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Supplementary Answer Form

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Question	SPD states that in 2011 over 90% of connection application offers were not accepted, due in part to connection time and costs. Does SPD have a view on what portion of these offers were rejected due to issues that the ARC project will potentially resolve?		
Notes on question			
Answer	<p>The reasoning behind the significant proportion of connection applications not being successful is driven by a number of factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive offers whereby more than one party apply at the same time for the same point of connection but only one can be successful. Each offer is counted yet only one can be successful so a number of these will inevitably always be not accepted. • Where a generator does not accept a connection within the quotation timeframe, subsequent quotes count as separate applications. • Where a generator wishes to change the development e.g. reduce the size of the generator in order to change the point of connection, or requests an overhead line rather than cable, each iteration also counts as a separate application. • Speculative applications which have no real intention of connecting e.g. we have experience of developers applying for connections without the landowners prior consent of a development and the landowner subsequently not granting permission. <p>The remainder of applications will not be successful for a range of other viable reasons such as the cost being unacceptable, failure to achieve planning permission or other factors.</p> <p>On this basis a 100% acceptance rate will never be achievable. An exact</p>		

	<p>breakdown of the number of applications within each of these categories is not available, and in our experience generators have not always provided an explanation for why a quote was not accepted.</p> <p>Based on our experience, the facilitation of more information to empower the customer, facilitating a more open discussion between the relevant parties and new technical solutions will reduce many of these factors. Our current estimate is that at least one third of the applications not accepted could be reduced due to the methods that are proposed in this project.</p> <p>This creates the benefit of facilitating more generators to connect as alternative solutions are available and the DNO will be facilitating greater interaction between the relevant parties. In addition the overhead associated with dealing with so many applications will be reduced which are not accepted as this is ultimately passed on to customers who do accept a connection.</p>
Attachments	
Verbal Clarifications (Consultants)	