Large Embedded Generation Connection Process Description

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Three-stage application process

We have designed a structured process for large embedded generator applicants when seeking to connect to our network.



In this connection process, the duration of each stage from preliminary enquiry to connection offer may vary depending on a range of factors including:

- Capacity constraints and complexity of the network at the proposed point of connection
- Input and dependence on third parties AEMO (beyond the 20 business days provided in process), TNSP Services, and/or other parties
- Changes initiated by the applicant to the requested connection (e.g. increasing the installation capacity, changing wind turbine or solar inverter types, etc.)
- · Negotiations with respect to the terms and conditions
- Special connection requirements if applicable (i.e. a Regulatory Investment Test for Distribution (RIT-D))

Notes:

- This process concerns large embedded generation connection applications typically above 5 MW
- The above timeframes do not include the time taken for applicant to prepare their own submissions
- Costs will depend on offers provided by TNSP Services for transmission augmentation works, where applicable





	Applicant	CP/PAL
1	 The preliminary enquiry stage commences when the applicant lodges a preliminary enquiry to CP/PAL through 'MySupply' website. The applicant may notify intent to request system data from CP/PAL in the preliminary enquiry application. 	
2 - 4		 Upon receiving the preliminary enquiry application, CP/PAL provides an automated response to the applicant to acknowledge receipt. If the enquiry is incomplete, CP/PAL informs the applicant within 5 business days in regard to any deficiency and/or any rectification required. The applicant will have to resubmit a complete application.
5 - 6		 If the application is complete, a preliminary response is provided to the applicant generally within 15 business days. The preliminary response includes requirements for the applicant to proceed to the next stage.
7	 ✓ The applicant receives the preliminary response from CP/PAL. ✓ If the applicant decides to proceed to the next stage, the applicant must lodge the detailed enquiry application, pay the applicable fee and lodge the steady state studies for future review. 	
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8 - 11	√ √ √	Where system data are requested as a part of the preliminary enquiry stage, a fee is payable to CP/PAL.All system data requirements and associated costs will be set out in correspondence to the applicant to support their decision making process for transitioning to the next stage.Note: The system data will allow the applicant to submit the steady state studies required within the detailed enquiry application.	√ √	System data are compiled and provided to the applicant upon request and payment of invoice to CP/PAL. CP/PAL offers the system data compilation as a fast tracking option as part of the preliminary enquiry stage, and will use best endeavours to issue it as soon as practicable. If required, information from TNSP Services will be provided to the applicant as soon as practicable.











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22	✓ The connection application stage commences when the applicant submits a connection offer request to CP/PAL. The application for connection must be in accordance with the information specified in the detailed response including payment of the applicable fee (including relevant TNSP and AEMO fees) for an application to connect.	✓ Note: CP/PAL suggests that T&Cs are confirmed within the first two months to avoid potential delays reaching agreement.
23-25	 ✓ CP/PAL will generally provide an offer to connect within 4 months subject to: A technically compliant application being lodged by the applicant; Payment of the relevant fee; Provision of information from third-parties as required. ✓ Note: Where a technical dispute arises and requires resolution, the timeframe may be extended beyond a 4 month period. 	 Once CP/PAL has received the application to connect, it is reviewed by CP/PAL. If the application is incomplete, CP/PAL informs the applicant within 10 business days in regard to any deficiency and/or any rectification required. The applicant will have to resubmit a complete application.





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Appendix

Glossary & legend

Acronyms	
AEMO	Australian Energy Market Operator
CP/PAL	CitiPower & Powercor
TNSP	Transmission Network Service Provider
DDP	Dynamic Data Pack
SD	System Data
T&Cs	Terms & Conditions

Symbols		
	Process	
	Document	
\diamondsuit	Decision	

