

Optioneering Study

Scope of the Optioneering Study service

This service is available for all project applications where the minimum requested import capacity is 5MVA (Demand applications) or 5MW (Export Capacity).

Why are we offering this service?

The capacities available on our distribution network continues to evolve rapidly and UK Power Networks remain committed to help customers determine the most suitable approach for their Projects.

We appreciate that customers do not always know what they want to build in the early stages of a project, but in the time it takes to decide exactly what is required, schemes can become more expensive if more than one customer is applying for the same limited capacity on our Electrical Network. In these instances, capacity is allocated based on the customer's position in the Interactivity Queue, so customers with a later position in the Interactivity Queue may need to pay for reinforcement.

What does an Optioneering Study provide?

- Indicative prices for both constrained (the customer must be willing to accept temporary reduction to their export to ensure the Network is kept within operational limits) and unconstrained (no limitation is placed on the export capacity) and unconstrained connections, for up to 3 different capacities.
- The Grid Reference for each Point of Connection.
- An indication of whether each option would be in an Interactivity Queue and whether a Formal Quote is likely to be Conditional or Unconditional.

How much does an Optioneering Study cost?

The cost of an Optioneering Study is shown in the table below. The charge varies very slightly across our three Networks:

Network Area	Cost of Optioneering Study
Eastern Power Networks	£1,700
London Power Networks	£1,800
South Eastern Power Networks	£1,600

Can an optioneering study for a generation application be for more than one technology type?

No, each request must be for the same technology type because each technology type has a different effect on our Network e.g. Fault Current contribution.

How does an Optioneering Study differ from a Budget Estimate?

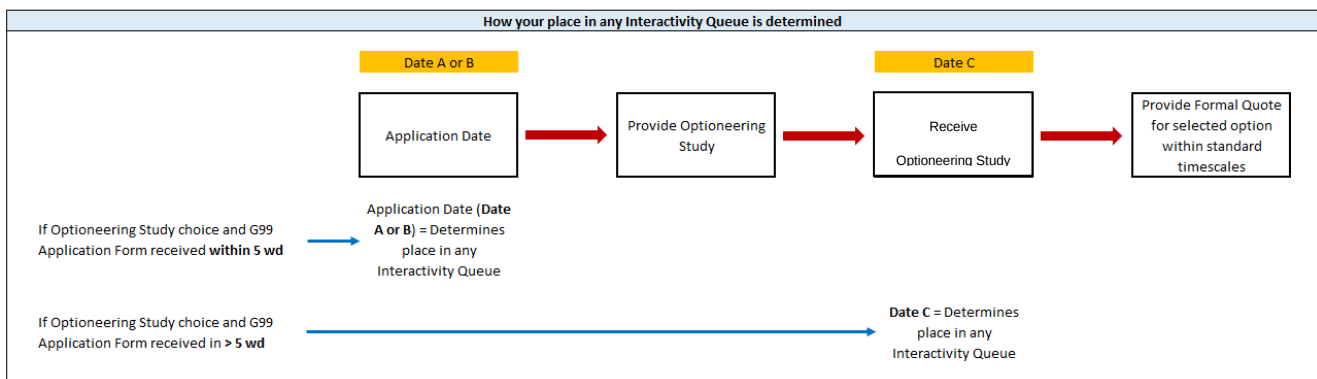
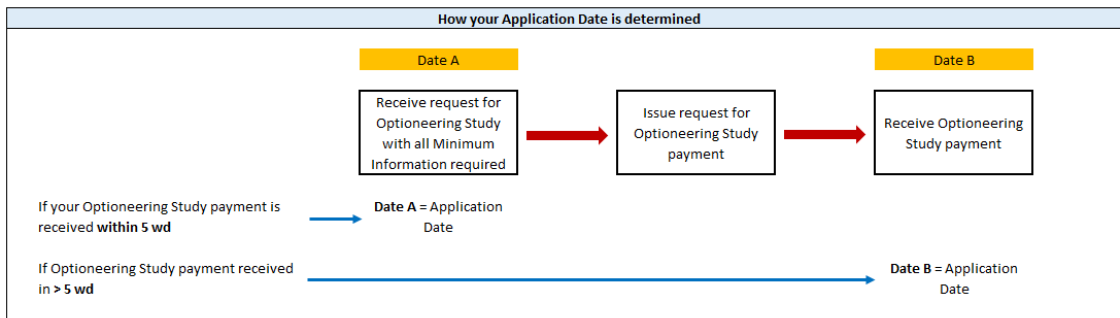
Budget Estimate	Optioneering Study
• Provided free of charge • Has no bearing on your place in any Interactivity Queue should you wish to progress the project to the Formal Quote stage • Multiple technology types • Guaranteed Standard timescales apply	• A charge must be paid in advance of the study • Your place in any Interactivity Queue will be determined from the Application Date (* see diagram below) for this service, should you wish to progress the project to the Formal Quote stage • We will provide you with indicative prices for both curtailed and uncurtailed connections, for up to 3 different capacities • Based upon one technology type only • Guaranteed Standard timescales do not apply but we will send you the study within 20 working days

How your place in any Interactivity Queue will be determined?

Your place in any Interactivity Queue will be the date that you submit your request for an Optioneering Study provided you fulfil the following:

1. Provide all minimum information required with your request.
2. Make payment of the advance payment within 5 working days.
3. Return your completed Acceptance Form from the Optioneering Study and a completed Application Form for a Formal Connection Offer (Quote) within 10 working days.

The diagram below shows how your place in the Interactivity Queue will be determined if the above conditions are not met:



How to apply for an Optioneering Study

Download the application form from our website and return the signed form to connections.gateway@ukpowernetworks.co.uk

How to progress your project to the Formal Quote stage

As shown above, you will have 10 working days from the date of the Optioneering Study to request a Formal Connection Offer (Quote) and still retain your place in any Interactivity Queue. To do this, you will need to complete and return:

- The Optioneering Study Acceptance Form
- A standard Demand application form (that can be found [here](#).) or;
- A G99 Application Form (that can be found [here](#).)