

Connection Offer Expenses

We are making some changes to the way we charge for connections quotations.

Since 2018 Ofgem has allowed all UK Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) to charge upfront for connections quotations through assessment and design fees.

From Monday 1 August 2022 if a customer requests a connection offer above 250kVA for Demand and 50kVA for Generation from SP Energy Networks, there will be a cost associated with the quotation.

How does this affect me?

If your project which requires a connection exceeds 250kVA for Demand and 50kVA for Generation, a cost known as a Connection Offer Expense will be payable to SP Energy Networks when you apply for a new connection or modification to an existing connection.

You will be informed at the application stage if a Connection Offer Expense is required for us to produce the connection offer. If it is, the charge is payable regardless of whether you go on to accept the connection offer.

If you decide you no longer wish to pursue your application and you notify us in writing within five days of receiving our notification, we will not charge you. If you cancel after that 'cooling off period' has expired we may charge you for any costs reasonably incurred, up to the point of notification.

For further information and the current applicable fees, please refer to Table 7.15 'Assessment and Design for all relevant work' and Table 7.16 'Assessment and Design for all relevant work' from 'Statement of Methodology and Charges for connection to SP Distribution plc and SP Manweb plc's Electricity Distribution Systems'. This will be updated with the relevant changes from Monday 1 August 2022.

For your convenience an adapted table where Connection Offer Expenses applies is displayed on page 2.

Table 7.15 - Assessment and Design for all relevant work

Adapted from the Statement of Methodology Charges for connection to SP Distribution plc and SP Manweb plc's electricity Distribution systems. Charges correct as of August 2022.

Full Works				
Category	Minimum Charge	Additional Charge	Timing of charge Connection Offer Acceptance	
Demand				
Connection greater than 250kVA and up to 1MVA at LV	£500	N/A	£500	N/A
Connection greater than 250kVA and up to 1MVA at HV	£1,250	N/A	£1,250	N/A
Connection greater than 1MVA and up to 3MVA at HV	£2,500	N/A	£2,500	N/A
Connection greater than 3MVA and up to 10MVA at HV	£2,500	N/A	£2,500	N/A
Connection up to 10MVA at EHV and at 132kV	£7,500	N/A	£7,500	N/A
Connection greater than 10MVA and up to 50MVA*	£7,500	N/A	£7,500	N/A
Connection greater than 50MVA*	£7,500	N/A	£7,500	N/A

Generation				
Connection of other generation greater than 50kVA at LV	£500	£75	£500	N/A
Connection of generation at HV up to 250kVA	£3,000	£75	£3,000	N/A
Connection of generation at HV greater than 250kVA and up to 1MVA	£3,000	N/A	£3,000	N/A
Connection of generation at HV greater than 1MVA	£3,000	N/A	£3,000	N/A
Connection of generation at 33kV up to 10MVA	£8,000	£75	£8,000	N/A
Connection of generation at 33kV greater than 10MVA	£8,000	£75	£8,000	N/A
Connection of generation greater than 50MVA	£10,000	£75	£10,000	N/A

Table 7.16 - Assessment and Design for all relevant work

Adapted from the Statement of Methodology Charges for connection to SP Distribution plc and SP Manweb plc's electricity Distribution systems. Charges correct as of August 2022.

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Category	Minimum Charge	Additional Charge	Timing of charge Connection Offer Acceptar	
Demand				
Connection greater than 250kVA and up to 1MVA at LV	£500	N/A	£500	N/A
Connection greater than 250kVA and up to 1MVA at HV	£1,250	N/A	£1,250	N/A
Connection greater than 1MVA and up to 3MVA at HV	£1,500	£75	£1,500	N/A
Connection greater than 3MVA and up to 10MVA at HV	£1,500	£75	£1,500	N/A
Connection up to 10MVA at EHV and at 132kV	£5,000	£75	£5,000	N/A
Connection greater than 10MVA and up to 50MVA*	£5,000	£75	£5,000	N/A
Connection greater than 50MVA*	£5,000	£75	£5,000	N/A

Generation				
Connection of other generation greater than 50kVA at LV	£500	N/A	£500	N/A
Connection of generation at HV up to 250kVA	£2,000	N/A	£2,000	N/A
Connection of generation at HV greater than 250kVA and up to 1MVA	£2,000	N/A	£2,000	N/A
Connection of generation at HV greater than 1MVA	£2,000	N/A	£2,000	N/A
Connection of generation at 33kV up to 10MVA	£6,000	£75	£6,000	N/A
Connection of generation at 33kV greater than 10MVA	£6,000	£75	£6,000	N/A
Connection of generation greater than 50MVA	£7,500	£75	£7,500	N/A

Process



