

The background of the document is a photograph of a high-voltage power line tower. The tower is a tall, lattice-structured metal structure with multiple cross-arms supporting several power lines. It stands on a grassy hillside. In the foreground, several sheep are grazing on the grass. The landscape consists of rolling hills with some trees and a small red vehicle visible in the distance. The sky is blue with scattered white and grey clouds. The overall scene is a rural, agricultural setting.

# **SP Transmission**

## **Statement of the basis of transmission owner charges**

**Applicable from 1 April 2020**

## Our Charging Statement

This statement is produced by SP Transmission plc (SPT), the Transmission Owner (TO), which sets out the basis of charges for the provision by SPT to NGEN National Grid System Operator (NGESO) of transmission services as specified in the System Operator Transmission Owner Code (STC).

**This statement is effective from 1 April 2020.**

The charges shall consist of a General System Charge, Site Specific Charges and Other Charges as set out below in Parts 1, 2 and 3 below respectively.

## Introduction

SPT is obliged, under Special Condition (SC) 8C of its electricity Transmission Licence, to prepare a statement approved by the Authority setting out the basis upon which charges will be made for the provision of transmission services in such form and detail as shall be necessary to enable NGEESO to make a reasonable estimate of charges to which it would become liable for the provision of SPT's services. These services include the planning, development, construction, maintenance and operation of new and modified connections to the licensee's transmission system.

Special Condition 8C requires that the statement shall in respect of connection to the licensee's (SPT) transmission system include:

- a. a schedule listing those items (including the carrying out of works and the provision and installation of electric lines or electrical plant or meters) of significant cost liable to be required for the purpose of connection (at Entry or Exit Points) to the licensee's transmission system for which Site Specific Charges may be made or levied and including (where practicable) indicative charges for each such item and (in other cases) an explanation of the methods by which and the principles on which such charges will be calculated;
- b. the methods by which and the principles on which Site Specific Charges will be made in circumstances where the electric lines or electrical plant to be installed are (at the licensee's discretion) of greater size or capacity than that required;
- c. (the methods by which and the principles on which any charges (including any capitalised charge) will be made for maintenance, replacement and repair required of electric lines, electrical plant or meters provided and installed for making a connection to the licensee's transmission system;
- d. the methods by which and the principles on which any charges will be made for disconnection from the licensee's transmission system and the removal of electrical plant, electric lines and ancillary meters following disconnection; and
- e. such other matters as shall be specified in directions issued by the Authority from time to time for the purpose of this condition.

# Principles

**This statement sets out SPT's charges for the provision of transmission services to NGESO. In order to calculate the charges of providing these services, SPT must apportion its assets to one of two charging categories, General System Charge and Site Specific Charges.**

The **General System Charge** recovers all costs for providing, replacing and/or refurbishing SPT's transmission infrastructure assets, and all costs associated with the replacement and/or refurbishment of Pre-Vesting transmission connection assets.

**Site Specific Charges** recover all costs for providing, replacing and/or refurbishing connection assets. These charges enable SPT to recover, with a reasonable rate of return, the costs involved in providing the assets, installed solely for and only capable of use by an individual User, that afford connection to the transmission system.

## Connection and Use of System Boundary

In general, connection assets are defined as those assets solely required to connect an individual User to the SPT transmission system, which are not and would not normally be used by any other connected party (i.e. "single User assets"). For the purposes of this statement, all connection assets at a given location shall together form a connection site.

Connection assets are defined as all those single User assets which:

- a. for double busbar type connections, are those single User assets connecting the User's assets and the first SPT owned substation, up to and including the double busbar bay;
- b. for teed or mesh connections, are those single User assets from the User's assets up to, but not including, the HV disconnector or the equivalent point of isolation;
- c. for cable and overhead lines at a Transmission Voltage, are those single User connection circuits connected at a Transmission Voltage equal to or less than 2km in length that are not potentially shareable.

These costs may include civil costs, engineering costs, and land clearance and preparation costs associated with the connection assets. No land purchase costs are included.

SPT, at the request of NGESO, carry out other work, which is not covered by the **General System Charge** or **Site Specific Charges**, including, for example, outage rescheduling, dealing with applications for connections, or obtaining consents. The principles for calculating such **Other Charges** are also set out in this statement.

Shared assets at a banked connection arrangement will not normally be classed as connection assets except where both legs of the banking are single User assets under the same connection agreement.

Where it is necessary to optimise existing assets for connections, for example, a single user asset may become shared by two or more Users, meaning that the relevant assets should be re-classified as infrastructure, the connection charges for those assets shall cease whilst so categorised.

Where a previously shared use asset ceases to be shared following permanent disconnection of a User, re-classification of the relevant infrastructure asset to be a single user asset should be made:

- upon replacement at the end of the asset's book life  
or
- upon a User requested modification that requires the relevant assets' use as single User assets meet the User's requirements as agreed in SPT's relevant agreement with NGESO.

Indicative Gross Asset Values ("GAV(s)") of connection assets for illustrative purposes are given in Appendix 1.

## Transmission Owner Revenue Restriction

Special Condition 3A of SPT's Transmission Licence establishes the charge restriction that determines the Allowed TO Revenue ( $TO_t$ ) that SPT may earn from its TO services:

$$TO_t = BR_t + PT_t + OIP_t + NIA_t + TIRG_t - K_t$$

Where	
<b><math>TO_t</math></b>	means the amount of Allowed Transmission Owner Revenue in Relevant Year t.
<b><math>BR_t</math></b>	means the amount of Base Transmission Revenue in Relevant Year t as derived in accordance with the formula set out in Part C of Special Condition 3A.
<b><math>PT_t</math></b>	means the allowed pass-through items revenue adjustment made in Relevant Year t as derived in accordance with Special Condition 3B (Calculation of allowed pass-through items).
<b><math>OIP_t</math></b>	means the outputs incentive revenue adjustment made in Relevant Year t as derived in accordance with the formula set out in Part D of Special Condition 3A.
<b><math>NIA_t</math></b>	means the revenue adjustment made in Relevant Year t in respect of the Network Innovation Allowance as derived in accordance with Special Condition 3H (The Network Innovation Allowance).
<b><math>TIRG_t</math></b>	means, for each Relevant Year t, the aggregate of the annual revenue allowances for each transmission investment project specified in Schedule C of Special Condition 3J (Transmission Investment for Renewable Generation), as derived in accordance with that condition.
<b><math>K_t</math></b>	means the correction term in Relevant Year t as derived in accordance with the formula set out in Part E of Special Condition 3A.

The Allowed TO Revenue includes the costs associated with Pre-Vesting connection assets.

Special Licence Condition 2N of SPT's Transmission Licence established the charge restriction that determines SPT's charges for the provision of transmission services  $TSP_t$  to NGEN.

$$TSP = TO_t + EXS_t$$

Where	
<b><math>TO_t</math></b>	General System Charge
<b><math>BR_t</math></b>	Allowed TO Revenue for Relevant Year t
<b><math>PT_t</math></b>	Site Specific Connection Charges for Pre-Vesting Connection Assets

The methods by which these are calculated are detailed in Part 1 and Part 2 of this statement.

## **Retail Price Index (RPI)**

RPI will be adjusted in accordance with the rules set out in SPT's Transmission Licence as defined in Special Condition 3A

## **Excluded Services Charges**

Part C of Special Condition 8B of SPT's Transmission Licence establishes charging provisions for excluded services. In addition to the charges arising from SPT's charges for the provision of transmission services (Allowed TO Revenue) to NGESO referred to as Other Charges, SPT will also invoice excluded services charges monthly to NGESO for Post-Vesting connection assets, including asset replacement.

These excluded services charges consist of capital charges only as all operation and maintenance charges are recovered under Allowed TO Revenue.



# PART 1

## General System Charge

The General System Charge recovers all costs for providing, replacing and/or refurbishing SPT's transmission infrastructure assets, and all costs associated with the replacement and/or refurbishment of Pre-Vesting transmission connection assets. These activities are undertaken to the standards prescribed by SPT's Licence, to provide the capability to allow the flow of bulk transfers of power between connection sites and to provide transmission system security.

The General System Charge is set to recover the Allowed TO Revenue, taking account of any connections charges, if any, which are remunerated under Special Condition 3A.

No service provided by SPT shall be treated as an excluded service in so far as it relates to the provision of services remunerated under the General System Charge as set out in the STC and associated procedures. In accordance with the STC and associated procedures, SPT will invoice one twelfth of the General System Charge (which may be subject to amendment) to NGESO.





## PART 2

### Site Specific Charges

Site Specific Charges are set to recover costs associated with Post-Vesting connection assets specified in the TO construction agreement and/or the connection site specification for the relevant connection site.

### Capital Charges

Capital charges reflect the cost of purchase and installation of connection assets comprises two parts:

#### *Depreciation*

This is the charge a fixed fraction of the Gross Asset Value, for example 1/40<sup>th</sup> of a 40-year book life asset charged each year for 40 years.

#### *Rate of Return*

The capital employed by SPT earns a rate of return of 4.39% upon RPI indexed assets and a rate of return of 5.89% upon Modern Equivalent Asset indexed assets, in accordance with industry codes. The rates of return are subject to code governance and may change over time.

### Non-Capital Charges

Non-capital charges cover maintenance costs applicable to connection assets provided by the NGESO and also include:

- A proportion of costs of operating SPT's business;
- Total site care, covering site safety, security and environmental protection, local liaison, notably with statutory authorities, wayleave grantors and members of the public;

In accordance with the STC, the capital costs of providing new connections or modifying existing connections to SPT's transmission system will be recovered from NGESO.

The Gross Asset Value is uplifted by RPI inflation of Modern Equivalent Asset value change prior to the current year's depreciation being determined

The rate of return is applied to the inflated Net Asset Value, i.e. the amount of the original Gross Asset Value that has not yet been depreciated or otherwise reduced by capital contributions from the NGESO.

- Payment of local authority charges, electricity, water and telephone charges associated with the connection site; and
- Standby and out-of-hours service throughout the year.

These costs are charged across two component charges:

### ***Site Specific Maintenance (SSM)***

#### **The current SSM Factor is 0.41%**

This is a percentage factor applied to the RPI inflated Gross Asset Values of the connection assets to recover a fair proportion of SPT's maintenance costs. The SSM factor is derived in accordance with the STC and is based on the cost of SPT planned maintenance of connection assets divided by SPT's total connection asset Gross Asset Value.

### ***Transmission Running Costs (TRC)***

#### **The Current TRC Factor is 1.47%**

The TRC factor is calculated at the beginning of each price control to reflect the appropriate amount of other TRC (rates, operation, indirect overheads) incurred by the transmission licensees attributable to connection assets. The TRC factor is calculated by the NGENSO by taking a proportion of the forecast TRC for the transmission licensees (based upon operational expenditure figures from the latest price control) that corresponds with the proportion of the transmission licensees' total connection assets as a function of their total business GAVs. This cost factor is therefore expressed as a percentage of an asset's GAV. For the avoidance of doubt, there will be no reconciliation of the TRC charge component.

## PART 2

### Basic Annual Charge Calculation

Annual Charges, for a given year n from the date of connection asset commissioning, are calculated as follows:

$$\text{Annual Connection Charge}_n = \text{PCCF} \times (\text{DEPGAV}_n + (R_n \times \text{NAV}_n)) = (\text{SSM}_n \times \text{RPIGAV}_n) = (\text{TRC}_n \times \text{GAV}_n)$$

Where	
Gross Asset Value <sub>n</sub> (GAV <sub>n</sub> ) <sup>1</sup>	= GAV for year n either RPI indexed OR MEA value indexed
RPIGAV <sub>n</sub>	= RPI indexed GAV for year n, as utilised for the SSM charge component for both RPI and MEA indexed assets
Depreciation Charge (DEPGAV <sub>n</sub> )	= GAV <sub>n</sub> / asset book life
Net Asset Value <sub>n</sub> (NAV <sub>n</sub> ) <sup>2</sup>	= $GAV_n \times \frac{(\text{asset book life} - 0.5 - \text{Asset Age})}{\text{asset book life}}$
Return Charge	= Return x NAV <sub>n</sub>
Return (R <sub>n</sub> )	= X% for RPI indexed connection assets X% for MEA indexed connection assets
Partial Capital Contribution Factor (PCCF)	= A factor applied to the Depreciation and Rate of Return charge for components to reflect any capital contribution made by NGESO to SPT for the connection assets deployed, being calculated as follows: $\frac{(\text{GAV}_n - \text{capital contribution payments from NGESO})}{\text{GAV}_n}$
Asset Age	= Age at 1 <sup>st</sup> April each year, rounded to the nearest year
RPI <sub>n</sub>	= $\frac{(\text{May} - \text{October average RPI index in year } n-1)}{(\text{May} - \text{October average RPI index in year } n-2)}$
SSM <sub>n</sub>	= Site Specific Maintenance factor as described in this statement
TRC <sub>n</sub>	= Transmission Running Costs as described in this statement

The depreciation period of Post Vesting connection assets may, by mutual agreement, be less than 40 years but not more than 40 years.

<sup>1</sup> Indexed annually by RPI<sub>n</sub> if RPI indexed asset or by MEA revaluation if MEA indexed asset

<sup>2</sup> NAV<sub>n</sub> is based on a revalued GAV<sub>n</sub>

## PART 2

### Calculation of the Gross Asset Value (GAV) and Net Asset Value (NAV)

The GAV represents the initial total cost of a connection asset to SPT. For a new connection asset, it will be the costs incurred by SPT in the provision of that connection asset. Typically, the GAV is made up of the following components:

- Construction costs – costs of bought in services
- SPT Engineering – Allocated equipment and direct engineering costs
- Interest During Construction – Financing Cost

The GAV of an asset is re-valued each year normally using the average of the Retail Price Index (RPI) between May and October,

$$\text{i.e. } GAV_n = GAV_{n-1} \times RPI_n$$

$$\text{Where } RPI_n = \frac{(\text{May} - \text{October average RPI Index in year } n-1)}{(\text{May} - \text{October average RPI Index in year } n-2)}$$

The NAV of each asset for year n, used for charge calculation, is the average (mid-year) depreciated GAV of the asset and is calculated as shown below:

$$NAV_n = GAV_n \times \frac{(\text{asset book life} - 0.5 - \text{Asset Age})}{\text{asset book life}}$$

## PART 2

### Payment Options

The capital cost of constructing or modifying connection assets, including overheads can be paid in one of four ways as set out below.

SPT will consider on a case-by-case basis a combination of the options. It should also be noted that all offers made by SPT, in response to

The following two options are SPT's standard basis of annual charging:

#### Option 1

##### Annual Charges, Indicative Price

The Annual Connection Charges are based upon forecast Gross Asset Values for the cost of construction up to the requested connection date. Calculations are based on the planned investment profile. This is called Indicative Charging.

After completion of construction and delivery of the connection, the actual out-turned costs of construction will be assessed and revised Gross Asset Values and revised Annual Connection Charges advised to NGEESO. A reconciling adjustment will be made as necessary, in the form of invoicing or credit noting of NGEESO, in respect of the difference between Indicative Charges already levied to NGEESO compared to the revised Annual Charges that would have been levied based on actual out-turned Gross Asset Values along with any relevant interest.

#### Capital Contribution

NGEESO may elect to pay in advance for the connection assets required for a connection and can do so for either an Indicative Price offer or a Firm Price offer.

For connections where NGEESO elects to pay for the installation costs either partially or in full, NGEESO will make milestone payments, based on fair and reasonable estimate of the value of work to be done at each stage.

The final payment will be made by NGEESO, following a reconciliation of the actual costs and financing costs incurred in completing the connection assets, and paid in advance of commissioning the connection. The capital contribution will comprise construction costs plus SPT's rate of return.

The Gross Asset Value to be recovered through depreciation and the Net Asset Value will be reduced by applying the calculated Partial Capital Contribution Factor (PCCF) previously described.

a new or modified connection application by NGEESO, will initially be made on an indicative basis. Should a firm price offer be requested, a fixed connection charge will only be provided at a later date after tender returns for major plant items and other material expenditure have been received.

#### Option 2

##### Annual Charges, Firm Price

The Connection Charge is based on a firm price estimate of the costs of the connection works, and is calculated as in Option 1, except that the firm price may include a risk margin to allow for possible variances above the estimate, which might occur for any reason.

Due to the current long lead times for new connections (e.g. the transmission outage programme, and the expected time to obtain planning Consents), it may not be feasible for SPT to offer firm prices and SPT reserve the right to decline to offer terms on this basis.

Where NGEESO pays fully in advance for the connection assets and the related rate of return, the depreciation and rate of return components within the annual charge will be zero.

Capital contributions may also be made after commissioning in subsequent years. For a capital contribution to take account at the start of the relevant charging year n, NGEESO may, at most once per year, make a full or partial capital contribution of at least 10% of the NAV prevailing as of 31st March in year n-1. NGEESO shall notify SPT of the capital contribution amount no later than 1 September in year n-1, and pay the capital contribution 45 days prior to the start of the charging year n which will be applied to the NAV prevailing at the start of year n.



## PART 3

### Other Charges

Over and above the General System Charge and Site Specific Charges described in this statement, SPT may incur other costs, which include but are not limited to:

- Costs associated with processing applications for connection to the system
- One-off Costs whether associated with connections assets or infrastructure
- One-off charge associated with User instigated delays to connections assets or infrastructure works, so-called "Delay Charges"
- One-off charges associated with delivery of connection assets or infrastructure at a User's request earlier than the timeframe in which SPT would efficiently chose to deliver, so-called "Backfeed Charges"

Any costs incurred by SPT as a result of NGENSO's requirements that are not otherwise recoverable through General System Charge or Site Specific Charges will be charged to NGENSO according to the principles which follow.



## PART 3

### Application Fees

Application fees are payable in respect of NGESO applications received for new or modified connections to SPT's transmission system. The application fee is intended to cover engineering costs and other expenses involved in preparing an offer of terms, and are dependent upon the size, type and location of the User's scheme as shown on the map in Appendix 2.

With the exception of offshore applications, NGESO can elect to pay a fixed price application fee in respect of their application. Alternatively, onshore applications can elect to pay a variable application fee, which is based on the actual costs incurred.

The fixed price fees for applications are detailed in Appendix 2.

If NGESO chooses to pay a variable application fee, SPT will, following completion of the offer, charge NGESO based on the SPT charge-out rates detailed in Appendix 3.

Should NGESO notify SPT of changes in the planning assumptions after receipt of an application fee, SPT may levy an additional charge.

In exceptional circumstances where NGESO has requested an application which involves significant costs over and above normally expected (e.g. substantial system studies, specialist surveys, investigations) to process an offer of terms then SPT reserves the right to vary the applicable fixed fee quoted in Table A, B, C and D. Under these circumstances, SPT will following discussion with NGESO, advise the appropriate applicable fee.

SPT will refund application fees and consent payments either on commissioning or against the charges payable in the first three years of the new or modified agreement. The following conditions apply:

- The refund will be net of external costs;
- Where a new or modified agreement is signed and subsequently modified at NGESO's request before any charges become payable, SPT will refund the original application fee. SPT will not refund the fees in respect of the subsequent modification(s).

### Feasibility Studies

If NGESO requests a feasibility study in connection with alterations to or extension of the SPT network a fee is payable based on an advance of SPT engineering and out-of-pocket expenses. The fee payable by NGESO will vary according to the size of the study and the amount of work involved. Where actual engineering and out-of-pocket expenses exceed the advance, SPT will issue an invoice for the excess. Conversely, where SPT does not use the whole of the advance, the balance will be refunded.

A schedule of charge-out rates for different classes of SPT staff is attached at Appendix 3.

## PART 3

### One-Off Works and Additional Works Requested

To provide or modify a connection, SPT may need to carry out works on the transmission system, which although directly attributable to the connection may not give rise to additional connection assets.

As a result of User requirements SPT may have to install connection or infrastructure assets that differ or are enhanced above minimum standard scheme design requirements.

SPT may also incur,

- revenue expense, including additional maintenance costs where additional assets are installed, or
- the cost of writing off asset value

Additionally, charges that fall within the principles laid out below are defined as “one-off” costs:

- Where a cost cannot be capitalised into either a connection or infrastructure asset, typically a revenue cost
- Where a non-standard incremental cost is incurred as a result of a User's request, irrespective of whether the cost can be capitalised
- Termination Charges associated with the write-off of connection assets at the connection site.

Where these costs cannot be justified by planning standards and are incurred as a direct result of NGENSO's construction application, they will be included in the TO Construction Offer as one-off costs and charged accordingly.

The basis of charging for any additional maintenance costs arising from additional user requested connection and/or infrastructure assets will be set out in the TO Construction Offer.

The incremental costs of additional infrastructure related works over and above the minimum scheme required to connect a User will be recovered as a One-Off Charge.

Requests for diversions of transmission lines or cables, in connection with an application for a new or modified connection, including removal or relocation of towers will be treated as one-off costs.

The costs of abortive transmission construction works will be recovered as a one-off cost as set out in this statement

Any costs arising as a result of a User requesting a delay to the SPT construction works will be recovered as a one-off cost.

The costs of Category 1 and 3 inter-tripping schemes for generator connections (as defined in the Grid Code and the CUSC) will be recovered as one-off costs.<sup>3</sup>

The Calculation of One-Off Charges is as follows:

$$\text{One-off Charge} = (\text{CC} + \text{EG}) \times (1 + \text{Return \%}) + \text{IDC}$$

Where	
CC	Construction Costs
EG	Engineering Charge x Job Hours
Return	X%
IDC	Interest During Construction

<sup>3</sup> Category 1 schemes are those which have been initiated by the User, either as a result of a variation to the design or to allow early connection of generation, which would otherwise be delayed until infrastructure works can be completed. Category 3 are schemes which the User has elected as an alternative to reinforcement of a distribution network affected by the generation connection.

## Delay Charges

Where a User's Requests a change to their completion date for connection, and costs arise in comparison to our otherwise efficient delivery programme, a "Delay" Charge may apply in respect of these inefficient costs.

The "Delay" charge reflects the incremental cost incurred as a result of a User's request irrespective of whether the cost can be capitalised.

Delay costs will normally comprise;

- the additional financing of infrastructure asset construction, over the longer time period to the revised Charging Date,
- incremental costs including, for example, expenditure related to de-mobilisation and re-mobilisation, additional consents, re-working engineering, re-design, abortive costs etc.

Whilst a User can request changes at any point in a programme it should be recognised that any charges, especially those related to transmission investment, can be more effectively mitigated if SPT is informed of the required change as soon as possible, enabling SPT to minimise any increase in likely costs arising from the User requested delay.

The Delay charges will be detailed in the TO Construction Offer to NGESO for connection for the User.

## Backfeed Charges

SPT deliver works a short period ahead of full use to allow reasonable time for User commissioning. Where Users, via NGESO, require works to be delivered far earlier than SPT would otherwise efficiently deliver them for the required Charging Date, a "Backfeed" charge may apply in respect of consequential inefficient costs.

The "Backfeed" charge reflects the incremental cost incurred as a result of a User's request irrespective of whether the cost can be capitalised.

Backfeed costs will normally comprise;

- a charge based on the Gross Asset Value of assets that are planned to be completed at the User's request ahead of required Charging Date, reflecting the depreciation and rate of return. The charges will be based on the relevant asset's life, its gross asset value, the duration between the User's earlier required date and the Charging Date and SPT's rate of return.

The gross asset values of assets to be constructed earlier, may also incorporate;

- increases in costs of building the assets at an earlier or accelerated rate,
- changes to incremental costs include, for example, expenditure due to changes in resource mobilisation, additional consents, re-working engineering, re-design, abortive costs etc.

The Backfeed charges will be detailed in the offer of connection.

## PART 3

### Transmission Charges

Arrangements may be agreed between SPT and NGESO to pay for One-off works over a longer period. If one-off works are paid over a longer period, they are termed a Transmission Charge.

Transmission Charges are usually a depreciating finance charge or annuity based charge with a rate of return element and a maintenance element and may include agreement on a schedule of termination payments if the agreement is terminated before the end of the agreed charge recovery period. The charge is usually inflated annually by the same RPI figure that is used to inflate GAVs, though NGESO can request alternative indexation methods.

### Miscellaneous Site Specific Charges

Other contract specific charges may be payable by the User which will be set out in the TO Construction Offer and or STC where appropriate.

Where a direct connection to SPT's transmission system is not the most economic scheme and the User maintains their request for a transmission connection, the full costs of providing the transmission connection will be charged as a miscellaneous site specific charge.

### Abortive Works Charges

If as a result of a modification application, received after commencement of the transmission construction works, SPT is required to make amendment to the transmission construction works and SPT has previously carried out some or all of the said works which are now no longer required ("Abortive Works") NGESO shall be required to make a payment to SPT in respect of all fees, expenses and costs of whatever nature reasonably and properly incurred or due by SPT in respect of the Abortive Works for which SPT is responsible or has or may otherwise become liable in respect of the Abortive Works.

### Contestable Connection Works

Users may also elect to carry out certain contestable areas of connection works. Such arrangements would be subject to the assets being designed and installed to SPT's technical standards to ensure the ongoing security and operability of the transmission system. SPT may also require other agreements and indemnities to ensure that there are no adverse consequences for other Users of the transmission system as a result of the User's decision to "self-build".

Should a User wish to take advantage of the self-build option, this should be made clear in their formal application to NGESO, and SPT will work with the User to facilitate this option.

The scope of contestable works would be agreed before the application is deemed competent. Infrastructure works are non-contestable to avoid any potential impact on other Users.

SPT will charge NGESO on an indicative basis for any non-contestable items such as design approval, inspection and testing of the contestable works to establish that the assets are suitable for adoption by SPT.

SPT will agree, via NGESO, the indicative Gross Asset Value of the User's adoptable self-build connection assets inclusive of SPT's forecast project management and financing costs to facilitate the User's self-build. This will be documented in the relevant construction agreement. SPT will, via NGESO, agree the out-turned Gross Asset Value of the adoptable assets, including SPT's project management and financing costs to facilitate User self-build, following commissioning and SPT will revise its connection charges accordingly.

Subject to these arrangements, SPT will adopt the self-build assets at the relevant Gross Asset Value and assume responsibility for their ongoing maintenance. SPT will levy annual connection charges for the adopted assets.

The TO construction agreement would contain an estimated GAV for the new or replacement connection assets for charging purposes. The GAV would be estimated by SPT as though it was carrying out the full works.

## PART 3

### Outage Services Charge

Where pre-arranged outages are rearranged at NGESO's request or where NGESO require additional services for planned or unplanned outages over and above the normal service provided under General System Charge, NGESO will be liable for outage service charges. These charges reflect the costs incurred by SPT in accommodating NGESO's request. They include, but are not limited to:

- Costs (including where appropriate, liquidated damages) of standing down contractors until outage starts. Costs will be derived from contractors' invoices and, in the case of liquidated damages, from the relevant agreement(s).
- Costs of overtime working to reduce outage time such as to reduce NGESO's costs in maintaining system security. Cost will be based on overtime hours worked on the particular outage.
- Costs of installing additional equipment, such as bypass arrangements.

Where an outage is rearranged at NGESO's request, SPT will use all reasonable endeavours to minimise the charge to NGESO by redeploying staff onto other work.

Charge-out rates to assess indicative costs for overtime working are given at Appendix 3.

### De-Energisation & Disconnection

Where NGESO wishes a supply to be permanently de-energised, a minimum of two business days' notice (or such other period as may be specified in the TO construction agreement and/or STC) to that effect should be given to SPT. SPT will arrange to de-energise the supply and read the metering equipment, where appropriate, for billing purposes. An additional charge will be made for this service if undertaken outside normal working hours.

Temporary de-energisation (and subsequent re-energisation) resulting from the failure by NGESO to comply with the terms of their relevant agreement, or carried out at the request of NGESO will be at the expense of NGESO.

Where it becomes necessary to disconnect a User (at the request of NGESO) that is to have SPT's equipment removed from site, for any reason, any payments outstanding in first providing that connection will become due forthwith.

If NGESO requests disconnection, this should be requested in writing. On receipt of such a request SPT will take all reasonable steps to remove the equipment in accordance with the NGESO's reasonable requirements. SPT should be consulted at an early stage and a programme for the removal of equipment will be subject to individual assessment.

On termination SPT retains the right to remove its equipment. Where it is cost effective to do so SPT will remove such equipment, and no charge will be made to NGESO. For assets where it is not cost effective to recover (e.g. buried cables) will normally be made safe and left on site, but if NGESO requires SPT to remove them, the cost of removal, will be payable by NGESO. All such equipment will remain the property of SPT until otherwise agreed in writing with SPT.

# PART 3

## Termination Charges

### Early Termination of Commissioned Connections

Costs of new connections will be fully recoverable from NGESO in all circumstances, including the liability to pay a termination amount where a connection agreement is terminated by NGESO.

If a connection charge is paid by annual charges and NGESO gives notice of termination of the connection agreement prior to the expiry of the economic life of the connection assets, SPT will require NGESO to pay a Termination Amount. This will recover the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the connection assets plus the cost of removing the connection assets if required.

The Termination Amount will be calculated as follows:

NGESO will be liable to pay an amount equal to the NAV of such connection assets as at the end of the financial year in which termination or modification occurs, plus:

- The reasonable costs of removing such connection assets. These costs being inclusive of the costs of making good the condition of the connection site; and
- If a connection asset is terminated before the end of a financial year, the connection charges for the full year remains payable.

Reasonable costs of removal for terminated connection assets and making good the condition of the site include but are not limited to:

- modifications to protection systems should a circuit breaker be decommissioned as a result of a User leaving a site, and
- civil engineering works associated with restoring ground levels as a result of removing connection assets.

The calculation of termination amounts for financial year n is as follows:

$$\text{Termination Charge}_n = C_n + (\text{NAV}_n \times \text{PCCF}) + R$$

Where	
<b>C<sub>n</sub></b>	Outstanding Connection Charge for year n
<b>NAV<sub>n</sub></b>	NAV of connection assets at 31 <sup>st</sup> March of financial year n
<b>PCCF</b>	A factor applied to the GAV to reflect any capital contribution payment made by NGESO to SPT for the connection assets deployed, being calculated as follows:  $\text{PCCF} = \frac{(\text{GAV}_n - \text{Capital Contribution Payments from NGESO})}{\text{GAV}_n}$
<b>R</b>	Reasonable costs of removal of redundant connection assets and making good

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### **Re-Use of Connection Assets after Early Termination**

Should the connection assets be re-used, such that SPT receives connection charges as a result of their use, part of the termination charge will be refunded to NGESO. The amount refunded will depend on the proportional extent to which the original income stream is replaced. The refund will be based on the NAV at the time the asset is brought back into use, less the cost of maintaining and storing the asset whilst out of service.

Should a period of more than 5 years elapse before re-use of the terminated connection assets, a partial refund of the termination payment will be made provided clear financial evidence of payment of such termination amount is provided by NGESO.

### **Early Termination of Transmission Reinforcement Works**

When a TO construction agreement for a connection is terminated by NGESO prior to completion of the works then, in addition to the costs incurred at the time of termination for connection assets, NGESO must also pay, to SPT, the costs incurred at the time of termination for any transmission works which were required as a direct consequence of the NGESO Construction Application.

### **Early Replacement**

If SPT considers that connection assets require to be replaced prior to the end of their normal economic lifetime, the replacement costs will be borne by SPT within the remaining economic life of the original connection assets. On expiry of the expected lifetime of the original connection assets, the connection charge will be recalculated taking account of the NAV of the replacement connection assets, together with the normal provision for depreciation.

### **Transmission Operation & Maintenance Costs**

Operating and Maintenance charges for all transmission assets will be collected through General System Charges and are not addressed in this statement.

Operation and Maintenance costs related to connection assets, one-off works and transmission charged one-off works are recovered through the Site-Specific Maintenance (SSM) factor and the Transmission Running Cost (TRC) factor in the non-capital component of the connection charge.

### **Charges for Land Purchase, Consents and Wayleaves**

Any capital costs incurred in providing a new or modified connection relating to planning and other statutory Consents; all wayleaves, easements, servitude rights, rights over or interests in land or any other consent; and permission of any kind as required for the construction of the connection shall be paid to SPT by NGESO. These costs will cover all of SPT's engineering charges and out-of-pocket expenses incurred.

These out-of-pocket expenses may include planning inquiries or appeals; the capital costs together with reasonable legal and surveyors' costs of landowners or occupiers in acquiring permanent easements, or other rights over land, in respect of any electric line or underground cable forming part of the new transmission connection.

Charges for legal costs associated with land purchase or access Consents would be due under the TO construction agreement for connection applications. Costs of this work will be charged in accordance with the charge-out rates in Appendix 3.

Any capital costs incurred by SPT in acquiring land, shall generally be treated according to their categorisation as either connection or infrastructure works and recovered through the TO construction agreement or through General System Charges respectively.

### **Civil Engineering Costs of Connection Sites**

Where a substation site may accommodate infrastructure assets in one area of the building or outdoor compound, and sole-use connection assets for one or more Users in another area of the same substation site, the civil engineering costs including that share of the costs of preparing a level, drained site for the accommodation of the sole-use connection assets would be included in the connection costs. This share of civil engineering costs will be allocated based on the "substation footprint" of the sole-use connection assets at the substation site.

### **Energy Metering Systems**

The charges to NGESO for the provision of metering systems will be on a similar basis as other SPT connection assets. The electronic components of the energy metering system have a 15-year replacement and depreciation period whilst the non-electronic components normally retain a 40-year replacement and depreciation period.





## Appendix 1

### INDICATIVE CONNECTION ASSET CHARGES

This schedule provides an indication of typical costs, exclusive of VAT, for additions to SPT's transmission system. The costs shown are current at the time of publication only and are subject to change without notice and may also vary depending upon system configuration, Consents, site conditions etc.

Illustrative Connection Asset Gross Asset Values			
Description	£k		
	275kV	132kV	33kV
	GAV	GAV	GAV
Single Busbar Bay	1,595	930	
Double Busbar Bay	1,861	1,117	
Single Circuit Trident £/km		487	
Double Circuit Steel Tower £/km	2,163	985	
Transformer Cables, per 100m (incl Sealing Ends)	2,163 (240MVA)	1,264 (180MVA)	811 (60MVA)
275/132kV 240MVA Transformer	7,449		
275/33kV 120MVA Transformer	4,462		
132/33kV 90MVA Transformer		2,736	
132/33kV 60MVA Transformer		2,610	

#### Factors which can affect these charges are:

- Standards governing the system,
- Length of cable/line required from existing system,
- Exit Point/ Entry Point capacity requirements in relation to available capacity of existing network, including the age of the assets and the condition of the network,
- Whether any extension or reinforcement of the existing network is by underground cable or overhead lines,
- Type of ground requiring excavation; type and extent of reinstatement necessary, including New Roads and Street Works Act requirements, need for road crossings,
- Generation capacity characteristics,
- Exit Point demand and characteristics,
- Special security of supply requirements – greater or less than SPT licence standards,
- Availability of wayleaves/easements for cables and lines including planning Consents,
- Availability of suitable substation sites including any necessary planning Consents,
- Circuit routing difficulties, substation site conditions and access to routes and sites, and
- Necessity of overtime working

## Notes on Assets

### Busbar Bays - Assumptions

**Plant** - the bay is considered from SPT standard bay drawings and tendered prices provided for protection, cabling, auxiliary systems, earthing are based on various assumptions

**Civil** - Normal base sizes & dimensions of concrete footings, good ground condition, includes landscaping but access works and drainage costs elsewhere

### Busbar Bays - Exclusions

**Plant** - Overall Substation Protection, Main Control and SCADA systems. Auxiliary supplies such as AC/DC system and electrical design costs.

### Transformer Cables - Assumptions

**Assumptions - All based on 1 circuit of 1 cable per phase, 100m straight, flat and unimpeded route**

XLPE Lead/AlI sheathed cable supply, install, commission with High Voltage AC & Sheath Testing

Earth Continuity Cable (ECC) & Link Boxes supply, installation and connection included

DTS c/w terminations into Fibre Optic Terminal Boxes on AIS support – on 275kV only

Cable installed in ducts/trenching

Connection & Modifications to earth mat

P&C Duct (1x90mm) included (Max 100m excluding cable(s))

Excavation waste disposal, site establishment/prelims, security & access costs included

Standalone project(s) with its own design/project team

Costs do not allow for any small quantity/MQQ surcharge that may be levied by cable supplier

Others – VAT and inflation

### Transformer - Assumptions

1) Costs include supply & installation of:

- Auto/Grid Transformer
- Auxiliary/Earthing Transformer (where applicable)
- Neutral Earthing Resistor (where applicable)
- HV Disconnecter Bay (c/w associated equipment)
- LV Circuit Breaker (c/w associated equipment)
- Protection Upgrade Modifications
- LV Cabling Works (where applicable)

2) Civil Works to include the following:

- Transformer Plinth/Bund
- Disconnecter Bay Civils
- Earthing Upgrade Works

### Transformer - Exclusions

**Plant** - Bay protection, control and SCADA system, (considered under part of the Busbar Bay costs) auxiliary supplies such as AC/DC system (considered under part of the Busbar Bay Costs)

**Civil** - Piling

**Others** - VAT and Inflation

## List of Abnormal Services which may be reflected in the Site Specific Charges

The following is an illustrative list of abnormal services which may be reflected in the connection charges:

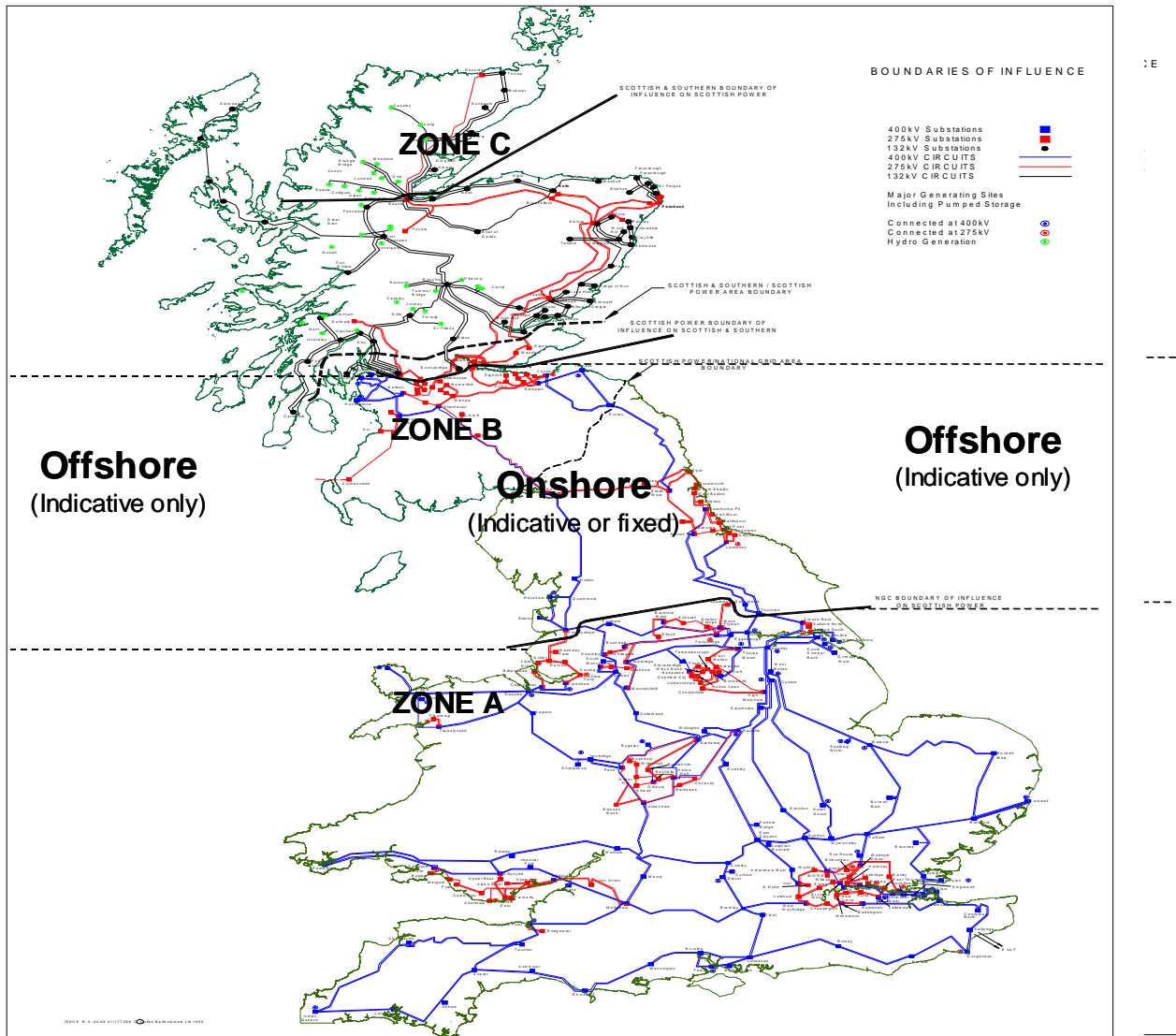
- progression of work required other than in an orderly fashion in accordance with normal engineering policies and practices thus imposing additional costs;
- transformer/Substations sites not provided to SPT in suitable locations at normal prices or rents, taking account of both cable access and access by personnel;
- loads with abnormal characteristics, which affect the security standards of service on the system, for example, arc welders and large motors.



## Appendix 2

### APPLICATION FEES

#### Transmission Licensees' Boundaries of Influence Map



Fees will be applied depending on which zone the connection will be constructed. See Tables A, B, C or D. The boundaries of influence are set out in detail in the STC - Criteria for Assessing Those Transmission Systems Affected by a Construction Project,

All fees subject to other additional costs covering any other special design requirements e.g. subsea survey, advance wayleaving etc. being payable or underwritten by NGESO.

All fees are subject to the addition of VAT.

No application fee is payable for any SPT initiated works.

The MW (mega-watt) value is the final value applied for.

**Table A – Application Fees in Zone B – NGENO North where SPT Affected TO**

Application Type	MW	Base Fee (£)	Rate £/MW
New Onshore Application	<100	£10,500	70
	100 – 1320	£16,500	36
	>1320	£50,000	13
New Onshore Supply Point	Any	£18,500	
New Offshore Application – Per Connection Site		£26,500	
Statement of Works		£300	
Statement of Works Modification Application		£1,100	
Statement of Works Modification Application (Complex)		£6,800	
TEC Increase	<100	£10,500	70
	100 – 1320	£16,500	36
	>1320	£50,000	13
<b>Application Type</b>	<b>FACTOR : Fraction of New Application Fee</b>		
Onshore Modification Application (Entry)			0.75
Offshore Modification Application (Entry)			
Embedded Generation New Application (Entry) BEGA/BELLA			0.3
Embedded Generation Modification Application (Entry) BEGA/BELLA			0.2
Design Variation in addition to Standard Offer			1.5

**Table B – Application Fees in Zone B – SPT South where SPT Host TO**

Application Type	MW	Base Fee (£)	Rate £/MW
New Onshore Application	<100	£20,000	135
	100 – 1320	£32,000	67
	>1320	£95,500	26
New Onshore Supply Point	<100	£31,000	
	>100	£34,000	
New Offshore Application – Per Connection Site		£35,000	
Statement of Works		£600	
Statement of Works Modification Application		£4,000	
Statement of Works Modification Application (Complex)		£21,000	
TEC Increase	<100	£20,000	135
	100 – 1320	£32,000	67
	>1320	£95,500	26
<b>Application Type</b>	<b>FACTOR : Fraction of New Application Fee</b>		
Onshore Modification Application (Entry)			0.75
Offshore Modification Application (Entry)			
Embedded Generation New Application (Entry) BEGA/BELLA			0.3
Embedded Generation Modification Application (Entry) BEGA/BELLA			0.2
Design Variation in addition to Standard Offer			1.5

**Table C – Application Fees in Zone C – SPT North where SPT Host TO**

Application Type	MW	Base Fee (£)	Rate £/MW
New Onshore Application	<100	£7,200	195
	100 – 1320	£11,300	94
	>1320	£32,800	41
New Onshore Supply Point	<100	£2,500	
	>100	£8,500	
New Offshore Application – Per Connection Site		£26,500	
Statement of Works		£300	
Statement of Works Modification Application		£1,100	
Statement of Works Modification Application (Complex)		£6,800	
TEC Increase	<100	£7,200	195
	100 – 1320	£11,300	94
	>1320	£32,800	41
<b>Application Type</b>	<b>FACTOR : Fraction of New Application Fee</b>		
Onshore Modification Application (Entry)			0.75
Offshore Modification Application (Entry)			
Embedded Generation New Application (Entry) BEGA/BELLA			0.3
Embedded Generation Modification Application (Entry) BEGA/BELLA			0.2
Design Variation in addition to Standard Offer			1.5



**Table D – Application Fees in Zone C – SHET where SPT Affected TO**

Application Type	MW	Base Fee (£)	Rate £/MW
New Onshore Application	<100	£27,500	195
	100 – 1320	£43,00	94
	>1320	£125,000	41
New Onshore Supply Point	<100	£30,000	
	>100	£33,500	
New Offshore Application – Per Connection Site		£34,500	
Statement of Works		£550	
Statement of Works Modification Application		£2,700	
Statement of Works Modification Application (Complex)		£16,500	
TEC Increase	<100	£27,500	195
	100 – 1320	£43,00	94
	>1320	£125,000	41
<b>Application Type</b>	<b>FACTOR : Fraction of New Application Fee</b>		
Onshore Modification Application (Entry)			0.75
Offshore Modification Application (Entry)			
Embedded Generation New Application (Entry) BEGA/BELLA			0.3
Embedded Generation Modification Application (Entry) BEGA/BELLA			0.2
Design Variation in addition to Standard Offer			1.5

**Notes:**

Application fees are calculated on the following basis:

New Onshore Application	= Base Fee + (MW x Rate/MW)
CEC Increase	= Base Fee + (CEC Increase MW x Rate/MW)
New Offshore Application	= Number of offshore connection sites x Base Fee
Onshore Modification Application	= Base Fee x FACTOR
Offshore Modification Application	= Base Fee x Number of Transmission Interface Sites x Factor
Embedded Generation Application	= Base Fee x FACTOR
Embedded Generation Modification Application	= Base Fee x FACTOR

**Statement of Works**

In response to any Statement of Works request, SPT will provide a Statement of Works response which will inform only whether there are any transmission system works required. No formal terms of offer will be provided.

In the event the Statement of Works response provided by SPT to NGESE show that transmission works are required by the embedded distribution connection, NGESE will be required to submit a formal Modification Application.



## Appendix 3

### CHARGE-OUT RATES

Grade	Rate (£/Day)
Section Manager or Internal Solicitor	1,123
Principal SPT Engineer	859
Senior SPT Engineer, Project Manager or Senior Wayleave Officer	717
Power System Design Engineer or Draughtsman	603
Graduate Engineer	480
Craftsman (Linesman, Cable Jointer, Substation Fitter)	435
Administrative Support	379

All fees are subject to the addition of VAT.



## Glossary of Terms

<b>Affected TO</b>	A TO who owns or operates a transmission system which is electrically impacted by a User's connection to a host TO's transmission system.	<b>Entry Point</b>	A point of connection at which electricity may be exported from a User's installation onto the Transmission System i.e. Generation
<b>Allowed TO Revenue</b>	As set out in the TO's Transmission Licence	<b>Exit Point</b>	A point of connection at which electricity may flow from the Transmission System to the User's installation, i.e. Demand
<b>Authority</b>	The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (GEMA) established under Section 1 of the Utilities Act 2000	<b>Host TO</b>	The TO which will electrically connect the User to a transmission system which is owned or operated by that TO
<b>BETTA</b>	British Electricity Trading and Transmission Arrangements	<b>NGESO</b>	National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited
<b>BETTA Go-Live Date</b>	1 April 2005	<b>Pre BETTA</b>	Before 1 April 2005
<b>Bilateral Connection Agreement</b>	An agreement between the SO and the User covering the connection to the TO's transmission system.	<b>Pre-Vesting</b>	Means on or before 31 March 1990
<b>Connection Site Specification</b>	As defined in Section D, Part One, sub-paragraph 2.6.1 of the STC	<b>Price Control</b>	As set out in the TO's Licence
	In relation to any transmission system and or connection works:	<b>Post-Vesting</b>	Means after 31 March 1990
	-	<b>Retail Price Index (RPI)</b>	Table 36: RPI: All items index 1947-2013 "CHAW" published by the Office for National Statistics and as amended monthly
	a) all such planning (including Public Inquiry) and other statutory consents; and	<b>SO</b>	System Operator. This being NGESO
<b>Consents</b>	b) all wayleaves, easements, rights over or interests in land or any other consent; or for commencement and carrying on of any activity proposed to be undertaken at or from such works when completed	<b>STC</b>	The System Operator - Transmission Owner Code
	c) permission of any kind as shall be necessary for the construction of the works	<b>TO</b>	An onshore or offshore Transmission Owner. This being SP Transmission plc
<b>CUSC</b>	Connection and Use of System Code	<b>Transmission Interface Site</b>	the site at which the Transmission Interface Point is located
		<b>Transmission Interface Point</b>	means the electrical point of connection between the Offshore Transmission System and an Onshore Transmission System
		<b>Transmission Licence</b>	Transmission Licence granted or treated as granted under section 6(1)(b) of the Act
		<b>Transmission Voltage</b>	In Scotland usually voltages at 132kV or above.
		<b>User</b>	A generation or demand customer connected to SPT's transmission system and party to NGESO's bilateral agreement(s).

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