

# Guidance Document

## Use of System – Interconnector User

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## 1. Why do I need to sign agreements with National Grid Electricity System Operator?

As an Interconnector User, you are deemed to be using the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS) due to the onward transmission from the interconnector to the NETS. Interconnector Users are therefore required to sign a Use of System Agreement with National Grid Electricity System Operator (ESO) which will allow you to use the system. You will also need to accede to the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC). Admission as a CUSC Party is a requirement to ensure compliance with Grid Code obligations. You can find the latest copy of the Grid Code at:

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/electricity/codes/grid-code?code-documents>

## 2. What agreements do I need?

As an Interconnector User, you will need to sign an [Interconnector Use of System Supply Offer and Confirmation Notice](#), which will confirm your use of the NETS. If you are not already a CUSC Party, you will also need to sign a [CUSC Accession Agreement](#). The CUSC sets out the principal rights and obligations in relation to connection and use of the NETS. The full CUSC and further information relating to the CUSC can be found at:

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/electricity/codes/connection-and-use-system-code-cusc>

## 3. I am already trading on an interconnector - do I need to sign another agreement?

If you are already trading on an interconnector, you will have already signed a Use of System Agreement and CUSC Accession Agreement, therefore you do not need to apply again to trade on a different interconnector.

## 4. How much will my application cost?

The Use of System Application has a £5000 + VAT fixed fee. These fees are set out in the Statement of Use of System Charges and are reviewed periodically. The current Statement can be found at:

<https://www.nationalgrideso.com/charging/charging-statements>

After National Grid ESO receives your Use of System Application, we will send you an invoice. Details describing how to pay will be included at the bottom of the invoice.

## 5. Am I liable for Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS) or Transmission Network Use of System (TNUoS) charges?

No – Interconnector Users are no longer liable for BSUoS or TNUoS charges following the implementation of 'CMP202 Revised treatment of BSUoS charges for lead parties of Interconnector BM Units' in August 2012 and 'GB ECM-26 Review of Interconnector Charging Arrangements' in 2010 respectively.

## 6. How do I apply?

You need to complete and sign the [Use of System Application \(CUSC Exhibit F\)](#) which can be found on our website.

*Please note Clause 9 of the CUSC Accession Agreement states that if your organisation is not a company incorporated under the Companies Act 1985, you will need to provide National Grid ESO with an address in Great Britain which can receive CUSC notifications on your behalf.*

Please return the completed form via post to:

Electricity Customer Connections (Floor L2)  
National Grid Electricity System Operator  
Faraday House  
Warwick Technology Park  
Gallows Hill  
Warwick  
CV34 6DA

or via email to: [Transmissionconnections@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:Transmissionconnections@nationalgrideso.com)

## 7. How long will the application process take?

When we receive the completed Use of System Application and the application fee, we will arrange to have your Offer documents produced within 28 calendar days. You will have 3 months to accept and return the Offer, which will consist of 2 copies of the Use of System Supply Offer and Confirmation Notice and 2 copies of a CUSC Accession Agreement, if you are not already a CUSC Party.

One copy of each of the countersigned agreements will be returned to you for your records.

## 8. Who can I contact?

If you have any questions or need any advice, please contact the Electricity Customer Connections team:

Email: [Transmissionconnections@nationalgrideso.com](mailto:Transmissionconnections@nationalgrideso.com)

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Gallows Hill, Warwick, CV346DA

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