



# POC Self Identification and Self Design Approval

## Newsletter for ICPs and IDNOs

We're excited to publish our second newsletter for Independent Connection Providers and Independent Distribution Network Operators, letting you know the progress and improvements we have made.

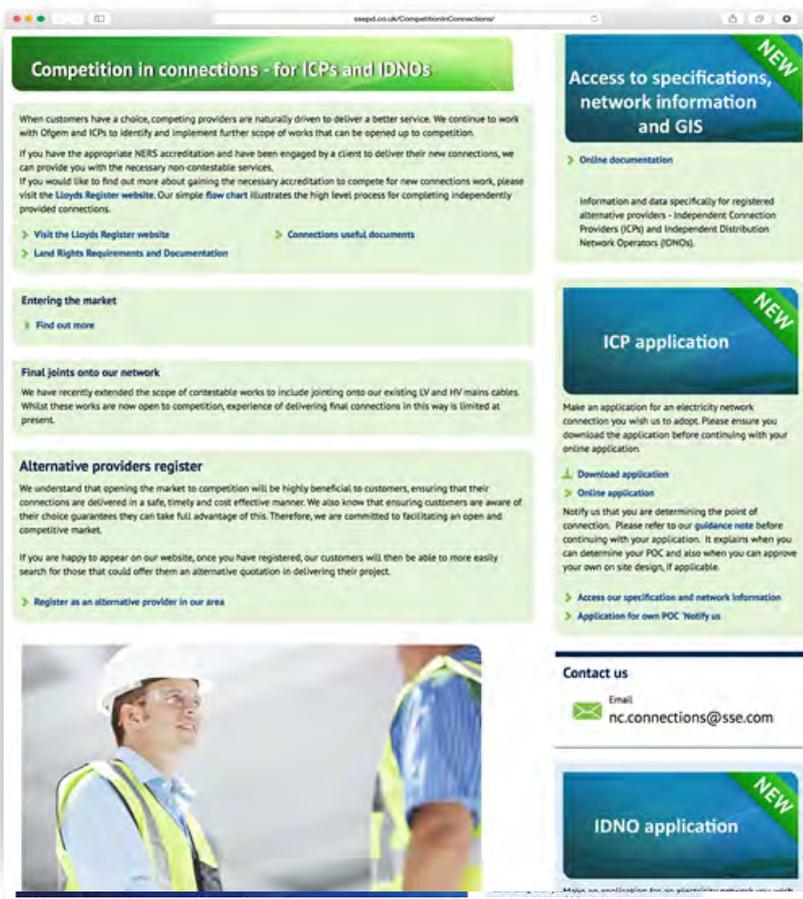
As part of our overall connection strategy, we are focussed on continuously improving the service you receive from us. To support this we have been working hard on delivering a modernised platform for: improved accessibility to documents; enabling you to identify your own point of connection (POC); enabling you to carry out your own design approval; and allowing you to keep up to date with ongoing policy changes and website functions.

The following newsletter will show you how to use the website to:

- Keep us informed if you want to identify your own POC
- Carry out your own Design Approval

Start your journey here: <https://www.ssepd.co.uk/CompetitionInConnections/>

## A. POC Self Identification



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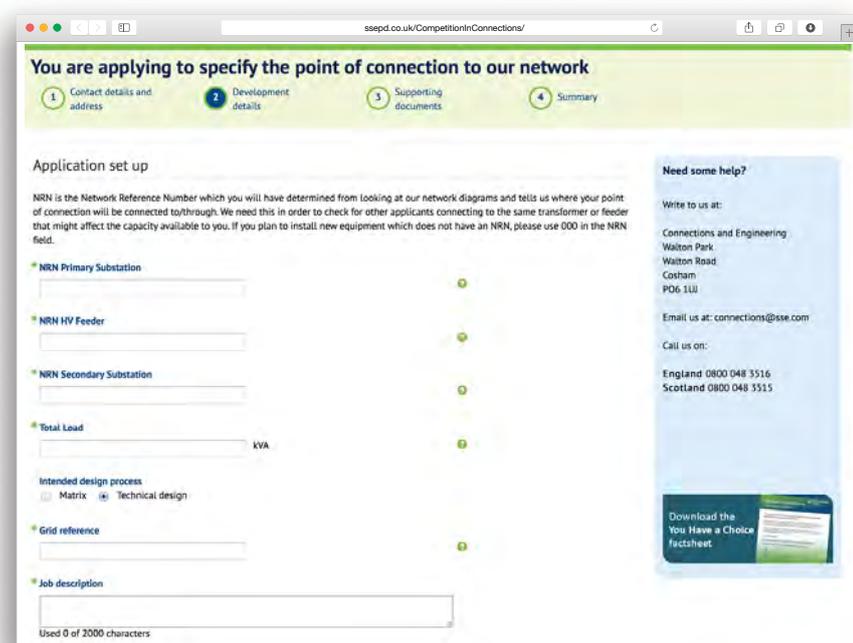
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## Submitting your POC Notice

The Standard Design Matrix will let you know when you can identify your own POC.

If you do wish to identify your own POC, the first step is to submit your POC Notice online, telling us about the project and where it is proposing to connect. Additional information you will require to tell us is the GRN (Grid Reference Number) and the NRN (Network Reference Number) for your site and proposed connection, both of which you can find using our improved Web GIS.

You can see more about our improved Web GIS in our first newsletter online at :  
[www.ssepd.co.uk/Connections/EngagementPublications](http://www.ssepd.co.uk/Connections/EngagementPublications).



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [ssepd.co.uk/CompetitionInConnections/](http://ssepd.co.uk/CompetitionInConnections/). The page title is "You are applying to specify the point of connection to our network". The form is divided into four steps: 1. Contact details and address, 2. Development details, 3. Supporting documents, and 4. Summary. The "Application set up" section includes fields for NRN Primary Substation, NRN HV Feeder, NRN Secondary Substation, Total Load (kVA), Intended design process (Matrix or Technical design), Grid reference, and Job description. A "Need some help?" section provides contact information for Connections and Engineering, including an email address (connections@sse.com) and phone numbers for England (0800 048 3516) and Scotland (0800 048 3515). A "Download the You Have a Choice factsheet" button is also visible.

Your POC Notice must be submitted online. This is to allow us to manage dates and interactivity in real time. The screen on the left shows how to submit your POC Notice.

## What we will do next

Once we have received your POC Notice, we will notify you that we have received it. We will then email, within 7 working days, to tell you:

- EHV reinforcement required – in which case it will not be suitable for POC Self Identification
- ECCR Rebates
- 2nd Comer Reinforcement charges
- Any contracted but not connected load that will require to be included in your design
- Network constraints that may impinge on the Connection
- Timescales for any upstream reinforcement that is planned but not available online
- Likelihood of any interactivity (this will be confirmed as it occurs)

## Keeping us informed

You will now need to keep us informed of your progress so that we know when you have issued your offer to your customer and when they have accepted it. Again, this is an online only process. This will be shown in your application screen, as shown below.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL ssepd.co.uk/CompetitionInConnections/. The page contains several sections:

- Form Fields:** Name (Test), Number (01234123456), Email (TEST@TEST.CO.UK).
- Quote:** A large empty text area.
- Documents issued:** A section with the text "Please see below the documents uploaded in support of your application." and a green "Upload documents" button.
- Notifications:** A section with the following fields:
  - Registration date: 19/11/2015
  - Date Quote issued
  - Notify Accepted** (highlighted with a green box)
  - Date Quote Accepted
  - Final Connection Date
  - Energisation Date

← Click Here

In order for us to consider your project alongside all other ongoing projects:

- The date you issue your offer needs to be within 65 working days of the date you submit your POC Notice
- The validity period of your offer cannot be longer than three months from your date you issue your offer

If your POC Notice does become interactive with other offers we will tell you, and give you an explanation of the interactivity process for your customer.

## When your Quotation has been accepted

When you tell us your quotation has been accepted, you must also provide:

- A completed SLC 15 application form
- A map showing the position of your POC

Once we have received this information we will be able to provide you with an SLC 15 offer.

## B: Self Design Approval

If you have reached the suitable NERS accreditation for a project where only LV and HV assets are involved and where there is no generation, then you are able to design your own connection assets and approve your own design.

All of our SLC15 offers, whether you have identified your own POC or not, are based on the assumption that, where able to, you will carry out your own design approval. All you have to do is submit your design for information before you start your works on site. This is shown in the screen above.

We will continue to informally review the designs and will feedback to you if we identify any issues.

Alternatively if you wish us to continue to approve your designs, even when you can do this yourself, you just need to ask! We will require you to pay the appropriate Design Approval fee (as laid out in our CCMS) and we will then review and formally approve or reject your design. This will be carried out within the required timescale as set out in our licence. If your design has been rejected we will always explain why.

If you would like to provide feedback on this newsletter please email [connectionsfeedback@sse.com](mailto:connectionsfeedback@sse.com)

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