



ICP / IDNO Newsletter

April 2019

We are excited to bring you the latest edition of our newsletter for Independent Connection Providers and Independent Distribution Network Operators, letting you know the progress and improvements we have made and giving you an update on how we are implementing relevant regulatory changes. This includes a reminder about the Part-Funded Reinforcement trial, an update on Connection Offer Expenses (COE), an update on our new GIS system, also website improvements we made for Network Capacity information and online project tracking (which includes a 'How to' guide), as well as new jointing instructions and new contacts guides.

Part-funded Reinforcement Trial – REMINDER:

This has now been running for a year and will continue to run for two more years before it is closed (end date: 30th March 2021).

For a project to be considered for the trial, the customer or ICP must already have a standard Connection Offer which includes DUoS funded reinforcement.

Refer to our website at www.ssen.co.uk/CompetitionInConnections/ for more information.

Connection Offer Expenses (COE) – UPDATE:

Who does it apply to?

- Connection Offer Expense fees apply to Generation projects >50kW which require works at HV, and any capacity for jobs which require works at EHV and 132kV. This was rolled out in on 16th April 2018.
- Connection Offer Expense fees apply to Demand projects >250kVA which require works at HV, and any capacity for jobs which require works at EHV and 132kV. This was rolled out on 14th November 2018.
- Our revised Connection Offer Expenses Customer Guide is available on our website at www.ssen.co.uk/connections/ConnectionOfferExpenses/

Website improvement – Network Capacity Information:

We have a new 'Network Capacity Information' web page where you can access network rating and loading information, as well as demand and generation availability heat maps and other network capacity information on our network assets.

Network Capacity Information

[click here to view the new web page](#)





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Website improvement – Online project tracking:

We have improved our online project tracking facility. For your Point of Connection projects, you can now see key dates for:

- Your Quotation
- Your Design Approval/Review
- Your Adoption Agreement
- Your Bilateral Connection Agreement (BCA) for IDNO projects
- Your Final Connection and Phased Energisation

You can also see your key points of contacts related to your project (e.g. Designer, Team Manager, Wayleave Officer etc.)

How to Guide – Apply and track your project online:

We have produced a new 'how to' guide which shows you how to apply and track your projects online for Point of Connection projects – download the guide on our [website](#).



Contact Guides:

We have produced new 'Contacts' guides for your projects which include Key contacts for your Competition in Connections projects – download the guides on our [website](#).

Contacts Guide -South

Find out who you need to contact regarding your new connection or project in central southern England.

England

Contacts Guide - North

Find out who you need to contact regarding your new connection or project in northern Scotland.

Scotland



Jointing Instructions are now available on the SSEN website in the G81 Library:

Please log in to your account to view and download our jointing instructions.

If you have not logged in to this web login account for 2 years it will have been automatically deactivated and you will need to [re-register](#).

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An Update on our new GIS system

The networks business will be delaying the introduction of the new Electric Office GIS system.

This delay has been caused by issues found during a data migration release which has shown that Legacy Annotations (the words seen adjacent to assets, e.g. 11kV CAS) has not ported across to the new system in the way the business would want. The business believes that until this issue is successfully resolved it would be inappropriate to release the system for general use.



Keep up to date in 2019 by joining our LinkedIn Group - SSEN Connections Engagement



We've had a busy time engaging with ICPs and IDNOs and will continue to provide opportunities for networking and engaging through the events and workshops we host.

Keep informed by regularly viewing our [Events Calendar](#)

Twice a year we assist in facilitating a Competition in Connections dedicated forum where policy subjects and current issues are discussed. If you would like to take part in these forums, please contact

connectionsfeedback@sse.com



We encourage you to comment on any aspect of our service you feel we could improve on. Please send your thoughts to our team at:

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