



Competition in Connections (ICP/IDNO) Frequently asked questions



Where an ICP has requested a Dual Offer; will SHEPD/SEPD provide this?

Yes, an ICP can ask SHEPD/SEPD for a Dual Offer.

The appointed ICP is not holding the relevant NERs accreditation for live jointing at the required voltage and are therefore unable to undertake the jointing themselves. (i) Is it acceptable for another ICP who holds the relevant NERs accreditation to undertake the jointing? (ii) Will the sub-contracted ICP be required to sign on to the site specific adoption agreement?

(i) Yes, provided the sub-contracted ICP holds the appropriate NERs accreditation for the jointing activity.

(ii) No, the appointed ICP will be required to sign on to the site specific adoption agreement and remain liable for all the work.

Having completed the self-determination of a point of connection application process via the online service, the ICP has now asked SHEPD/SEPD to make a connection for them. Can SHEPD/SEPD now complete this work for the ICP?

Yes. However, as the self-determination of a POC has been developed for an ICP to undertake all the activities themselves, SHEPD/SEPD must issue a connection offer for the works required.

The appointed ICP is not holding the relevant NERs accreditation for Electrical Design of Distribution Networks at the required voltage and are therefore unable to provide the electrical design themselves. (i) Is it acceptable for another ICP who holds the relevant NERs accreditation to provide the electrical design? (ii) Will the sub-contracted ICP be able to undertake self-design approval?

(i) Yes, provided the sub-contracted ICP holds the appropriate NERs accreditation for the electrical design activity.

(ii) Yes, provided the sub-contracted ICP holds the appropriate NERs accreditation for the electrical design activity.

Surgeries or submit a formal application.

What is a Network Access Agreement?

It is the agreement between the Company (Southern Electric Power Distribution plc or Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc) and the ICP which grants the ICP access to the Distribution Network.

What is an Adoption Agreement?

It is the agreement between the Company (Southern Electric Power Distribution plc or Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc) and the ICP for the transfer by the ICP to the Company of the property in and responsibility for the Contestable Works.

What is a Bilateral Connection Agreement?

It is the agreement between the Company (Southern Electric Power Distribution plc or Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc) and another LDNO setting out the terms and conditions under which an embedded network shall be entitled to be and remain connected to the Distribution System.

How to access SHEPD/SEPD's specifications, network information and GIS?

All our specifications (including G81 documents), network information and GIS are accessible via our online web portal which is secured and requires a login account. The link to our online documentation is www.ssen.co.uk/competitioninconnectionssecuredocuments/.

