

## Proposals for reducing budget estimate requests

### Implementation of LoAs - We're making changes to the Budget Estimate process

#### What are we doing?

We are making a key change to the application process for (Distributed Generation) Budget Estimates >1MW (500kVA in London).

- Enquiries must comprise all relevant information<sup>1</sup> described in the [GSoP \(Guaranteed Standards of Performance\) guidelines](#) – this specifically includes the requirement for a Letter of Authority (LoA)

#### Why are we making these changes?

Last year UK Power Networks successfully enabled the provision of ANM connections across its entire network. This enablement is the next step in our journey towards becoming a distribution system operator and will allow more customers to connect both quicker and more economically than with conventional unconstrained connections. It follows successes in our innovation project FPP (flexible plug and play) and subsequent FDG (flexible DG connections) programme both of which were available on a limited geographic basis.

In enabling our entire network we have been able to remove the requirement for specific application forms for initial feasibility studies and the corresponding feasibility study fee potentially making access to our network even more attractive to developers.

#### What are the relevant information requirements?

The minimum information required is as follows

- Customer name and address (correspondence address), other contact details and preferred method of contact
- Site address
- Site plan at an appropriate scale to indicate the site boundary
- Indicative date when the Customer requires the connection(s) to be made
- Total maximum capacity
- Summary technical details of any electricity generator that is required to operate in parallel with the supply
- Summary technical details of any Customer owned equipment that is likely to cause disturbance to the electricity supply (ie. large motor, welders etc.)

<sup>1</sup> We will no longer accept enquiries comprising an email with an attached google earth image (for example) marked with a red line to indicate the boundary.

Additionally we will require the following

- Letter of authority
- Information or agreement in respect of a proposed substation location

And may require the following

- Information or agreement in respect of proposed cable routes
- Information or agreement in respect or proposed metering points
- Further details regarding the capacity required to be provided at each metering point or regarding the nature of the electrical equipment to be used by the customer
- Further details regarding the intended usage of the electrical equipment to be used by the customer
- Further details regarding land ownership and/or land rights that is likely to be known by the Customer

## **What other products are available to me?**

Our full range of products will continue to be available to you. These range from pre-application support in the form of surgeries enabling you to discuss the viability of your sites with our project managers and planners in advance of making a formal application, the DG Mapping Tool (DGMT) which has recently benefitted from enhancements, Formal Connection Offers, Feasibility Studies and the recently introduced Optioneering product (see our website for more details).

The full range of products provides customers with the option of self-serving and/or submitting an enquiry when details are more fully developed.

## **When is this applicable from?**

These new requirements are applicable immediately for all new enquiries i.e. with effect from midday on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020

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