

Competitive Connections Activity		UU/2007/004
Title: Proposal to amend the wording on Competitive Connections activity in the Licence Condition 4B Statement 2007/08.		
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Description of the Proposed Modification:		
As part of the 2007/08 annual review of its Licence Condition 4B Statement (Connection Charging Methodology) United Utilities proposes to introduce minor changes to the wording surrounding Competitive Connections activities.		
Reasons for the change with an explanation of how the proposed change better meets the relevant objectives:		
This proposal has been brought forward:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the wording enclosed better describes the processes that are used in practice concerning Competitive Connections Activity; To add transparency to the content of the statement, which assists a customer's understanding of the difference between applying for a Statutory and a Competitive connection; To improve the contact details listed within the document, which aims to direct the customer to the right contact that is applicable; and, To enhance various lists contained within the statement, to enable the customer to view a greater range of options available to them. 		
These changes better meet the 'relevant objectives' (a) and (b).		
Proposed wording for the methodology statement and (if applicable) the charging statement:		
The proposed changes are shown below. A full strikethrough version of the changes can be found in the attached Licence Condition 4B Statement.		
General Housekeeping Changes Throughout the Document		
United Utilities shall advise, where applicable, that a list of accredited installers is available from Lloyds' website, as listed within Section 9.		
Contestable works are works, which may, if you wish, be carried out by any accredited installer.		
Updates to contact details, as contained within Section 9.		
Specific Changes		
Procedure for obtaining a connection		
1.18	The process for obtaining a connection is set out in Section 2, together with the details we need from you or your contractor.	

The basic steps can be summed up as follows:

1. Determine if you require a statutory or competitive connection
 - 1.1 Appoint United Utilities to carry out all work or
 - 1.2 Appoint an accredited ~~approved~~ installer
2. Complete a statutory new connection application form and submit to the appropriate office listed in Section 9; or,

Complete a competitive new connection form to obtain a Point of Connection (POC) request form and submit to the appropriate office listed in Section 9. You should note that you could apply for a POC before deciding on whether to pass this information on to an approved installer or request United Utilities to carry out all works.

Obtaining a Point Of Connection (POC)

- 3.2 United Utilities will accept applications ~~only from approved installers~~ from developers or accredited installers, who can provide written evidence of their appointment to act on your behalf. You will need to provide the installer with a letter of authority stating that they can act on your behalf.
- 3.4 United Utilities will charge a Point of Connection fee, as listed under Table 11 on page 54. This fee is payable following acceptance of the Point of Connection and subsequent design validation. ~~will be applied to all individual applications, which are submitted to us for processing.~~

Non-contestable works

- 3.5 The following list identifies the type of work that United Utilities will have sole responsibility for i.e. all non-contestable work. The charges payable by you for the costs incurred by United Utilities will reflect the following activities that we may need to carry out in order to afford you a connection to the network:
 - load studies and determination of a point of connection;
 - system studies, load flows, fault level analysis etc associated with generation enquiries;
 - design and specification of the non-contestable elements of the work;
 - provision of budget and firm quotations;
 - cost of equipment and time spent in preparing tenders for this equipment;
 - compulsory acquisition of legal consents;
 - non-contestable construction work;
 - diversion of existing equipment (except those works as defined under 1.16);
 - reinforcement of existing assets (except those works as defined under 1.16);
 - design approval and inspection and monitoring of contestable work carried out by your appointed contractor;
 - operation and maintenance (O&M) of the new network extension assets installed over and above the minimum design scheme, once it is energised and in service;
 - the acquisition of land rights and consents for statutory connections; and
 - operational activities.

Inspection and Monitoring

- 7.15 For monitoring and inspection purposes, each of the following activities will attract a charge of £X (excludes EHV equipment):
 - Each identifiable HV and LV mains cable installation;
 - Each service cable installation;
 - Each service joint and service termination on housing developments;
 - Each mains joint;
 - Each multiple service termination;

- HV pre-commissioning checks;
- Transformers and switchgear; and
- Civil works.

Contact details

Lloyds' Address and Website

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A timetable for the implementation of the modification and charge changes:

United Utilities intends to publish the amended Licence Condition 4B Statement on 1st April 2007.