



Connections
Contact and
Escalation guide

South (SEPD)

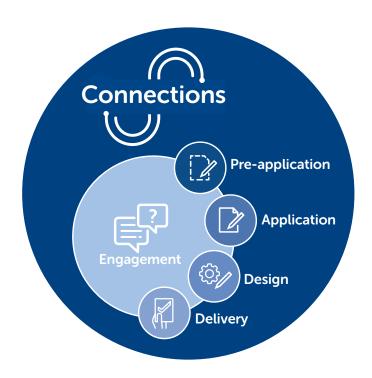
## **SSEN Connections**

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) operates in two licence areas; Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD) in northern Scotland and Southern Electric Power Distribution (SEPD) in central southern England. This guide outlines the contacts and escalation routes for our SEPD licence area.

#### **About this document**

We are committed to offering our customers and stakeholders the very best in customer service. We are keen to equip you with the knowledge, tools and support you need to complete your connections, and provide you with as much information as possible about our processes and procedures to aid your connections journey.

This guide sets out the overarching stages of the connections journey and details the relevant contacts for each stage. It also provides escalation routes.



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# **Pre-application** (through to Delivery)

## **Account Managers**



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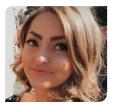
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### Responsible for

- Assisting allocated account portfolios with connections journey from pre-application to delivery
- Ensuring Connection Offers are procured accurately and progressed efficiently upon acceptance
- Arranging pre-application meetings and connections surgeries

Our Account Managers are involved throughout the connections journey and can be contacted at any stage.

If you would like to book a meeting regarding one or more prospective project(s), please contact

#### commercial.contracts@sse.com

If you would like to book a meeting regarding one or more projects already in progress, please sign up to attend one of our monthly connections surgeries here:

www.ssen.co.uk/stakeholderevent/basicsearch/

#### Points of escalation

1<sup>st</sup> point of escalation is Thomas Jeavons-Fellows, Lead Account Manager

2<sup>nd</sup> point of escalation is

Chris McKaig. **Connections Business Relationship Manager** 

3<sup>rd</sup> point of escalation is Mark MacDonald. Head of Development, Policy & Support



# **Application**

## **Applications & Quote Acceptance**



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Telephony Team Manager

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Gemma Overall

**Quote Acceptance Team Manager** 

Connections acceptance & customer payments

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Stephanie Woodcock

**Generation Team Manager** 

Generation applications above 3.68kW

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### Responsible for

- Raising applications
- Taking payments
- Providing guidance on application and quotation process

Our Application & Quote Acceptance team are happy to provide help and advice on the application and quote acceptance process via phone or email. Applications can be raised via phone, email or online

connections@ssen.co.uk

0800 048 3516

www.ssen.co.uk/ConnectionServices/NewConnections/

#### Points of escalation

1<sup>st</sup> point of escalation is

Ben Harriss,

**Connections Contact Centre Manager** 

2<sup>nd</sup> point of escalation is

Lisa Doogan,
Head of Customer Service & Stakeholder Strategy



# Design

#### Contestable

Work that can be completed by an alternative provider (an ICP or an IDNO)



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Michael Nunn Connections Design Manager Minor connections across the whole region



Work that only the DNO can undertake



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Thames Valley & South East NC work above 250kVA mike.rogers@sse.com 07767 850380



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Thames Valley & South East NC work below 250kVA

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Mark Collis

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System planners assess the network to ensure everything is within the allowances



Mark O'Connor

**Connections Planning Manager (South)** 

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### Responsible for

- Designing required works for your connection
- Quoting required works for your connection
- Providing guidance on design and quotation processes
- Assessment of the network to ensure everything is within the allowances

Our Design team are happy to provide help and advice on the design and quotation process via phone or email

If you would like to book a meeting regarding one or more prospective project(s), please contact

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If you would like to book a meeting regarding one or more projects already in progress, please sign up to attend one of our monthly connections surgeries here:

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#### Points of escalation

1<sup>st</sup> point of escalation is **Design Managers**, **System Planning Managers** 

2<sup>nd</sup> point of escalation is

Richard Mailer, Head of Connections Design & Quotation SEPD



# **Delivery**

### **Minor Connections**



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## **Major Connections**



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Major Projects

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#### Responsible for:

- Carrying out onsite works including land rights
- Delivering your connection
- Providing guidance on the delivery process

Our Connections Delivery team are split into four key areas:

**Minor Connections**: Up to 4 new connections or 1 new supply up to 69kva, Service Alterations

**Large Connections**: 4 or more new connections, 1 supply larger than 69kva, diversions, disconnections

Major Projects: Large connections requiring 33/132kV works

Competition in Connections (CiC): Connections projects for Independent Connection Providers or Independent Distribution Network Operators

### Points of escalation

1<sup>st</sup> point of escalation is Delivery Managers

2<sup>nd</sup> point of escalation is **Craig Gilroy**,

Head of Connections Delivery (SEPD)



## RIIO-ED2

## **RIIO-ED2 Connections Strategy Team**

We are a monopoly provider of electricity networks and regulated by Ofgem, the regulator which periodically sets the revenue/allowances that we can spend and recover from customers through a price control process. The upcoming process is referred to as "RIIO - ED2" and will cover the period from 2023 to 2028.



Daniel Mellis
RIIO-ED2
Connections Strategy Lead

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### Responsible for:

Developing our business plan for the next price control, RIIO-ED2, which runs between 2023-2028.

The business plan must be stakeholder-led and a first draft is due in June 2021.

**Smarter Electricity (ssen.co.uk)** 

#### Points of escalation

1st point of escalation is

Daniel Mellis, Connections Strategy Lead

2<sup>nd</sup> point of escalation is

Mark MacDonald, Head of Development, Policy & Support

Final point of escalation is

Andrew Scott,

Director of Connections



## **Electric Vehicles (EV)**

## **EV Innovation & Strategy**



Richard Hartshorn EV Readiness Manager

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#### Responsible for:

- Assessing the risks and opportunities that EVs present for our distribution networks
- Helping identify suitable innovations, processes, technologies or partnerships which could help mitigate those risks or seize those opportunities
- Ensuring SSEN has the right strategy for supporting its stakeholders' decarbonisation efforts.

#### **EV Connections**



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#### Responsible for:

- Assisting allocated account portfolios with EV connections journey from preapplication to delivery
- Ensuring Connection Offers are procured accurately and progressed efficiently upon acceptance
- Arranging Connections meetings to discuss prospective and in-flight projects

# EV Innovation & Strategy **Points of escalation**

1<sup>st</sup> point of escalation is **Stewart Reid,** Head of Future Networks

2<sup>nd</sup> point of escalation is Andrew Huthwaite, Director of DSO



# EV Connections Points of escalation

1st point of escalation isChris McKaigConnections Business Relationship Manager

2<sup>nd</sup> point of escalation is

Mark MacDonald,

Head of Development, Policy & Support



## **Flexible Services**

#### Flexible Solutions Team



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Flexible Solutions Connections
Designer

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Mark Homann Lead Project Delivery Manager

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#### Responsible for:

Overseeing the roll out of certain proven innovations that require more support once they have been installed and commissioned.

Currently this means they are responsible for rolling out Active Network Management and other types of flexible connections across both our distribution areas, north and south for the benefits of your connection and to the UK customer in general.

If you have any queries in regards to Flexible Connection opportunities, please contact <u>flexible.connections@sse.com</u>

Visit our Flexible Connections website

#### Points of escalation

1st point of escalation isGavin Stewart,Flexible Solutions Manager

# **Distribution System Operator**

#### **DSO Team**

SSEN strongly supports the net zero emissions targets put in place by the UK and Scottish Governments and will play an active role in delivering on this ambition.

To accommodate the changes that will enable net zero, SSEN is transitioning from a Distributed Network Operator (DNO), to become a Distribution System Operator (DSO).



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**Rob Britton Knowledge Analyst** 

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#### Responsible for:

Driving forward the swift progress toward a smarter electricity system to meet our customers' expectations.

The team ensures that we will be ready to adapt to a rapidly changing environment, which means focusing on innovation, learning by doing and making smarter investment decisions.

We regularly engage with stakeholders, directly and through the ENA's Open Networks project, to achieve a phased transition that is customer focused, cost efficient and collaborative with other stakeholders in the industry.

Our Transition to DSO (ssen.co.uk)

### Points of escalation

1<sup>st</sup> point of escalation is Steve Atkins. **DSO Transition Manager** 



# **Engagement**

## **Connections Engagement (ICE) Team**



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**Connections Engagement** Coordinator

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**Debbie Watts** 

#### Responsible for:

- Regulatory reporting
- Engagement with large connections customers and stakeholders
- ICE commitments

The Connections Engagement team was implemented by Ofgem to help drive customer service and engagement within the Connections business. If you have any connections queries, suggestions for events or would like to get involved in our engagement, please contact us

connectionsfeedback@sse.com



### **Engage with us**

- Sign up to our Connections mailing list
- View our event calendar
- Read our regulatory ICE submissions
- Visit our Webpage

#### Engage with us on social media





Instagram



**Facebook** 



LinkedIn

### Points of escalation

1<sup>st</sup> point of escalation is

Sian Hughes,

**Lead Connections Engagement Manager** 

2<sup>nd</sup> point of escalation is

Lisa Doogan.

Head of Customer Service & Stakeholder Strategy



## **Escalation Route for South (SEPD)**

Our networks business is split into four regions, each with a dedicated leadership team; Ridgeway, Wessex, Thames Valley and South East.

The end-to-end connections customer journey is the sole responsibility of the Connections Directorate.

This change, brought about in 2019, provides our customers and stakeholders visibility of staff responsibility and accountability throughout the journey, from application to delivery.



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**Application** 

**Engagement** 



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Design



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**Delivery** 

**Wayleaves** 

## **Compliments & Complaints**

## **Compliments**

We are keen to hear your good news stories and positive experiences with our team members. If you have received particularly good service, why not commend the person or team responsible? It lets us know what we are doing right, highlights good working practices that we can all adopt and encourages certain ways of working. Compliments can be sent to the Connections Engagement team at:

connectionsfeedback@sse.com

## **Complaints**



We always aim to provide the best service possible, however we do understand that sometimes we don't always get it right. If you should experience this, and would like to raise a complaint you can do this via telephone, email or online

The easiest and guickest way to resolve a complaint is to telephone us:

#### 0800 980 1395

Monday to Saturday between 08:00 – 16:00

If you are unable to phone or would prefer to write, you can contact us by email:

customercomplaints@ssen.co.uk

You can also complete our online complaints form:

www.ssen.co.uk/Complaints/



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