
Reservation of Capacity

Responses to questions raised in response to our webinar on the allocation and reservation of capacity

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Is there a time limit on reserving capacity?

There is no time limit as capacity is reserved for the length of the proposed build out period. The ability to retain the capacity reserved in the Connection Offer will be dependent upon meeting milestones and drawing down from the reserved capacity by the agreed target dates.

Can the reservation period be extended?

We accept that delays can occur and that this is not always in the control of the customer. As with milestones, we may agree to amend the drawdown schedule where the reason for delay and steps being taken to continue to progress the development can be evidenced to our reasonable satisfaction.

Are A&D fees payable when reserving capacity?

As we will have taken the time to complete a network study based on the information provided at the time of application and in preparing the Reservation of Capacity Connection Offer, A&D fees will apply. Where it is identified that EHV works are required either as part of the initial offer or in any drawdown, the fees will become payable in accordance with the Electricity (Connection Offer Expenses) Regulations.

Are the application forms to be updated?

We will update application forms for new or augmented connections and for competitive network connections to enable customers to identify when they are requesting to drawdown from reserved capacity. We do not envisage any further changes to the application process. Some customers may still wish to provide more detailed information at the time of application to ensure a more accurate design solution and associated connection charge.

Will the BCA require a change through DCUSA?

We do not anticipate requiring a DCUSA change to the terms of the BCA. If this changes, we will notify IDNO's at the earliest opportunity.

Is there a guidance document?

We have published a guidance document on our website at www.westernpower.co.uk/allocation-and-reservation-of-capacity