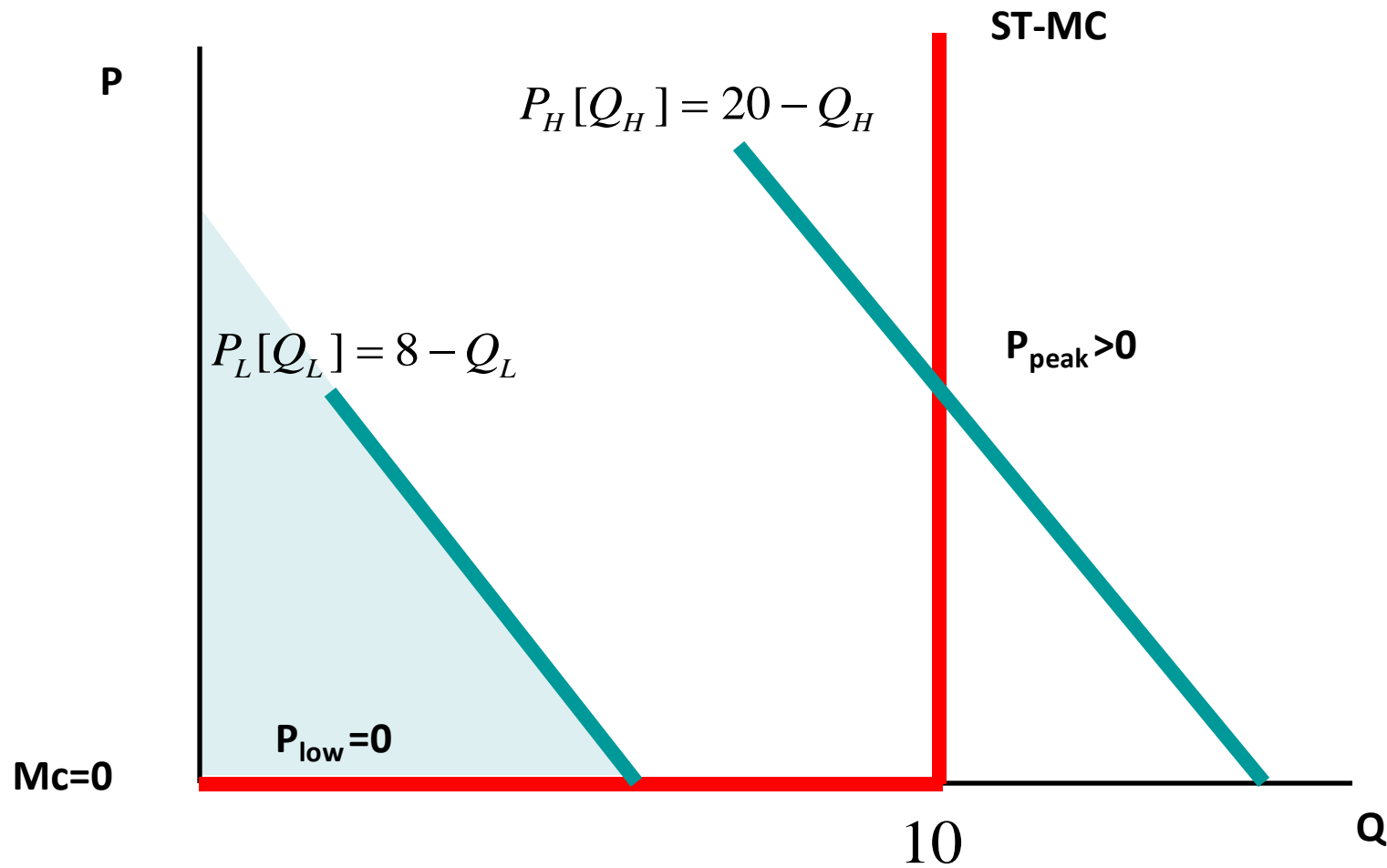
- What is the average total surplus  $W$  (consumer surplus + producer surplus) in \$/hour?

$$PS_L / h = 0\$ \cdot D_L = 0\$$$

$$PS_H / h = 10\$ \cdot D_H = 10\$ \cdot 10 = 100\$ / h$$

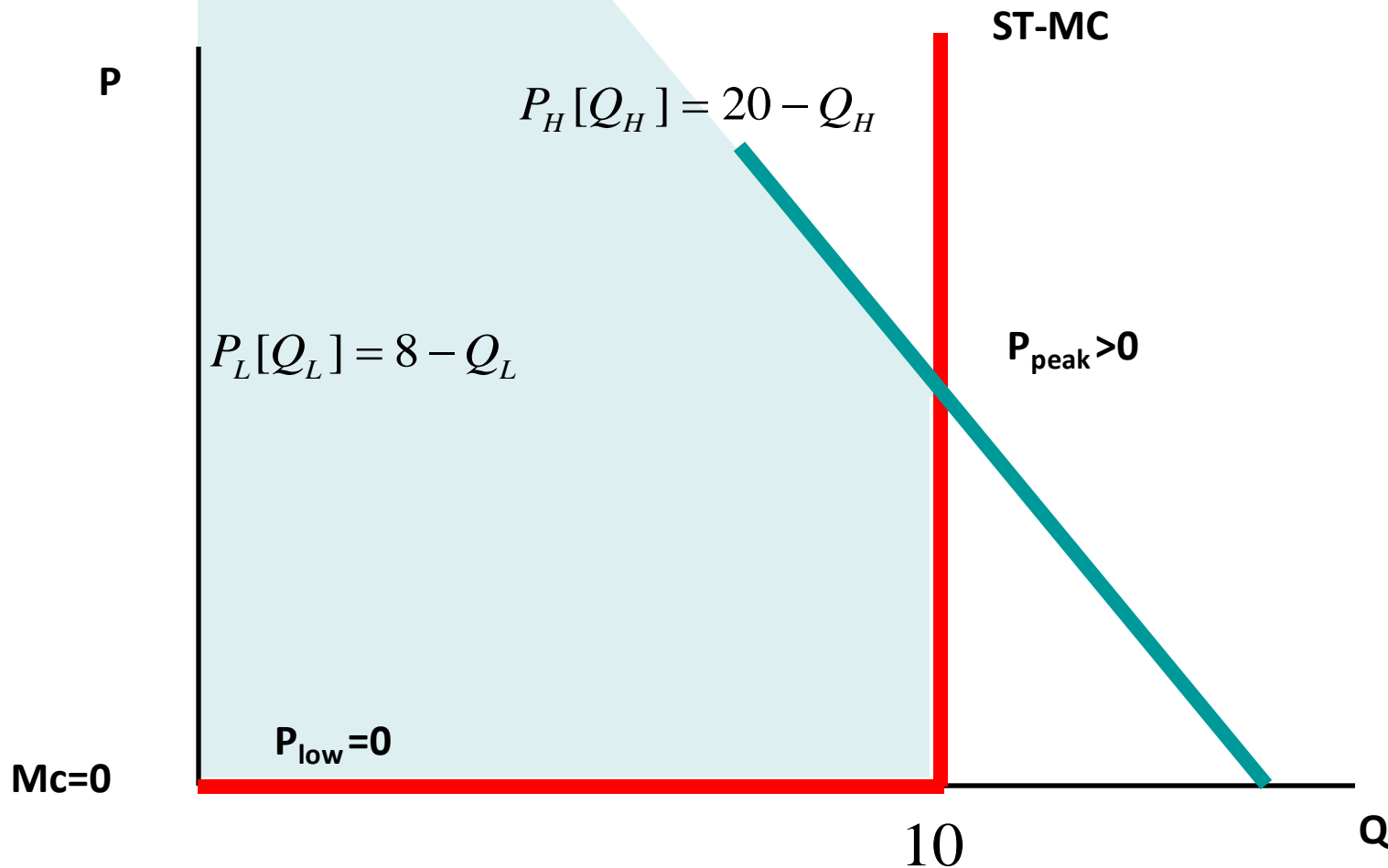
$$CS_L = 8 \cdot 8 \cdot 0.5 = 32\$ / h$$

$$\int_0^8 (8 - Q) dQ = [8Q - .5Q^2]_0^8 = 32$$



$$CS_H = 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 0.5 + 10 \cdot 10 = 50 + 100 = 150\$ / h$$

$$\int_0^{10} (20 - Q) dQ = [20Q - .5Q^2]_0^{10} = 200 - 50 = 150$$



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$$PS_H / h = 100\$ / h$$

$$CS_L / h = 32\$ / h$$

$$CS_H / h = 150\$ / h$$

$$W / h = 0.5 \cdot (32) + 0.5 \cdot (250) = 0.5 \cdot (282) = 141$$

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- Amortized fixed cost per unit capacity per hour:
  - $f=1.5\$$ .
- The marginal cost of use
  - $mc=0\$$ .
- Imagine that it has already be decided that a line of size 18 will be built.
  - What is the welfare maximizing tariff in \$/hour (given this size)?
  - What is the average earning per unit per hour for the line owner?
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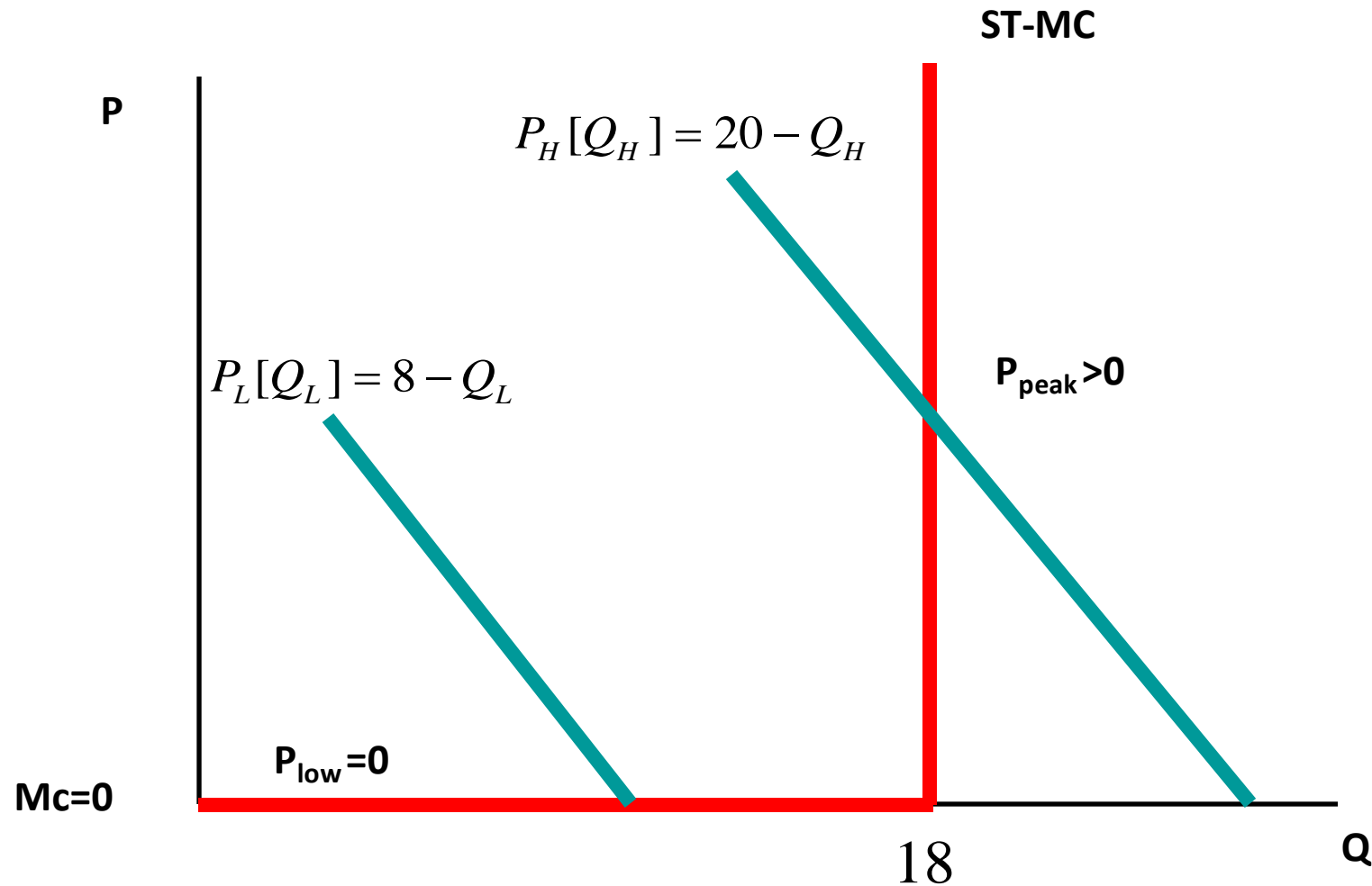


$$p_L = mc = 0\$$$

$$D_L = 8$$

$$P_H[Q_H] = 20 - Q_H \quad \& \quad D_H[p_H] = 18$$

$$p_H = 2\$$$



$$p_L = 0\$ \quad p_H = 2\$$$

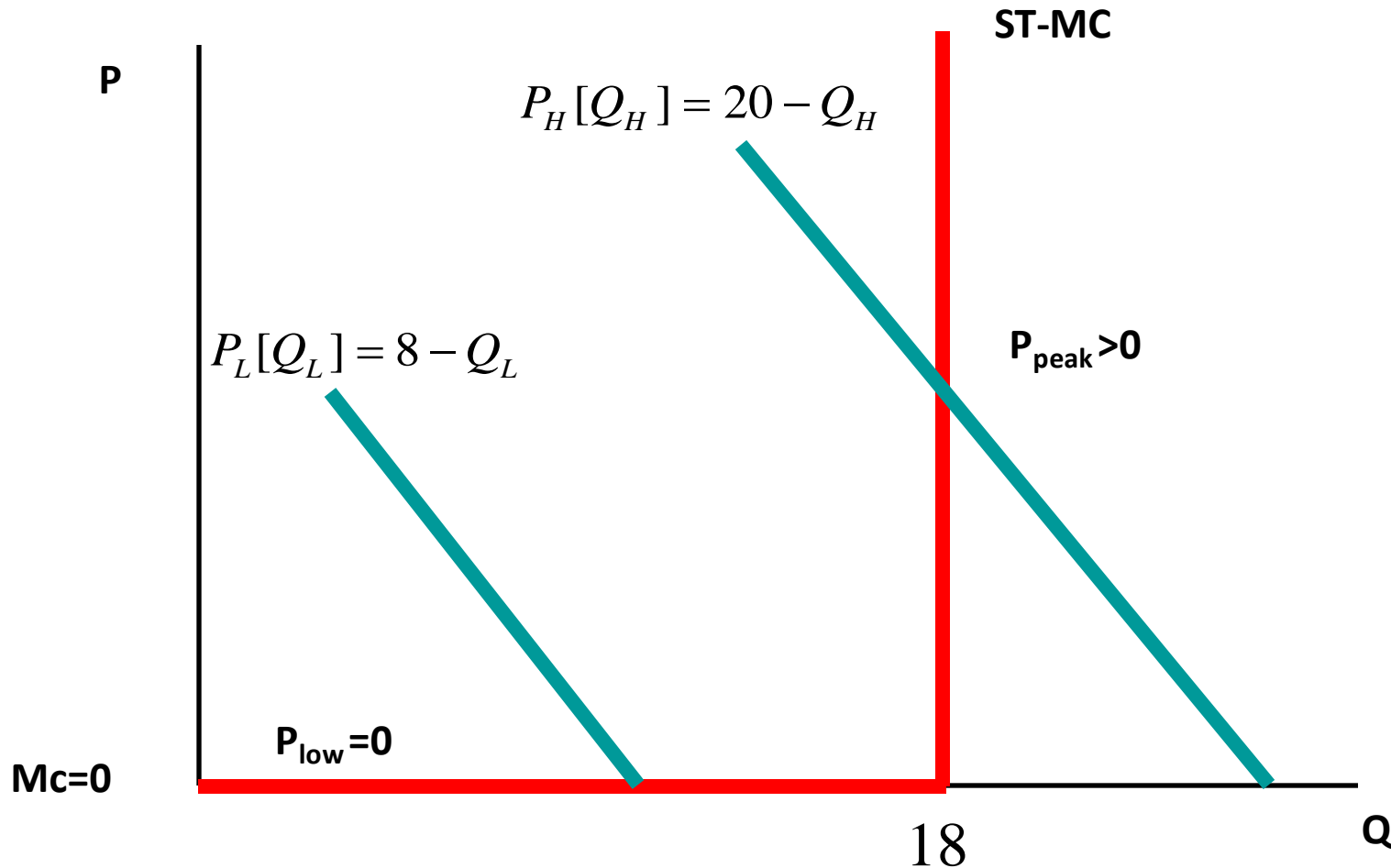
$$D_L = 8 \quad D_H = 18$$

The average gross earnings per unit per hour:

$$0.5 \cdot p_L + 0.5 \cdot p_H = 0.5 \cdot 0\$ + 0.5 \cdot 2\$ = 1\$$$

The average net earnings (minus fixed costs) per unit per hour:

$$1\$ - 1.5\$ = -0.5\$ / h$$



- What is the welfare maximizing tariff in \$/hour (given this size)?

$$p_L = 0\$ \quad p_H = 2\$$$

- What is the average net earning per unit per hour for the line owner?

$$-0.5\$ / h$$

- Is the capacity of 18 the welfare maximizing size of the line? Why (not)?
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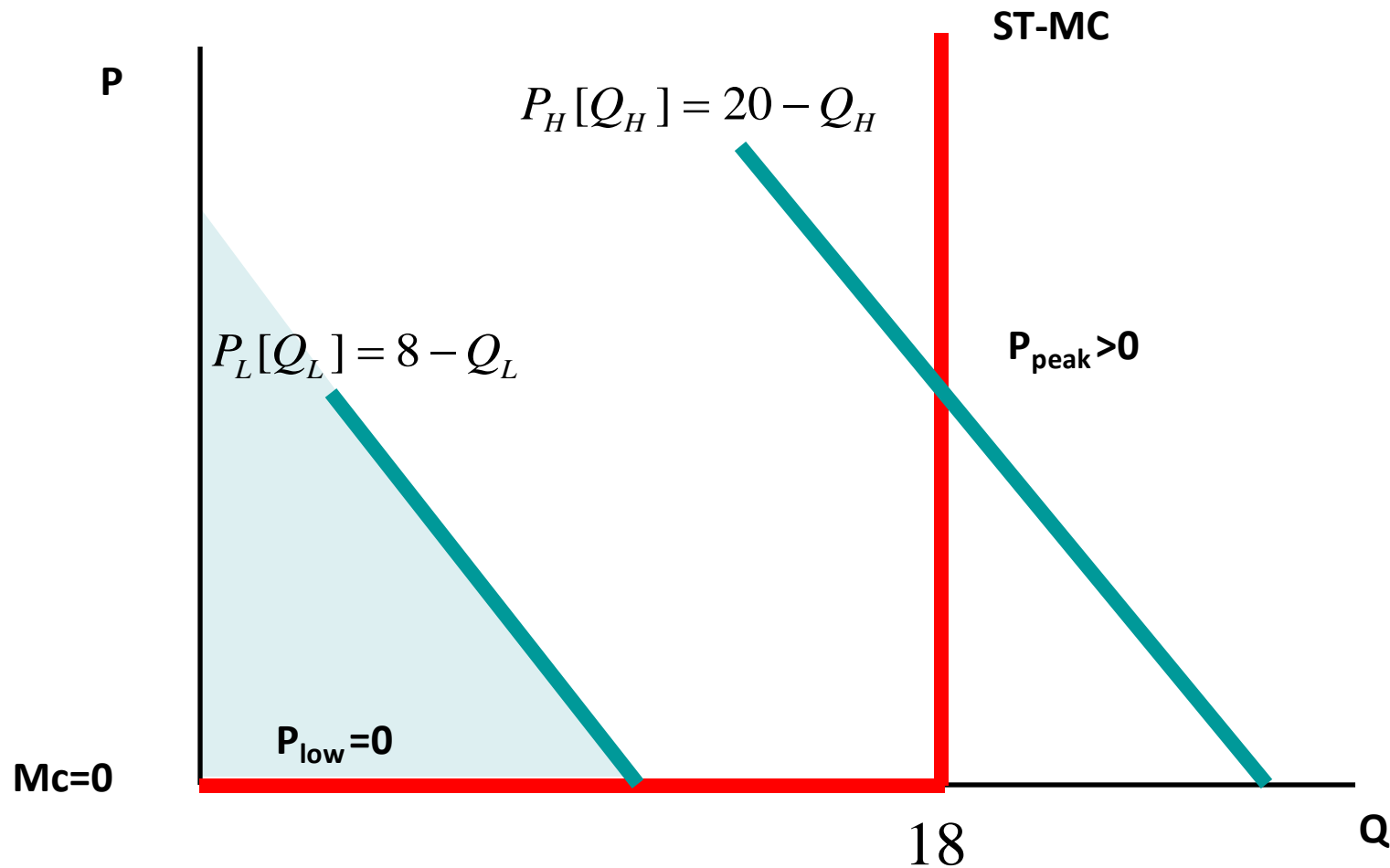
- What is the average total surplus  $W$  (consumer surplus + producer surplus) in \$/hour?

$$PS_L / h = 0\$ \cdot D_L = 0\$$$

$$PS_H / h = 2\$ \cdot D_H = 2\$ \cdot 18 = 36\$ / h$$

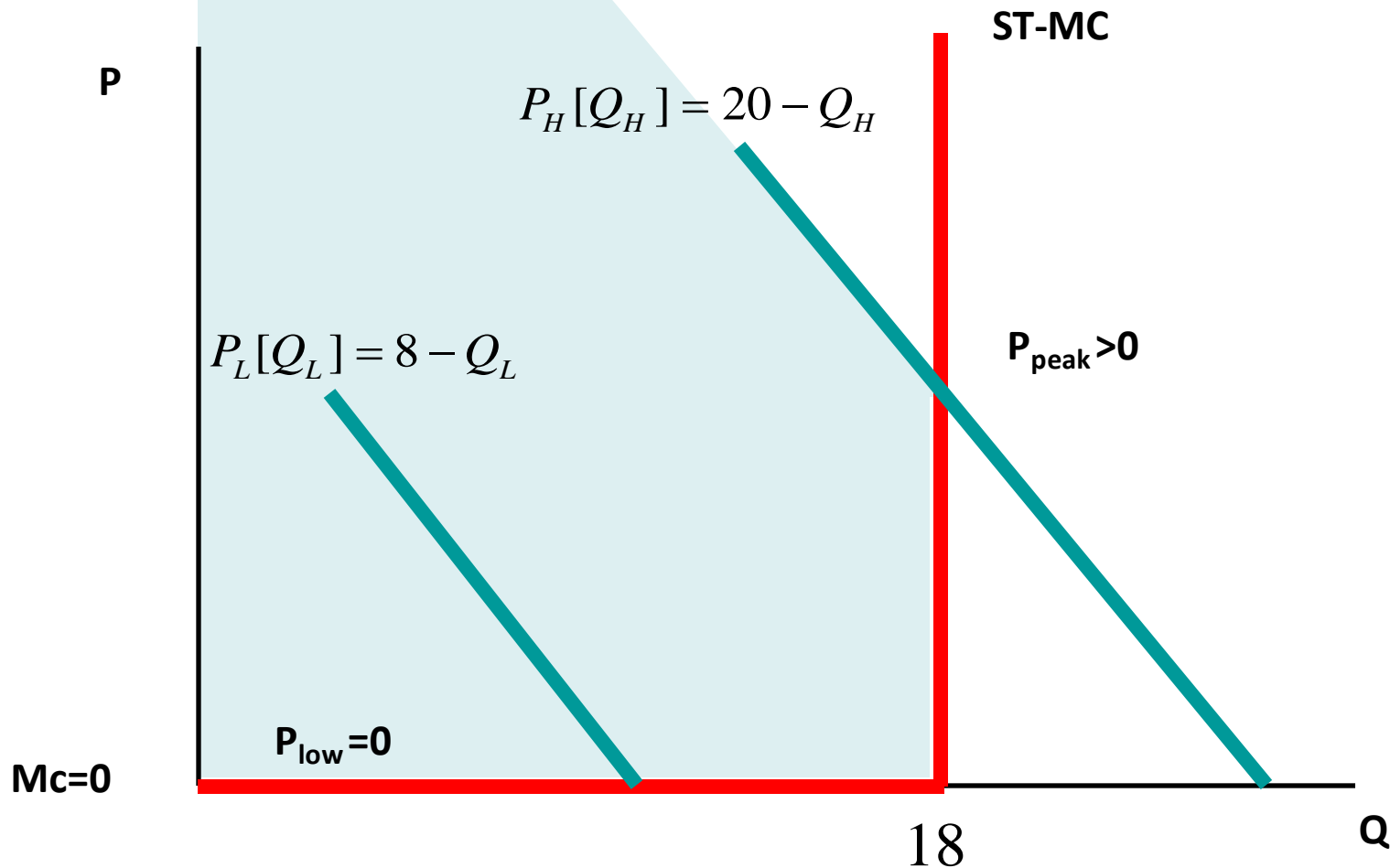
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$$CS_H = 18 \cdot 18 \cdot 0.5 + 2 \cdot 18 = 162 + 36 = 198\$ / h$$

$$\int_0^{18} (20 - Q) dQ = [20Q - .5Q^2]_0^{18} = 360 - 162 = 198$$



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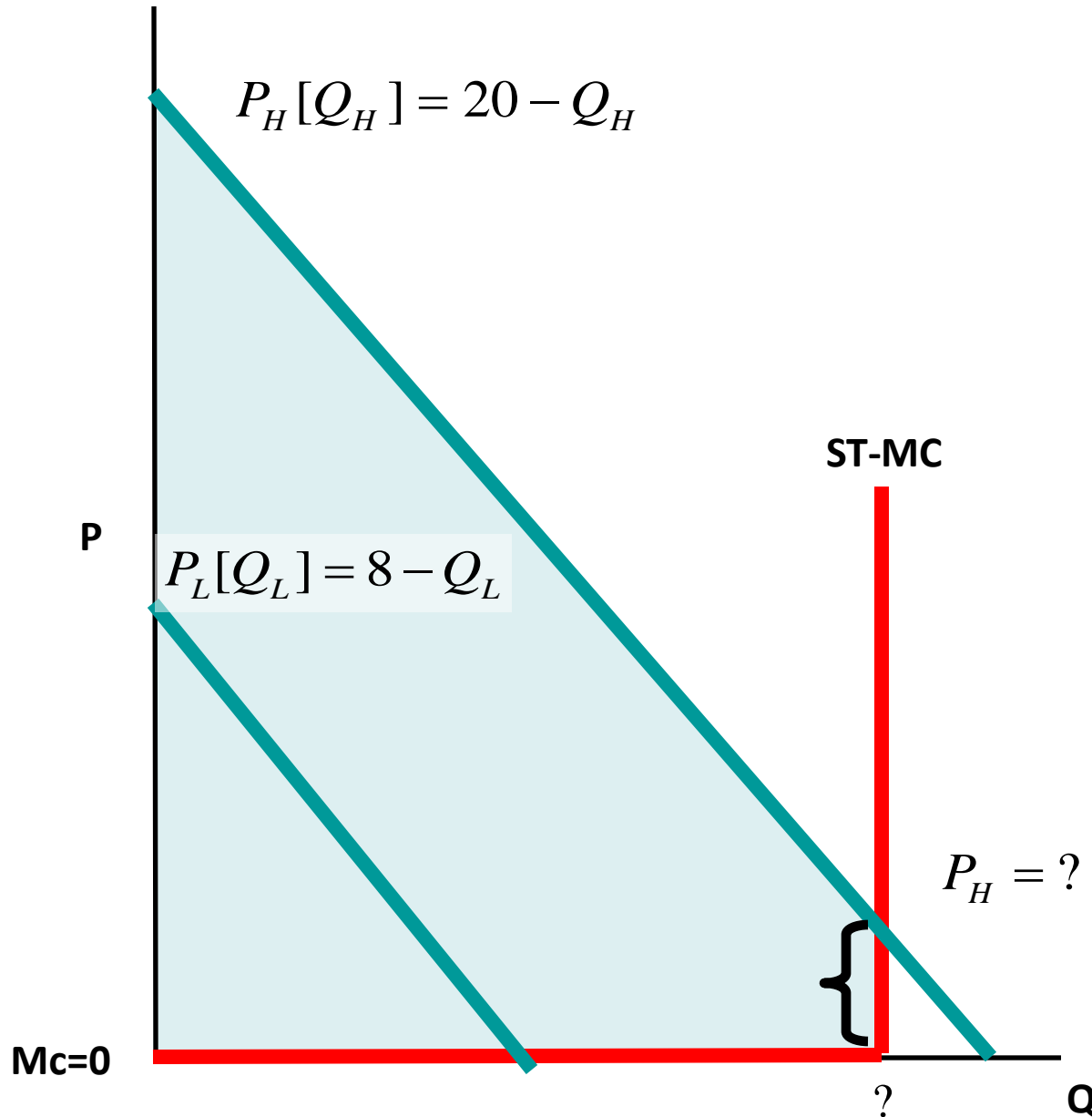
$$CS_L / h = 32\$ / h$$

$$PS_H / h = 36\$ / h$$

$$CS_H / h = 198\$ / h$$

$$W / h = 0.5 \cdot (32) + 0.5 \cdot (234) = 0.5 \cdot (266) = 133$$

# So what is the optimal size of the line?

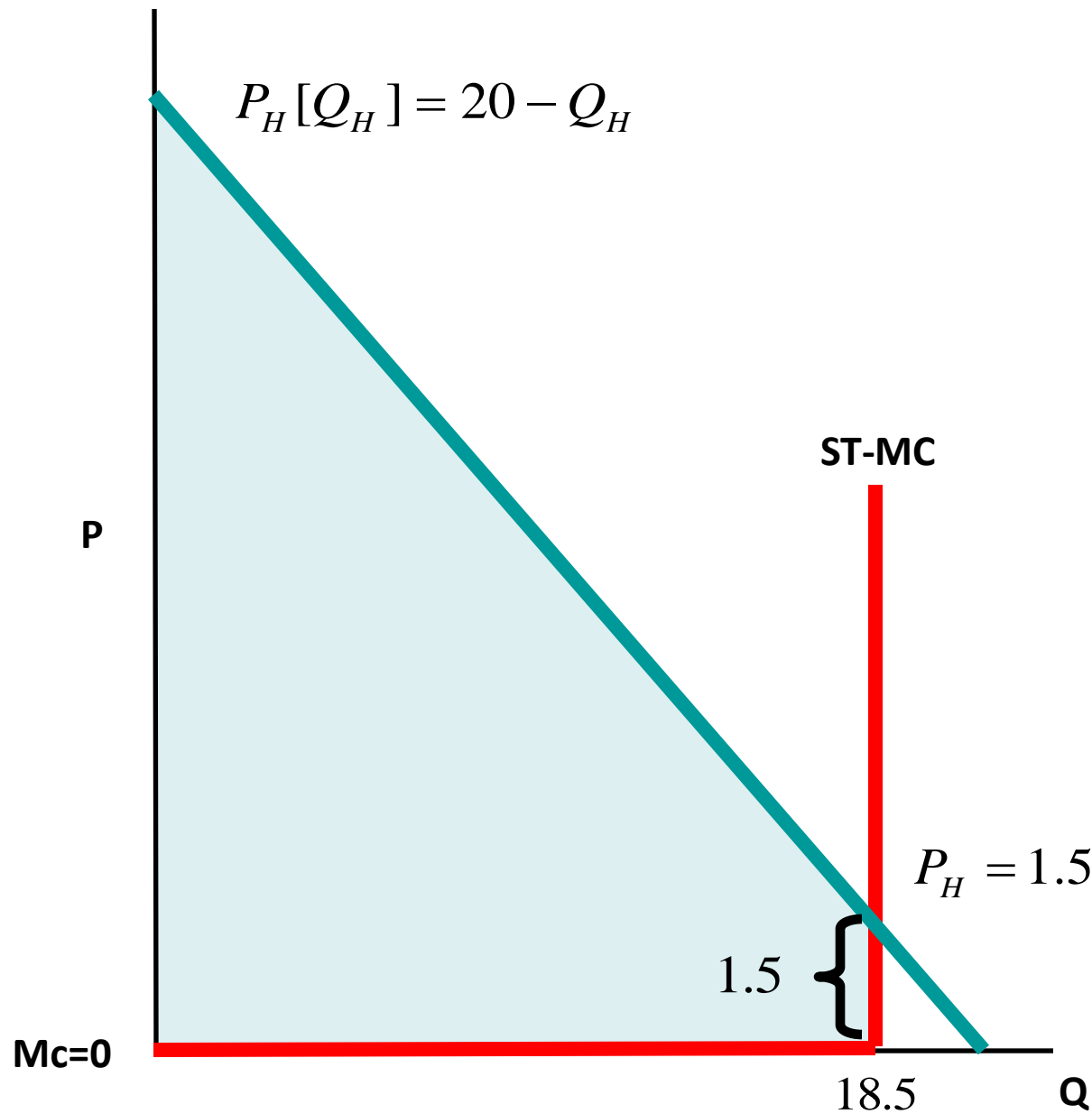


Supply side  
(production):

$$mc = 0$$

$$f = 1.5$$

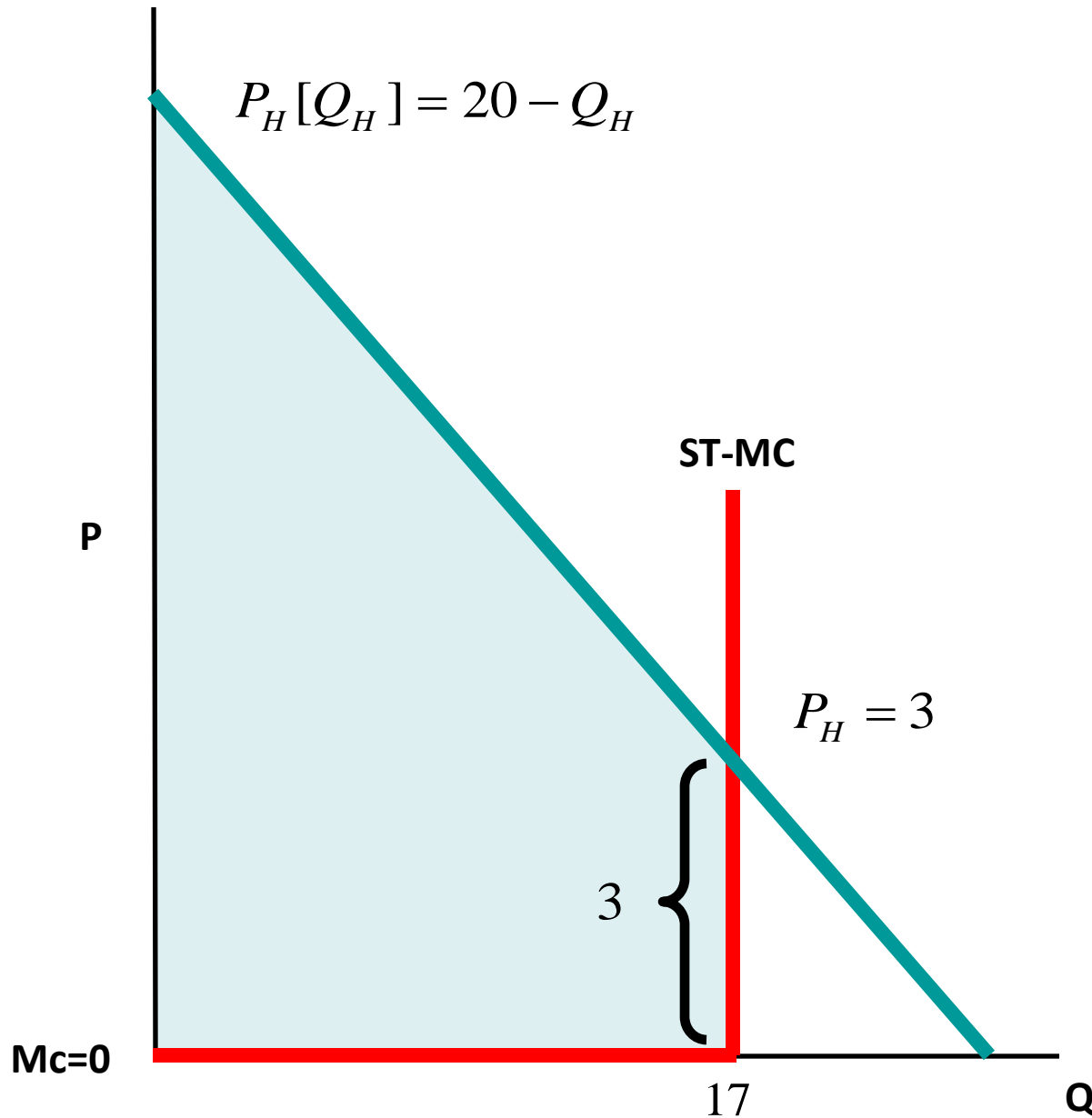
- One demand curve – with 1 probability



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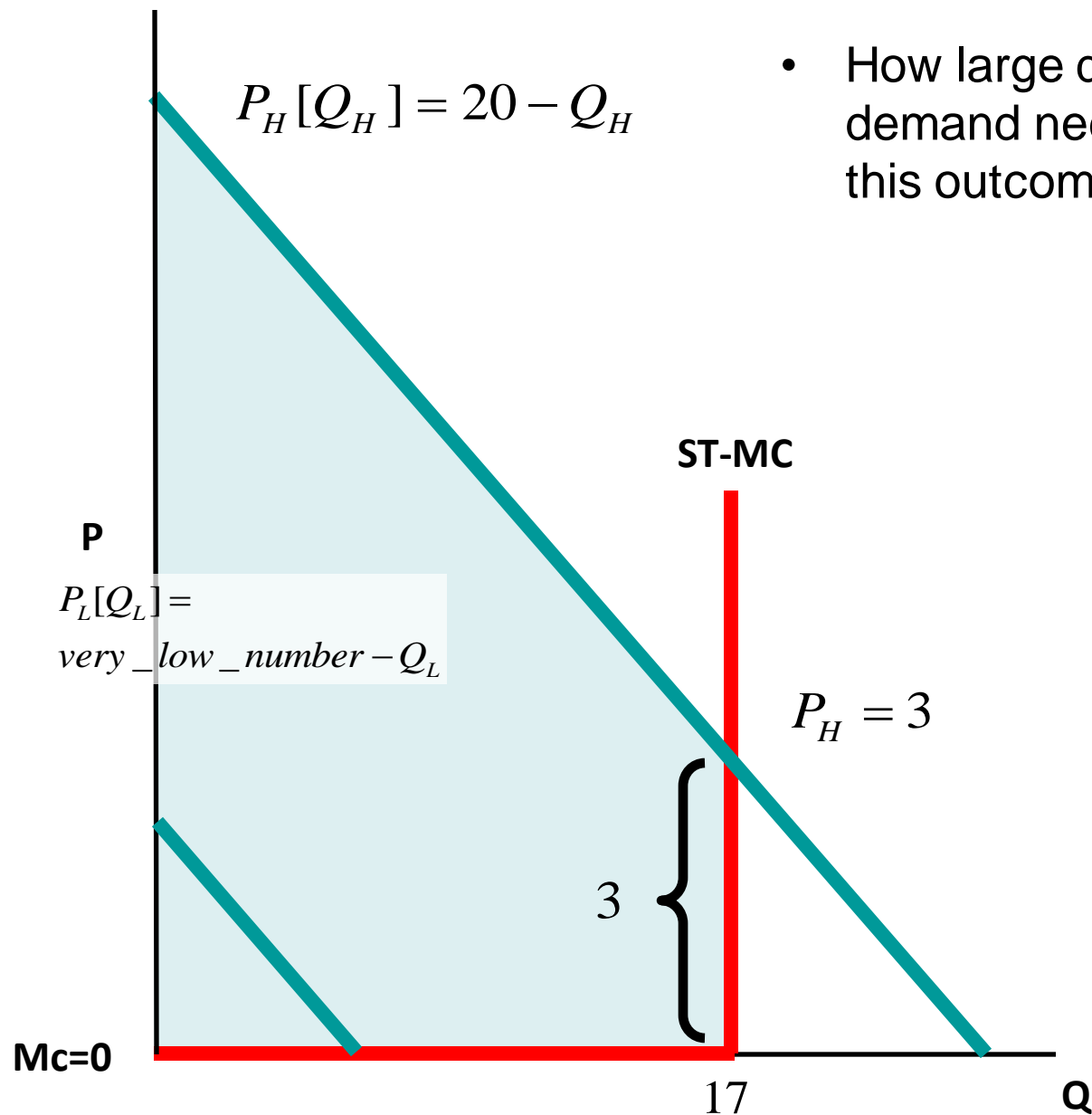


- One demand curve – but only ½ probability
  - Otherwise no demand



Supply side  
(production):  
 $mc = 0$   
 $f = 1.5$

- Two demand curve – each ½ probability
  - Second demand curve too low to contribute to fix cost recovery



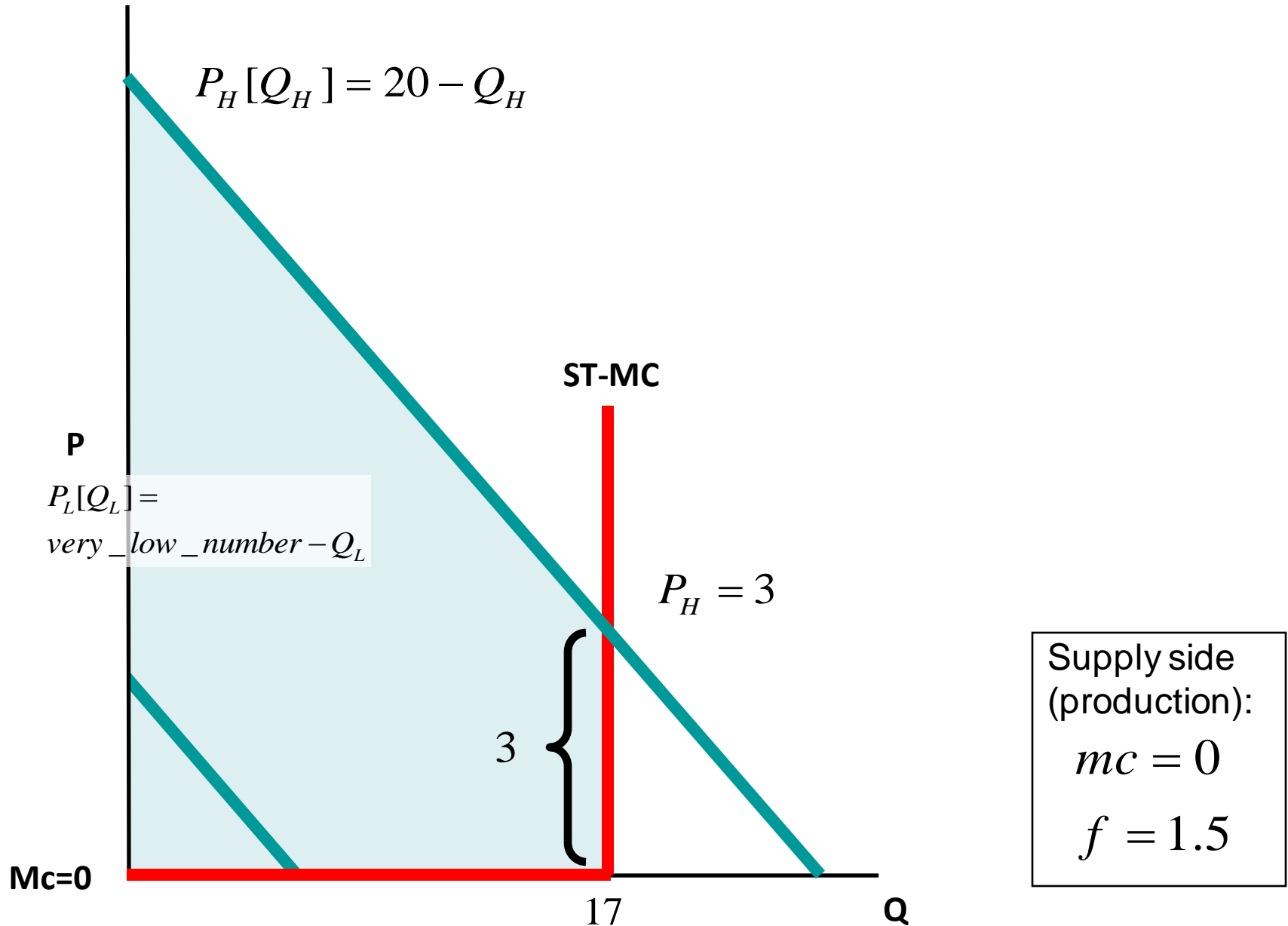
- How large does the lower demand need to be to affect this outcome?

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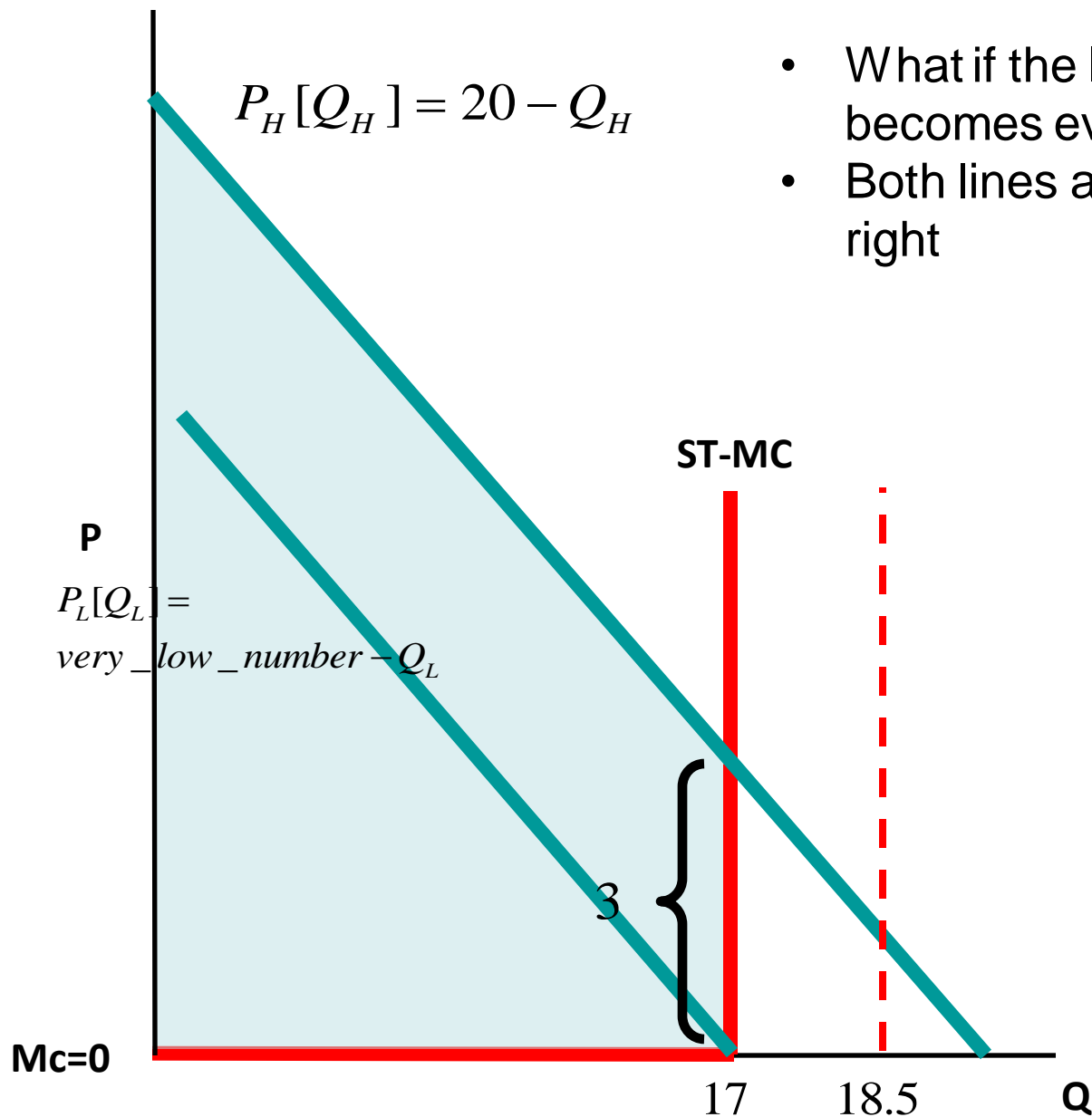
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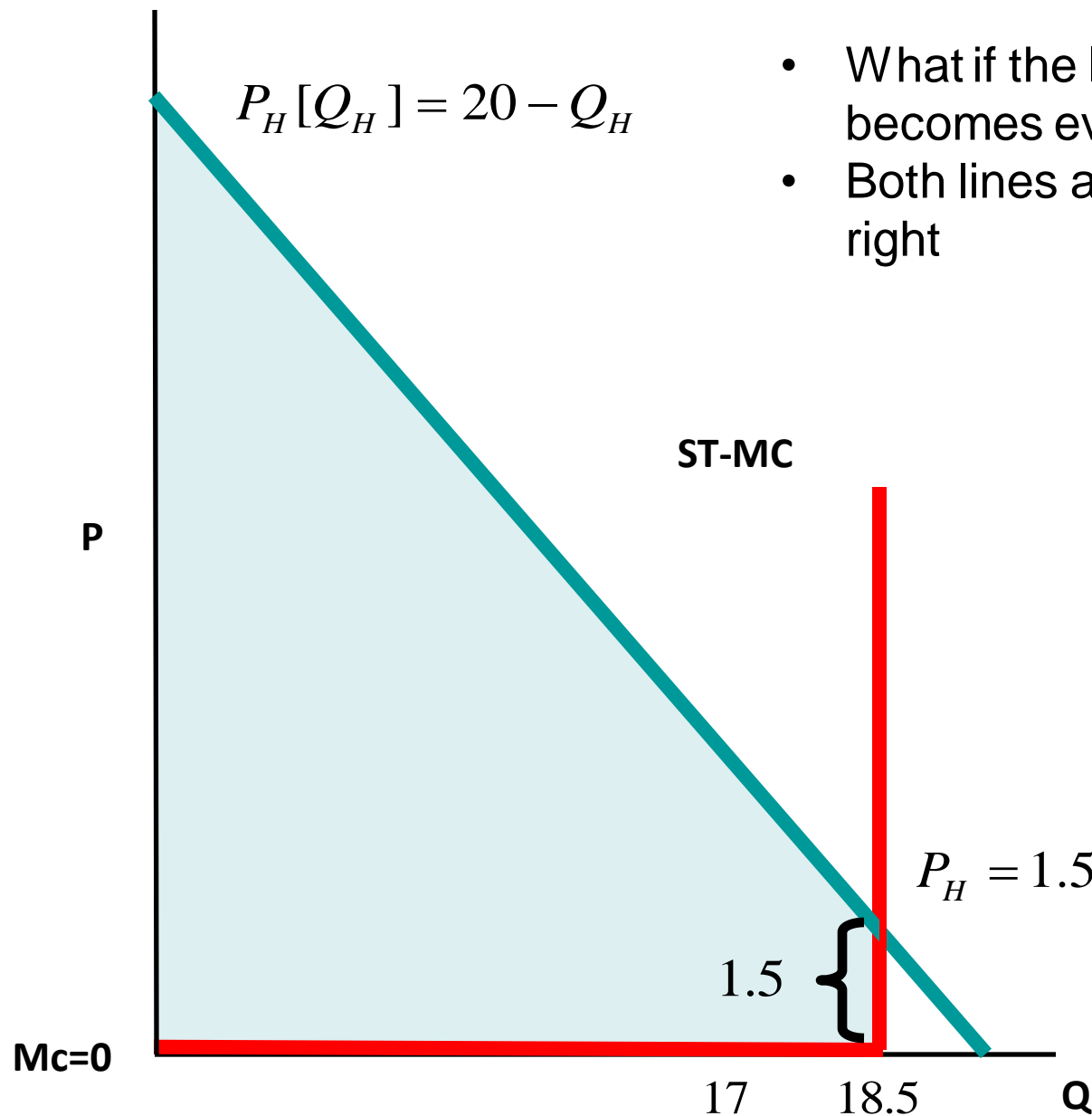
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- What if the lower demand becomes even larger?
- Both lines are moving to the right

Supply side  
(production):  
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 $f = 1.5$

- Two demand curve – each  $\frac{1}{2}$  probability
  - Second demand curve too low to contribute to fix cost recovery

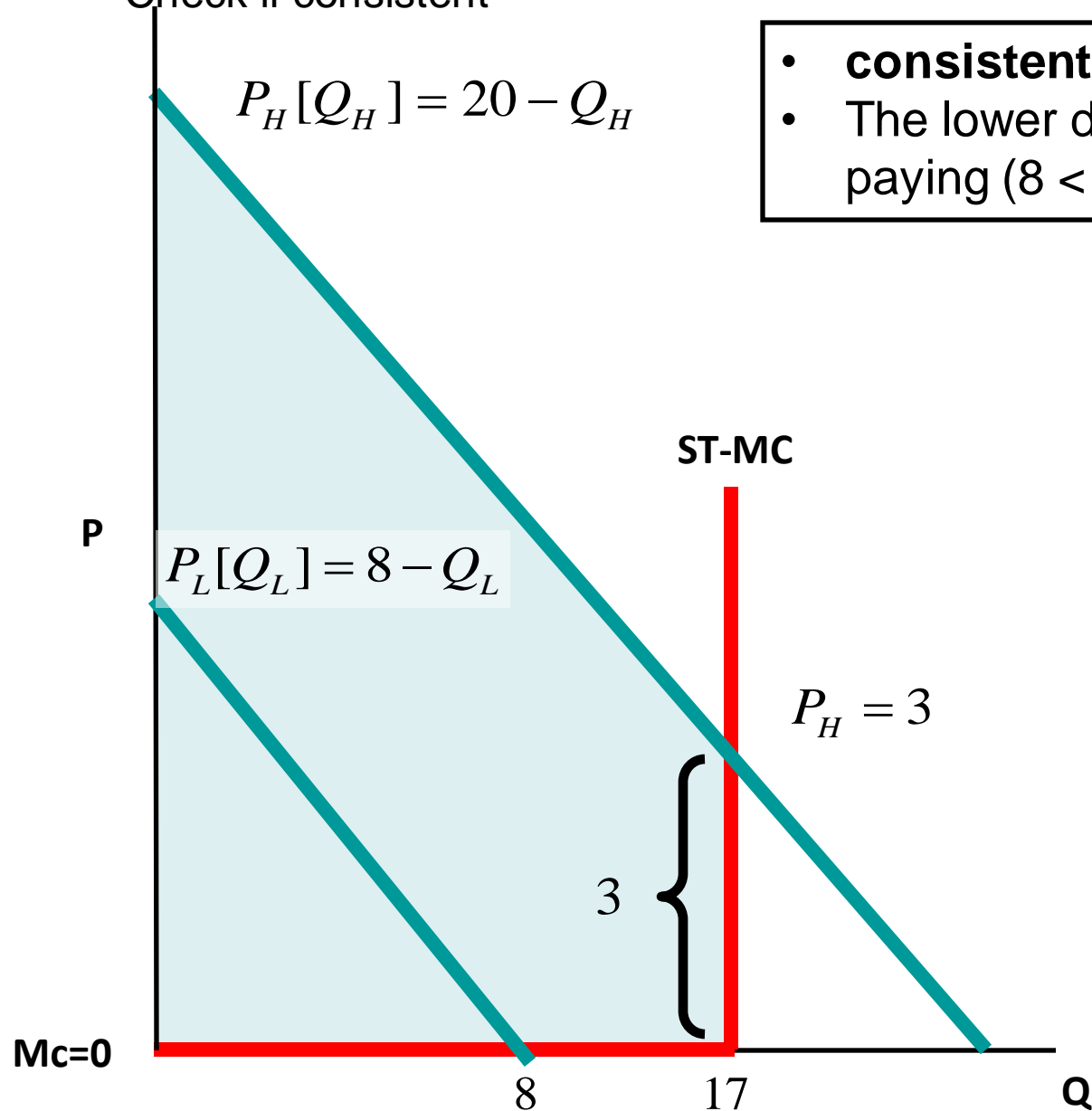


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(production):  
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- How to solve it

- Two demand curve – each  $\frac{1}{2}$  probability
  - **Assume** 2<sup>nd</sup> demand curve too low to contribute to fix cost recovery
  - Check if consistent



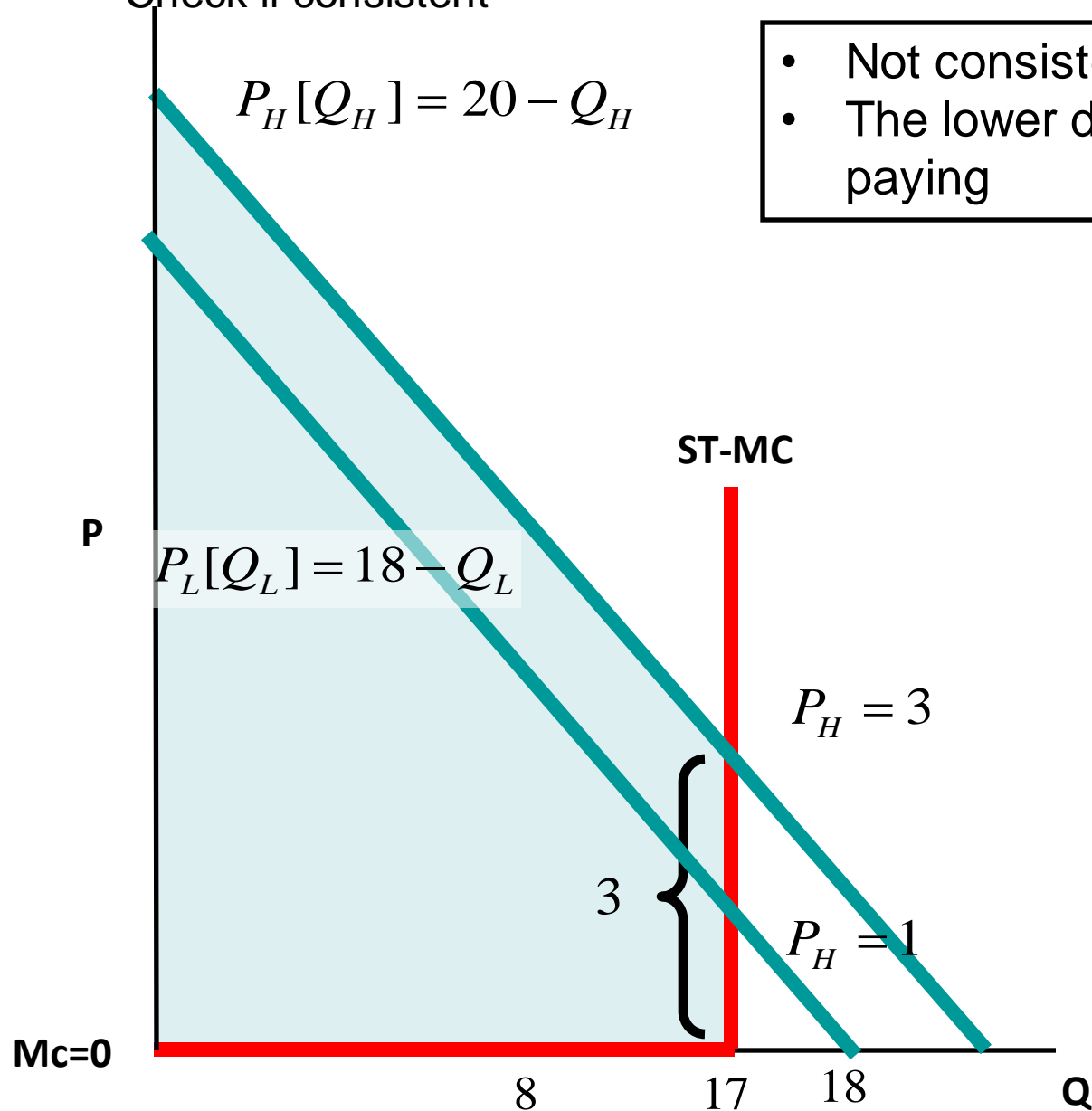
- **consistent!**
- The lower demand is not paying ( $8 < 17$ )

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- Another example



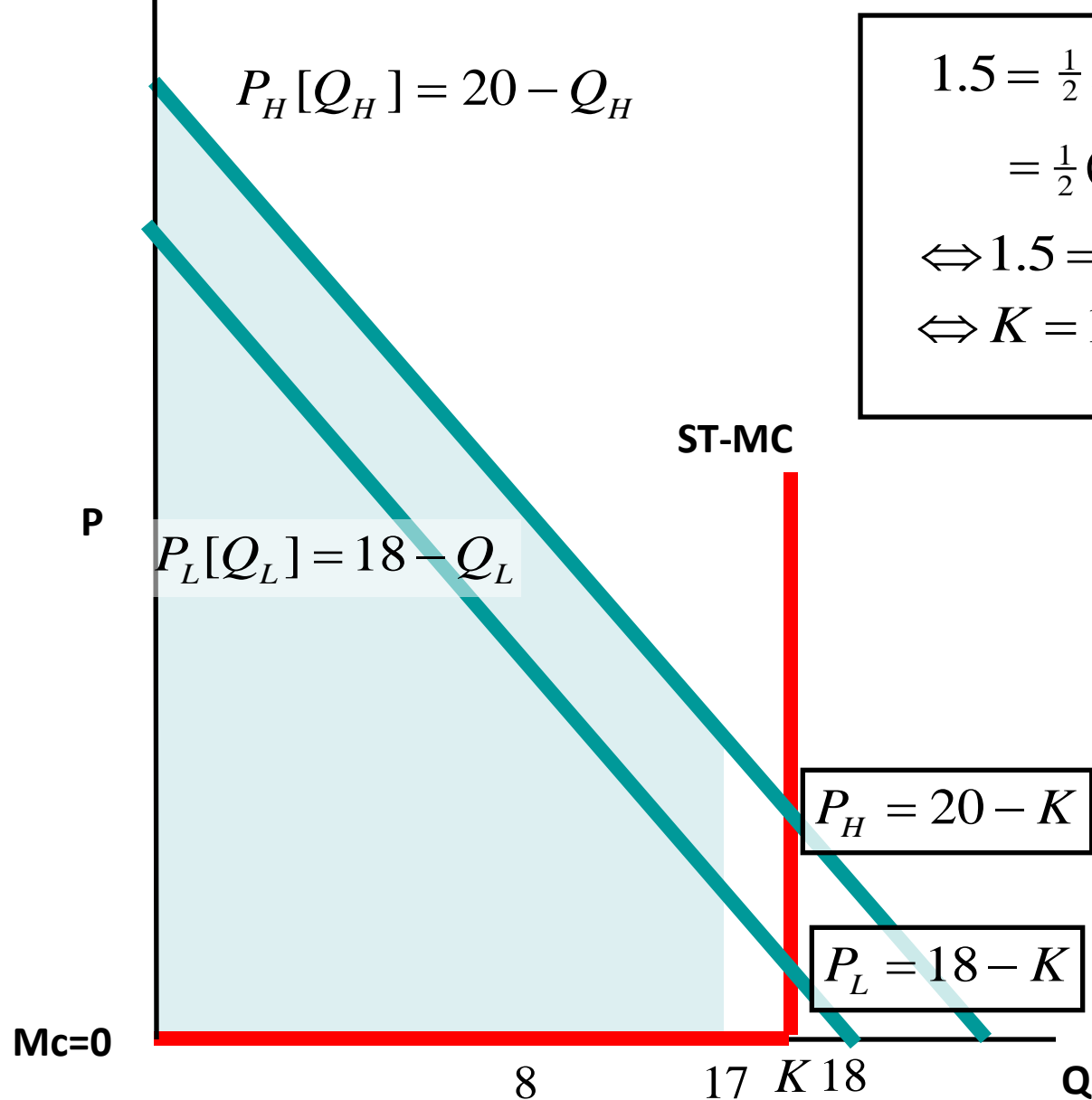
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- Not consistent!
- The lower demand is also paying

Supply side  
(production):  
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 $f = 1.5$

- Two demand curve – each  $\frac{1}{2}$  probability
  - **Assume** both demands contribute to fix cost recovery
  - Check if consistent



$$\begin{aligned}
 1.5 &= \frac{1}{2} P_H + \frac{1}{2} P_L \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (20 - K) + \frac{1}{2} (18 - K) \\
 \Leftrightarrow 1.5 &= 19 - K \\
 \Leftrightarrow K &= 17.5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P_H = 20 - K$$

$$P_L = 18 - K$$

Supply side  
(production):

$$mc = 0$$

$$f = 1.5$$

## Peak-load pricing

Biggar, p.21

$$C[Q, K] = C_{ST}[Q, K] + C_{LT}[Q, K]$$

Cost function:

$$C_{ST}[Q, K] = cQ, \text{ s.t. } Q \leq K \quad C_{LT}[Q, K] = f \cdot K$$

$$C[Q, K] = cQ + f \cdot K, \text{ where } Q \leq K$$

- **$f$  is the cost of capacity**

- For a unit of capacity (eg a MW):
- Amortized over the useful life-time
- EG: lifetime of 30 year  $\approx 300.000$  hours
  - Important practical problems:
    - **what is the right interest rate?**
    - what is the right life-time? (30 versus 40 years)
      - » Not that important
    - **What is the REALIZED time of construction (2 versus 10 years)**
    - **What is the REALIZED cost of building?**

# Peak-load pricing

Biggar, p.21

Cost function:  $C[Q, K] = cQ + f \cdot K$ , where  $Q \leq K$   
when  $c = 0$

$$C[Q, K] = f \cdot K, \text{ where } Q \leq K$$

State-dependent Utility functions  $U_s[Q_s]$  with probability  $\alpha_s$

Welfare maximization

$$\text{Max}_{Q_s, K} \sum_s (\alpha_s \cdot U_s[Q_s]) - f \cdot K \quad \text{such that } Q \leq K$$

Write out Lagrangian:

$$L[\vec{Q}_s, K, \vec{\mu}_s] = \sum_s \alpha_s \cdot (U_s[Q_s] - cQ_s) - f \cdot K + \sum_s \alpha_s \cdot \mu_s (K - Q_s)$$

## Peak-load pricing

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$$Q_s : U_s'[Q_s] = c + \mu_s \quad \# S \text{ equations}$$

$$K : f = \sum_s \alpha_s \mu_s \quad 1 \text{ equation}$$

$$\mu_s : \mu_s (K - Q_s) = 0, \mu_s \geq 0, (K - Q_s) \geq 0 \quad \# S \text{ equations}$$

- If using up to capacity  $Q_s = K$ 
  - Then  $\mu \geq 0 \Rightarrow U_s'[Q_s] = c + \mu_s \geq c$
- If using less than capacity  $Q_s < K$ 
  - Then  $\mu = 0 \Rightarrow U_s'[Q_s] = c$
- The fixed costs are recovered by the charges  $\mu$ 
  - Thus only the ones that use the full capacity contribute to cost-recovery!
    - Is this what is applied?
    - Yes, but often not: costs are “socialized” (average tariffs over all consumers)
    - Thus not optimal (trade-off of efficiency, complexity and “fairness”)

## Peak-load pricing

$$L[\vec{Q}_S, K, \vec{\mu}_S] = \sum \alpha_s \cdot (U_s[Q_s] - cQ_s) - f \cdot K + \sum_s \alpha_s \cdot \mu_s (K - Q_s)$$

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**Example:**

$$P_H[Q_H] = 20 - Q_H \quad P_L[Q_L] = 8 - Q_L \quad \alpha_H = \alpha_L = \frac{1}{2} \quad f = 1.5 \quad c = 0$$

$$Q_L : U_L'[Q_L] = c + \mu_L \Leftrightarrow 8 - Q_L = c + \mu_L \Leftrightarrow 8 - Q_L = \mu_L$$

$$Q_H : U_H'[Q_H] = c + \mu_H \Leftrightarrow 20 - Q_H = c + \mu_H \Leftrightarrow 20 - Q_H = \mu_H$$

$$\left( \text{as } U[Q] = \int_0^Q P[j]dj, \text{ thus } U'[Q] = P[Q] \right)$$

$$K : f = \sum_s \alpha_s \mu_s = \alpha_L \mu_L + \alpha_H \mu_H \Leftrightarrow 1.5 = 0.5 \mu_L + 0.5 \mu_H$$

Inspect the case  $Q_L < K$  and  $Q_H = K$  (formally all 4 combinations should be checked)

$$\mu_L = 0 \quad \mu_H \geq 0$$

$$\mu_H \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow K : 1.5 = 0.5 \mu_L + 0.5 \mu_H = 0.5 \mu_H \Leftrightarrow \mu_H = 3$$

$$\mu_H = 3 \Leftrightarrow Q_H : 20 - Q_H = 3 \quad \boxed{\Leftrightarrow Q_H = 17} \quad \boxed{\Leftrightarrow K = 17}$$

$$\mu_L = 0 \Leftrightarrow Q_L : 8 - Q_L = 0 \quad \boxed{\Leftrightarrow Q_L = 8} \quad \boxed{P_L = 0, P_H = 3}$$

$$\mu_S : \mu_S(K - Q_S) = 0, \mu_S \geq 0, (K - Q_S) \geq 0 \quad \# S \text{ equations}$$

**Example:**

$$P_H[Q_H] = 20 - Q_H \quad P_L[Q_L] = 18 - Q_L \quad \alpha_H = \alpha_L = \frac{1}{2} \quad f = 1.5 \quad c = 0$$

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$$Q_H : U_H'[Q_H] = c + \mu_H \Leftrightarrow 20 - Q_H = c + \mu_H \Leftrightarrow 20 - Q_H = \mu_H$$

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$$\mu_L = 0 \quad \mu_H \geq 0$$

$$\mu_H \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow K : 1.5 = 0.5 \mu_L + 0.5 \mu_H = 0.5 \mu_H \Leftrightarrow \mu_H = 3$$

$$\mu_H = 3 \Leftrightarrow Q_H : 20 - Q_H = 3 \quad \Leftrightarrow Q_H = 17 \quad \Leftrightarrow K = 17$$

$$\mu_L = 0 \Leftrightarrow Q_L : 18 - Q_L = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow Q_L = 18 \quad \Leftrightarrow Q_L = 18 > 17 = K!!!$$



$$\mu_S : \mu_S(K - Q_S) = 0, \mu_S \geq 0, (K - Q_S) \geq 0 \quad \# S \text{ equations}$$

**Example:**

$$P_H[Q_H] = 20 - Q_H \quad P_L[Q_L] = 18 - Q_L \quad \alpha_H = \alpha_L = \frac{1}{2} \quad f = 1.5 \quad c = 0$$

$$Q_L : U_L'[Q_L] = c + \mu_L \Leftrightarrow 18 - Q_L = c + \mu_L \Leftrightarrow 18 - Q_L = \mu_L$$

$$Q_H : U_H'[Q_H] = c + \mu_H \Leftrightarrow 20 - Q_H = c + \mu_H \Leftrightarrow 20 - Q_H = \mu_H$$

$\left( \text{as } U[Q] = \int_0^Q P[j]dj, \text{ thus } U'[Q] = P[Q] \right)$

$$K : f = \sum_s \alpha_s \mu_s = \alpha_L \mu_L + \alpha_H \mu_H \Leftrightarrow 1.5 = 0.5 \mu_L + 0.5 \mu_H$$

Inspect the case  $Q_L = K$  and  $Q_H = K$  (formally all 4 combinations should be checked)

$$Q_L : 18 - Q_L = \mu_L \Leftrightarrow \mu_L = 18 - K \quad \mu_L = 0.5$$

$$Q_H : 20 - Q_H = \mu_H \Leftrightarrow \mu_H = 20 - K \quad \mu_H = 2.5$$

$$K : 1.5 = 0.5 \mu_L + 0.5 \mu_H$$

$$= 0.5(18 - K) + 0.5(20 - K) = 19 - K$$

$$\Leftrightarrow K = 19 - 1.5 = 17.5$$

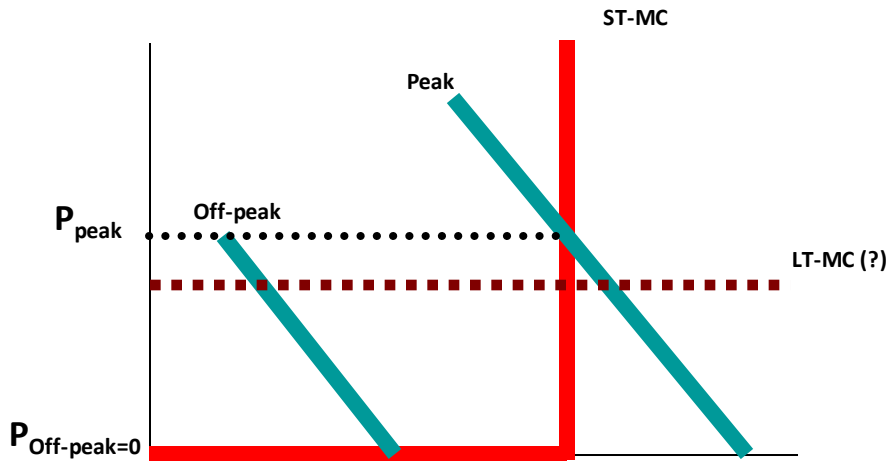
$$K = 17.5$$

$$P_L = 0.5$$

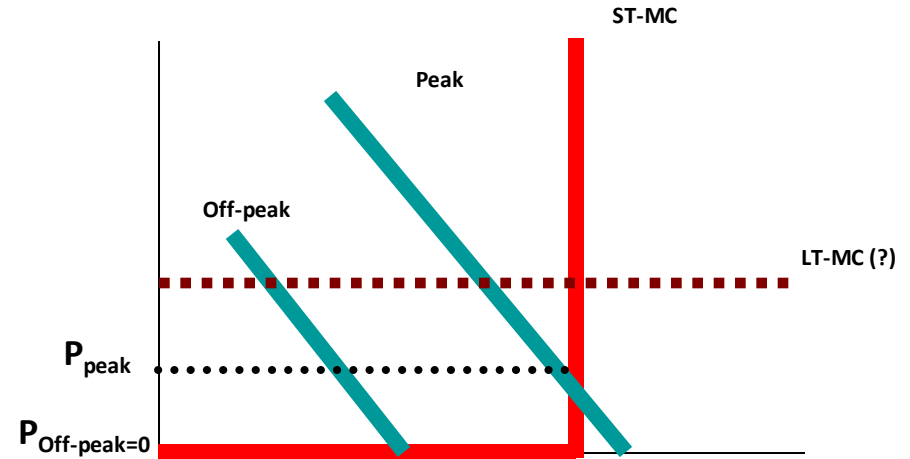
$$P_H = 2.5$$

# Peak-load pricing

## Gives clear economic signals!



Invest in expansion  
of transmission  
capacity on the line



Do not invest in expansion  
(wait or even remove a line)

- Nodal pricing is a generalization of peak-load pricing



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