

What work can I go elsewhere for?

This table indicates the work involved in getting a typical network connected, and which parts of the work can be done by an ICP if accredited for that element.

	Independent Connections Provider (ICP)	UK Power Networks
The design of your connection including new network back to our existing network*	✓	✓
Digging and filling in of trenches on your property for the installation of electrical cables	✓	✓
Digging and filling in of trenches on the public highway for the installation of electrical cables	✓	✓
Installation and jointing of electrical cable and service lines	✓	✓
Construction of substations/transformer buildings (the physical building work is normally carried out by the customer)	✓	✓
Installation of electrical switches and transformers	✓	✓
Some diversionary work associated with existing cables on your land	✓	✓
Design of alterations to our existing network	X	✓
Live jointing of the new network onto our existing network	✓	✓

*Please note that all ICPs' designs must be approved by UK Power Networks, prior to the commencement of any work on site.

To support the tasks shown here, UK Power Networks will:

- Assess how your electricity connection will affect our network
- Decide the point of electricity connection to our network (known as a POC)
- Specify the materials to be used
- Enter into legal agreements with third parties for the installation of electrical cables and overhead lines on their property
- Approve any design work that has been carried out by an Independent Connections Provider
- Inspect, monitor and test any work done by an Independent Connections Provider

What is an Independent Distribution Network Operators (IDNO)?

It is also possible to have your electricity connection from an IDNO. They will build and continue to own this local network and provide all ongoing network services, including maintenance and 24-hour fault repairs. The IDNO will also arrange the point of connection to our network. You can find a list of companies that hold a licence to provide this service from www.ofgem.gov.uk