

Section 11 - New Definitions

Apparent Power	As defined in the Grid Code .
Distribution System Owner	A User who owns or operates a Distribution System .
Distribution Impact Assessment	A contract in the form or substantially in the form set out in Exhibit AA to the CUSC produced by a Distribution System Owner detailing the effect of potential connection to the NETS on the Distribution System Owner's Distribution System .
Request for a Distribution Impact Assessment	a request in the form or substantially in the form set out in Exhibit Z to the CUSC

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

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6.37 DISTRIBUTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.37.1 **The Company** shall upon receipt or acceptance of a **Connection Application** or **Modification Application** to the **National Electricity Transmission System** determine if a **Distribution Impact Assessment** is required as per 6.37.2. Should **The Company** determine a **Distribution Impact Assessment** is required, it shall as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within no more than 15 business days upon receipt of the **Connection Application** or **Modification Application** submit to the relevant **Distribution System Owner(s)** a **Request for a Distribution Impact Assessment**. Such a submission by **The Company** of a **Request for a Distribution Impact Assessment** will be substantially in the form of Exhibit Z. **The Company** shall then within 5 business days of submitting the request inform the **User** (who completed a **Connection Application** or **Modification Application**) that the **Distribution Impact Assessment** process has commenced. Should **The Company** determine a **Distribution Impact Assessment** is not required, it shall notify the **User** (who completed a **Connection Application** or **Modification Application**) within 10 business days.

6.37.2 **The Company** shall submit a **Request for a Distribution Impact Assessment** to the relevant **Distribution System Owner(s)** if the **Connection Application** or **Modification Application**;

- a) relates to a proposed **Connection Site** which is located at or electrically adjacent to a substation with a **Grid Supply Point** and;
- b) contains an **Apparent Power** requirement of 1MVA or greater, subject to 6.37.3 below.

The Company shall provide one **Request for a Distribution Impact Assessment** to each relevant **Distribution System Owner(s)** so that the combined **Distribution Impact Assessments** reflects the impact on the relevant **Distribution System**.

6.37.3 The **Distribution System Owner(s)** may increase the **Apparent Power** requirement listed in 6.37.2.(b) following consultation with **The Company**, the **Relevant Transmission Licensee** and any interested **Users**. Any new **Apparent Power** figure will be confirmed in writing by the **Distribution System Owner(s)** to **The Company**.

6.37.4 **The Company**, shall not **Energise** a connection to nor permit use of the **National Electricity Transmission System** until the requirements of the **Distribution Impact Assessment** and the associated **Modification Offer** are completed and any works required by the **Distribution Impact Assessment** have been completed and this is confirmed in writing by the **Distribution System Owner(s)**.

6.37.5 The provisions within 6.37.1 shall apply to any and all new assets within a **Connection Application** or **Modification Application** from any

classification of **User**.

- 6.37.6 The **Distribution System Owner(s)** will within 65 business days of the submission of a valid **Request for a Distribution Impact Assessment** respond in writing to **The Company** with a **Distribution Impact Assessment** containing the data contained within Exhibit AA. **The Company** shall forward such **Distribution Impact Assessment** to the **User** (who completed a **Connection Application** or **Modification Application**) and **Relevant Transmission Licensee** as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event no more than 15 business days from receipt.
- 6.37.7 **The Company** shall have 6 months from such response under 6.37.6 to return to the **Distribution System Owner(s)** a signed **Distribution Impact Assessment**. **The Company** or **Distribution System Owner(s)** may request to increase the number of days allowed to return a completed and signed **Distribution Impact Assessment**; approval of this request shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 6.37.8 **The Company** shall provide both the **Distribution System Owner(s)** and the **User** (who completed a **Connection Application** or **Modification Application**) each with a **Modification Offer** that reflects the requirements of the **Distribution Impact Assessment**. The provisions of paragraphs 6.9.2.2, 6.9.2.3 and 6.9.2.4 shall apply from the date when **The Company** receives the **Distribution Impact Assessment** from the **Distribution System Owner(s)**. For clarity, the **Modification Application** provided by **The Company** to the **Distribution System Owner(s)** and the **Distribution Impact Assessment** provided by the **Distribution System Owner(s)** to **The Company** shall both document the impact of the **NETS** application on the **Distribution System**.
- 6.37.9 Where the **Distribution System Owner(s)** believes the **User** (who completed a **Connection Application** or **Modification Application**) has no significant impact upon the **Distribution System** (for avoidance of doubt, such significant impact involves either party in an expenditure of more than £10,000), the **Distribution Impact Assessment** provided under 6.37.4 shall confirm there is no significant impact and all the requirements of the **Distribution Impact Assessment** shall be deemed to be complete (for the purposes of 6.37.4) allowing **The Company** to **Energise** the **User's** project.
- 6.37.10 Where the **Distribution System Owner(s)** believes the **User** (who completed a **Connection Application** or **Modification Application**) does have a significant impact upon the **Distribution System** (for avoidance of doubt, such significant impact involves either party in an expenditure of more than £10,000), should **The Company** fail to return to the **Distribution System Owner(s)** a completed and signed **Distribution Impact Assessment** as per 6.37.5, the requirements of 6.37.2 shall not be deemed as complete.

- 6.37.11 **The Company** shall as soon as reasonably practicable notify the **Distribution System Owner(s)** in writing if the proposed date of connection or any other details included in or provided pursuant to the **Request for Distribution Impact Assessment** changes. Except where **The Company** and the **Distribution System Owner** agree in writing that a revised **Distribution Impact Assessment** is not reasonably required, changes in details shall require an updated **Request for Distribution Impact Assessment**.
- 6.37.12 Pursuant to paragraph 6.37.10, if the **Distribution System Owner** believes that changes to Appendix F of the **Bilateral Connection Agreement** for the appropriate **Grid Supply Point** and/or changes to their **Distribution System** are necessary, these shall be documented in the **Distribution Impact Assessment** and shall be incorporated through a **Modification Offer** between **The Company** and the **Distribution System Owner** for the appropriate **Grid Supply Point** as per paragraph 6.37.8.
- 6.37.13 Notwithstanding this section 6.37, for the purposes of **CUSC** Section 7 (**CUSC Dispute Resolution**) the **Distribution Impact Assessment** shall be considered as a **Bilateral Agreement** and the provisions of **CUSC** Section 7 applied accordingly.