



Glossary



Alternative provider	Independent connections provider or independent distribution network operator
Connection	Installation of an electricity supply
Contestable	This is the part of the connection which is open to competition, that is, an alternative provider can carry out this element of the works involved in providing a connection.
DPCR5	This refers to the current price control, Distribution Price Control Review 5, which will end on 31 st March 2015.
Common Charging Methodology Statement (CCMS)	This is a statement that DNOs are required under their licence to develop and publish setting out the methodology by which connection charges are calculated.
Demand connection	This is a connection where the customer requires a supply of electricity only and does not require to export electricity to the distribution network.
Distribution Network Operator (DNO)	A DNO is a licensed entity that can own and operate a distribution network. There are 14 DNOs across GB of which SHEPD and SEPD are two.
DUoS	Distribution Use of System charges are charges that are payable to the DNO or IDNO for using the distribution system. These charges are set out in the DUoS Charging Statement.
EHV	More than 22kV but not more than 172kV.
Generation connection	This is a connection where the customer is generating electricity and requires to export this electricity to the distribution network.
Geographical Information System (GIS)	This is the DNOs geographic mapping system which holds information about the location of the DNOs electrical equipment: substations, cables, overhead lines etc. Access to this allows alternative providers to assess the likely connections to potential sites.
High Voltage (HV)	More than 1kV but not more than 22kV.

Independent connections provider (ICP)	A suitably accredited party who can carry out the contestable element of some connections.
Independent distribution network operator (IDNO)	Independent licensed entities who can own and operate electricity distribution networks
Long Term Development Statement	This is a document that DNOs are required to develop and publish annually under their licence. The document sets out the DNO's plans for developments and modifications to be made to the distribution system over the following years.
Low Voltage (LV)	Not more than 1kV
Metered connection	This is a connection that has a meter to measure the electricity consumed or exported.
Non-contestable	This is the part of the connection which the host DNO must carry out, that is, it is not open to competition at present.
Rent-a-jointer	This is a scheme run by the DNOs whereby jointers employed by the DNO can be utilised by alternative providers. The alternative provider is charged at an hourly rate for this service.
Relevant Market Segment (RMS)	The overall connections market have been split into different relevant market segments, as defined in Ofgem's DPCR5 Final Proposals.
Unmetered connection	This is a connection that does not have a meter to measure the electricity consumed or exported. Typical unmetered connections include streetlights and street furniture.