

Connection Fee Guide

Connection Enquiry and Application to Connect Fee Guide

Purpose of this Document

This document has been prepared by ElectraNet Pty Limited (ElectraNet) as a guide to connection enquiry and *application to connect* fees, and has been published by ElectraNet on its website pursuant to schedule 5.10 of the National Electricity Rules (NER).

In this document, italicised terms have the meanings given to them in Chapter 10 of the NER.

Connection Enquiry Response – Fees

As permitted by rule 5.3.2(g) of the NER, ElectraNet charges *Connection Applicant* fees to cover the reasonable costs of work required to prepare certain components of a connection enquiry response pursuant to rule 5.3.3 of the NER.

A non-exhaustive summary of these components is as follows:

- (rule 5.3.3(b)(5A)) - work required to:
 - categorise the types of *transmission services* required for the connection;
 - evaluate whether the capital cost of any *identified used shared asset (IUSA)* required for the connection is reasonably expected to exceed A\$10 million; and
 - if so, categorise the type of components which comprise the IUSA (i.e. as *contestable IUSA components* or *non-contestable IUSA components*).
- (rule 5.3.3(b)(7)) - preparation of a specification of the interfaces required to provide the connection, including:
 - plant and equipment requirements for the connection of a *dedicated connection asset (DCA)* to the transmission network or *designated network asset (DNA)* (as applicable); and
 - the interface between the *transmission network* and any *contestable IUSA components* or *designated network asset* components.
- (rule 5.3.3(b)(8)) - preparation of a scope of work for any non-contestable IUSA components required for the connection.
- (rule 5.3.3(b)(9)) - if it is determined that the connection will require contestable IUSA components, preparation of a functional specification for the contestable IUSA components and (or) designated network asset components with sufficient detail to enable the Connection Applicant to obtain binding tenders for the design, ownership and construction services related to those assets.
- (rule 5.3.3(b)(10)) - preparation of indicative costing of operation and maintenance services for any required contestable IUSA components and (or) designated network asset components, based on the functional specification provided by ElectraNet (pursuant to rule 5.3.3(b)(9) of the NER).

Application to Connect – Fees

In addition to the above fees associated with a connection enquiry response, ElectraNet charges *Connection Applicants* fees to cover the reasonable costs of work required to respond to an *application to connect* and prepare the associated offer to connect as permitted by rule 5.3.3(c)(5) of the NER.

A non-exhaustive list of the work required to investigate the *application to connect* and prepare the associated offer to connect is as follows:

- Review of detailed design for contestable IUSA components and (or) designated network asset components (where a party other than ElectraNet will design such components);
- Assisting the Connection Applicant with finalising the performance standards for its facility as required to be submitted by rule 5.3.4 of the NER;
- Assisting the Connection Applicant in obtaining the environment and development approvals required for the connection;
- Preparing engineering contract specifications for all non-contestable components required for the connection;
- Liaising with ElectraNet contractors and other parties in order to enable the required design and construct works to be procured;
- Negotiating and finalising the terms of the connection agreement and any network operating agreement and interface works agreements required for the connection; and
- Confirming access to designated network asset services has been agreed with the Connection Applicant in accordance with the relevant access policy (where applicable).

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AEMO Fees and Charges

In addition to the fees payable for the above services, ElectraNet will pass through to the *Connection Applicant*, any fees and charges incurred by AEMO in assessing the *Connection Applicant's* performance standards.

Connection Applicants should enquire directly with AEMO regarding its charges. Details of such fees and charges can be found here:

<https://aemo.com.au/en/about/corporate-governance/energy-market-fees-and-charges>

Terms and Conditions

ElectraNet will recover the connection enquiry and *application to connect* fees and the AEMO fees and charges from the *Connection Applicant* under the terms and conditions set out in the ElectraNet Preliminary Works Agreement Terms (PWA Terms) located on ElectraNet's website and updated from time to time.

Fee Structure

The connection enquiry and *application to connect* fees will ordinarily be charged to the *Connection Applicant* under the PWA Terms on a time and materials basis, with a non-binding indicative fee estimate provided upfront based on ElectraNet's experience in providing services of a similar nature.

Connection Applicants can, however, negotiate to have the above fees charged as a fixed fee. If a fixed fee arrangement is agreed, the amount will be determined and agreed prior to the commencement of any services by ElectraNet under the Preliminary Works Agreement.

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Schedule of Rates – as at 1 July 2023

ElectraNet's current schedule of hourly rates which will be used for calculating the connection enquiry and application to connect fees on a time and materials basis are as follows.

Role	Rate (ex GST)
Senior Engineer	\$295
Specialist Engineer	\$325
Project Manager	\$280
Project Controller	\$240
Project Administrator	\$160
Legal Counsel	\$355
Draftsperson	\$265
Principal Engineer	\$355
Project Engineer	\$255
Senior Project Manager	\$305
WHS Advisor	\$180
Design Manager	\$295
Estimator	\$255
Land Management Advisor	\$255
Procurement Specialist	\$235

This schedule of rates is a guide only and is subject to change. ElectraNet reserves the right to update this schedule of rates at any time without notice.

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To have a confidential discussion about your project, the transmission connection process or how to complete or submit any of the associated forms, please contact our Business Development team.



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