



# Long Term Development Statement for Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc's Electricity Distribution System



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# **SCOTTISH HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER DISTRIBUTION plc**

## **LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT**

### **FOREWORD**

Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc (SHEPD) is pleased to present this Long Term Development Statement (LTDS) for its electricity distribution network. It is produced by SHEPD in accordance with its Electricity Distribution Standard Licence Condition (SLC) 25. The statement covers the period 2021/22 to 2025/26.

The main purpose of the LTDS is to assist existing and prospective users of the electricity distribution network in assessing opportunities available for making new connections, or for additional use of the SHEPD distribution system.

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# INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION (PART 1)

## 1. Purpose of Statement

This Long Term Development Statement (LTDS) is prepared in accordance Standard Licence Condition 25.

The purpose of this statement is to:

- Provide sufficient information which will assist existing and prospective new users who contemplate entering into distribution arrangements with the licensee, to identify and evaluate opportunities.
- Ensure the general availability of such information in the public domain.
- Inform users of distribution network development proposals.
- Provide users of the correct point of contact for specific enquires.

Users of the distribution system should also be aware that the main document which governs development and operation of the distribution system is the Distribution Code. This code covers all material technical aspects relating to connections to and the operation and use of the distribution systems of the Licensee.

## 2. Contents of Statement

This LTDS is in two parts.

- Part 1 gives an overview of document content and provides relevant contact details and sources of information.
- Part 2 contains detailed information of the system.

The statement contains a range of information associated with our 33 kV distribution system including the 11 kV busbar of 33/11 kV primary substations.

Information relating to 11 kV and LV systems may be available on request depending on area. A price list for the provision of this data is included in Appendix 1.

Part 2 of the statement gives:

- Detailed information on the guiding principles for planning the distribution system, company internal standards, design policies and network characteristics.
- Schematic and geographical plans showing the 33 kV system including location of 132/33 kV and 33/11 kV substations.
- Details of embedded generation.
- Planned network development proposals for which financial approvals have been given in Appendix 3. They provide a summary of the work to be carried out, timescale and area of the network impacted by each proposal. These exclude like for like replacement (as this does not change system capability) and system developments for new or existing users.

- Detailed information relating to:
  - Circuit Data, Table 1
  - Transformer Data, Table 2
  - Demand Data\*, Table 3
  - Fault Level Data\*, Table 4
  - Generation Data, Table 5
  - Connection Interest Table 6
  - Schematic Diagrams of the Distribution Network Single Line Diagrams

\* Demand forecast methodology is formulated around a combination of important contributing factors impacting demand. Historic growth rates for each primary substation are calculated before being banded into four growth trends of Zero, Low, Medium or High.

Individual future growth rates are based on the calculated historic trend and key drivers including committed connections, geographic economic factors derived from local authority development plans and demand forecast from large users with knowledge of major changes in connected load.

The key assumptions included in the demand forecast are as follows:

- Exponential growth is assumed and calculated using historic maximum demand readings over the past five years.
- Consistent running arrangement and system configurations are considered. Recorded substation peak demands are normalised to account for abnormal running arrangements or equipment faults to ensure the forecast is consistent to previous years running arrangement.
- Power export from distributed generators (DG) is removed, where possible, from recorded figures to give a true representation of underlying substation demand.
- Individual demand forecast submissions from large consumers are factored into forecasts
- Committed new loads and new connections are assumed to materialise in the manner predicted i.e. user timing and usage is assumed to occur as advised/requested by customer.
- Future Zero growth rates are assumed to have a forecast trend of 100% i.e. neither increasing nor decreasing.

\* SHEPD will undertake further assessments to determine whether intervention is required where the calculated planning fault levels, identified in Table 4, exceed 95% of the circuit breaker fault level rating. The additional assessments undertaken by SHEPD include, but are not limited to, site specific protection settings analysis and circuit breaker trip testing.

If further assessments confirm that intervention is required SHEPD will determine the most economic, efficient and cost-effective solution to reduce the overall fault level. Possible mitigation works include, but are not limited to, opening the bus-section circuit breaker, reconfiguring the network, installing fast response automation and extending circuit breaker trip times.

Details of the 132 kV system (regarded as transmission voltage in Scotland) are included in the Electricity Ten Year Statement, which is available on National Grid's Electricity System Operator website. <https://www.nationalgrideso.com/>

### 3. Contact Details

Further copies of this LTDS can be requested by sending an email to:

[system.planning.north@sse.com](mailto:system.planning.north@sse.com)

or by making a request through the Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks website:

<https://www.ssen.co.uk/our-services/tools-and-maps/long-term-development-statements-ltds/>

For information or feedback relating to LTDS:

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Enquiries relating to new load connections or changes to existing load connections should be addressed to:

Connections and Engineering  
Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks  
Walton Park  
Walton Road  
Cosham  
PO6 1UJ  
E-mail: [connections@sse.com](mailto:connections@sse.com)  
Tel: 0800 0483516

Enquiries relating to connection of generators should be addressed to:

Major Connections Contracts (MCC)  
Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks  
Perth Training Centre  
Ruthvenfield Way  
Inveralmond Industrial Estate  
Perth  
PH1 3AF  
E-mail: [mcc@sse.com](mailto:mcc@sse.com)  
Tel: 0345 0724319

Enquiries relating to connection of generators should review the options on the Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks website:

<http://www.ssen.co.uk/GenerationConnectionsHome/>

Enquiries relating to the provision of copies of the "Use of system charging statement" should be addressed to:

Distribution Pricing Team  
Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc  
Inveralmond House  
200 Dunkeld Road  
Perth  
PH1 3AQ  
Email: [DistributionPricingTeam@sse.com](mailto:DistributionPricingTeam@sse.com)

Enquiries relating to the provision of copies of the "Statement of methodology and charges for connection" should be addressed to:

Connections Policy Team  
Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution plc  
Inveralmond House  
200 Dunkeld Road  
Perth  
PH1 3AQ  
Email: [connections.policy@sse.com](mailto:connections.policy@sse.com)

The Connection and Use of System charging statements can be viewed on our website. Our connection charging statements are revised from time to time and our Use of System charging statements are revised at least annually. Revised Use of System charges normally take effect from 1 April of each year. The latest documents can be viewed via the link below:

<http://www.ssen.co.uk/Library/ChargingStatements/SHEPD/>

## 4. Other Information Sources

### Distributed Generation Connection Guide

The ENA produces connection guides to help users as an owner or developer of distributed generation to connect distributed generation to the UK's electricity distribution networks.

The guides can be viewed by following the link below:

<https://www.energynetworks.org/operating-the-networks/connecting-to-the-networks>



## Guaranteed Standards

In accordance with the Electricity (Standards of Performance) Regulations 2015, DNOs are obliged to meet guaranteed standards of performance set by Ofgem, the industry regulator.

These guaranteed standards are laid out in three documents which can be viewed by following the below links:

The Guaranteed Standards:

- The Electricity (Connection Standards of Performance) Regulations 2015

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/698/pdfs/uksi\\_20150698\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/698/pdfs/uksi_20150698_en.pdf)

Part 2 – Services and Standards for Metered Connections

Part 3 – Services and Standards for Unmetered Connections

- The Electricity (Standards of Performance) Regulations 2015

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/699/pdfs/uksi\\_20150699\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/699/pdfs/uksi_20150699_en.pdf)

- The Electricity and Gas (Standards of Performance) (Suppliers) Regulations 2015

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1544/pdfs/uksi\\_20151544\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1544/pdfs/uksi_20151544_en.pdf)

## Process to Request Additional Network Data

Enquiries relating to the provision of additional network data to that contained in the LTDS should be sent to:

[system.planning.north@sse.com](mailto:system.planning.north@sse.com)