

Frequently Asked Questions – connected embedded generators

Why do I need a BEGA if my asset is already connected?

A connection agreement enables your asset to connect to and export onto the network. A BEGA enables eligible embedded generating units to participate directly in the Balancing Mechanism. These are separate arrangements serving different purposes.

Why am I being charged?

Charges recover the work required to establish the commercial and operational arrangements needed for direct Balancing Mechanism participation. Applicable charges are published in the relevant charging arrangements.

Is a BEGA required to participate in electricity markets?

No. A BEGA is only required for direct participation in the Balancing Mechanism. Generators may participate in other electricity markets through different commercial arrangements.

Why is my DNO involved?

Your DNO remains responsible for the operation of the network to which your generating unit is connected. Where required, NESO will coordinate with your DNO as part of the onboarding process.

Why might NESO need information from my DNO if nothing has changed?

Where required, NESO may use information from the relevant network company to support operational onboarding. Existing connection approvals and technical information are used wherever possible to minimise unnecessary duplication.

Why might NESO engage with a Transmission Owner?

Some projects require coordination with other network parties as part of operational onboarding.

The level of coordination depends on the characteristics of the project and the information already available.

