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Minimum Scheme

1.1 The Minimum Scheme is the Scheme with the lowest overall capital cost (as estimated by us), solely to provide the Required Capacity. The Minimum Scheme will be subject to:

- accepted industry standards, including the requirements of the Distribution Code;
- the status and configuration of the Relevant Section of Network (RSN);
- the standard sizes and types of equipment currently used by us on our Distribution System which shall be reasonable in all the circumstances;
- maintaining our ability to minimise regulatory penalties associated with the Interruptions Incentive Scheme and the Guaranteed Standards of Performance; and
- where the Customer is an LDNO, maintaining the Customer's ability to minimise regulatory penalties associated with the Guaranteed Standards of Performance.
- and shall be consistent with our statutory and licence obligations including the requirement to develop, maintain and operate an efficient, co-ordinated and economical electricity Distribution System.

1.2 We will make available our design policies and standards as appropriate.

1.3 Subject to paragraphs 1.4 and 1.7 below, we will calculate the Connection Charge based on the estimated costs of the Minimum Scheme.

1.4 In certain circumstances we may decide to design an Enhanced Scheme. This will include one or more of the following:

- additional assets not required as part of the Minimum Scheme;
- assets of a larger capacity than required by the Minimum Scheme;
- assets of a different specification than required by the Minimum Scheme.

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- 1.5 If we decide to design an Enhanced Scheme, then, the Connection Charge that will apply will be the lower of the Connection Charge associated with the Minimum Scheme and the Connection Charge associated with the Enhanced Scheme.
- 1.6 The Connection Charge associated with the Enhanced Scheme will be calculated subject to the exclusion of costs of any additional assets not necessary for the provision of your connection.
- 1.7 We may recover the reasonable costs incurred, both direct and indirect, in providing a connection and may, where allowed by our Licence, apply a margin on some of those costs. The factors taken into account by us to calculate the Connection Charge will include, but are not limited to:
- industry standards governing the Distribution System;
 - the Required Capacity;
 - available capacity of the existing Distribution System;
 - whether any necessary extension or Reinforcement of the existing Distribution System is by underground cable or overhead lines;
 - whether any diversionary work is required as a result of the development and the required disconnection of any assets;
 - the length of cable or line required;
 - type of ground requiring excavation, the type and extent of reinstatement necessary (including New Roads and Street Works Act requirements and any other relevant legislation), and the need for road, bridge crossings etc;
 - any Electrical Plant and civil costs required, allowing for any civil works undertaken by you with our agreement;
 - the requirement to work outside of normal working hours;
 - the costs of undertaking the design;

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- the costs of securing wayleaves/easements for plant, cables or lines including any consents;
- the costs of securing suitable substation sites including any necessary Land Rights;
- any overhead line surveys required;
- the costs of public enquiries and environmental impact studies;
- charges for any other costs associated with the work on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), railway lines etc; and
- any variations in respect of the actual costs that were reasonably incurred as specified in the Connection Offer.

Cost Allocation

1.8 The costs to be charged to you as a Connection Charge may be split into three categories:

- Costs for providing the connection which are to be paid in full by you (see paragraphs 1.10 to **Error! Reference source not found.**);
- Costs for providing the connection which are to be apportioned between you and us (see paragraphs **Error! Reference source not found.** to **Error! Reference source not found.**; and
- Costs to be paid by you in respect of works that have previously been constructed or are committed and are used to provide the connection (see paragraph **Error! Reference source not found.**).

1.9 Some costs may be borne in full by us and will not be included in your Connection Charge (see paragraphs **Error! Reference source not found.** to **Error! Reference source not found.**).

Costs to be paid in full by you

1.10 The costs of providing Extension Assets are charged in full to you.

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- 1.11 Where you have requirements for additional security or the characteristics of your load requires us to install assets in excess of the Minimum Scheme then you will pay the costs in excess of the Minimum Scheme in full.