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Customer connection agreements with Distributors.

Company	Confidential/ Anonymous	1. How many single sites have a separate backup connection agreement?	Working Group Comments
Electricity North West	Non-confidential	0	
Anonymous	Confidential	Unknown	
SP Energy Networks	Non-confidential	While we understand that this situation arises in our network, we are unable to provide a quantity here. If the Change Proposal is approved, we would expect the legal text to call for self-declaration of these sites, like that required for Non-Final Demand Sites.	
UK Power Networks	Non-confidential	We are aware of 5 such sites	
Western Power Distribution	Non-confidential	0. It is not WPD standard practice to provide backup connection agreements. Primary and secondary MPANS are recorded under one Connection Agreement and classified as a Single Site	
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Company	Confidential/ Anonymous	2. Are there any single sites with more than one back up connection agreement? Please indicate how many.	Working Group Comments
Electricity North West	Non-confidential	0	
Anonymous	Confidential	Unknown	
SP Energy Networks	Non-confidential	As noted above we are unable to accurately determine a quantity here.	
UK Power Networks	Non-confidential	0	
Western Power Distribution	Non-confidential	0	
Working Group Conclusions:			

Company	Confidential/ Anonymous	3. Have you approached or been approached by customers to merge agreements? If so, how many and how long does it take to merge them?	Working Group Comments
Electricity North West	Non-confidential	Where we have one customer based at a single site it is our routine practice to link connections for that customer for billing purposes where possible (where the connections are to the same premises and have the same LLFC).	

Anonymous	Confidential	Unknown	
SP Energy Networks	Non-confidential	We are unable to determine a quantity here, however in the event that a customer makes this request, the length of time it takes is determined by the complexity of the connection agreements and customer and business priorities at the time	
UK Power Networks	Non-confidential	None recently	
Western Power Distribution	Non-confidential	Since TCR, we have been approached by one Customer to merge agreements. This was an office block, where the same customer occupied both units, using the same Connection Point and connected at the same voltage.	
Working Group Conclusions:			

Company	Confidential/ Anonymous	4. Are there any instances where the merging of agreements cannot be achieved? If so, please provide examples.	Working Group Comments
Electricity North West	Non-confidential	We do not believe there are any circumstances where the merging of agreements is not possible, except where the connections are at different voltage levels and do not have the same LLFC, or where they connection are to different premises/sites	
Anonymous	Confidential	Unknown	

SP Energy Networks	Non-confidential	0	
UK Power Networks	Non-confidential	These would be assessed on a site by site basis.	
Western Power Distribution	Non-confidential	We wouldn't merge agreements where; • the Customer on each agreement differed, • the voltage of connection on each agreement differed The connection points of each agreement are not geographically located	
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Company	Confidential/ Anonymous	5. Do you charge, or would you charge the residual charge for a back-up connection which has its own, separate connection agreement?	Working Group Comments
Electricity North West	Non-confidential	Where the connections are to the same premises and have the same LLFC we would link these and combine proportionally	
Anonymous	Confidential	Yes. In line with the DCUSA all MPANs meeting the current definition of a single site would be charged a residual charge	
SP Energy Networks	Non-confidential	Currently we charge residual to all eligible customers, and this will include any customers who have a back-up connection.	

		We would draw attention at this point to a specific set of circumstances that we are aware of whereby some large EHV customers, for example airports, are purposefully put on to a separate GSP so don't share any distribution infrastructure with their main connection. These customers are reserving capacity on the backup circuit that cannot be offered to other customers. We would consider this circumstance to be out of the scope of the Change Proposal and would expect these customers to continue paying the residual element of the standing charge on both connections.	
UK Power Networks	Non-confidential	We don't currently have any such connections, but currently our view is that the rules apply so that the residual charge would apply to the back-up connection	
Western Power Distribution	Non-confidential	We would charge the residual charge if the backup connection is on a separate connection agreement. Each CA is billed individually.	
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Private Network Operator connection agreement with backup connections with the distributor for embedded customers on the private network operator site (as per change proposal)

Company	Confidential/ Anonymous	1. Are there any instances where the merging of agreements cannot be achieved? If so, please provide examples	Working Group Comments
Electricity North West	Non-confidential	Unknown.	
Anonymous	Confidential	Unknown	
SP Energy Networks	Non-confidential	As noted above, we have been unable to provide any specific examples here.	
UK Power Networks	Non-confidential	0.	
Western Power Distribution	Non-confidential	As above.	
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Company	Confidential/ Anonymous	2. Are you aware of any wider industry developments that may impact upon or be impacted by this CP?	Working Group Comments

Electricity North West	Non-confidential	Where the backup connection is energised it would be charged as per any other connection on our network. It would therefore be subject to full fixed and capacity charges including as residual element. Any de-energised connections do not attract DUoS charges. The connection could not be merged with the PNO for billing purposes due to differences with the site address and potentially voltage level.	
Anonymous	Confidential	We do not believe we have any connections of this type on our network. If we did then yes, it would receive a charge, in line with the DCUSA all MPANs meeting the current definition of a single site would be charged a residual charge	
SP Energy Networks	Non-confidential	As noted above, we currently charge residual to all eligible customers, and this will include any customers on PNO who have a back-up connection. We would draw attention at this point to a specific set of circumstances that we are aware of whereby some large EHV customers, for example airports, are purposefully put on to a separate GSP so don't share any distribution infrastructure with their main connection. These customers are reserving capacity on the backup circuit that cannot be offered to other customers. We would consider this circumstance to be out of the scope of the Change Proposal and would expect these customers to continue paying the residual element of the standing charge on both connections	
UK Power Networks	Non-confidential	As we don't have any such arrangements we are not able to answer the question.	
Western Power Distribution	Non-confidential	We would charge the residual charge if the backup connection is on a separate connection agreement. Each CA is billed individually.	

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