

# SGN Third Party Connections Briefing Note 9

## (Guidance on Fastrack process)

### 1. Introduction

The Fastrack process applies to UIP and iGT requests that meet certain criteria of SGN specification NP/14 and allows third parties to bypass the Request, Quotation and Acceptance process, resulting in a Fastrack Request which is already accepted upon submission.

Fastrack Requests are valid for a period of 180 calendar days before the acceptance validity period expires.

Submission of a Fastrack Request with an anticipated completion date greater than 180 days will not be valid.

NP/14 tables A.1 to A10 outline pressure parameters, pipe size minimums and approved connection types for loads up to a certain threshold which SGN set as an acceptable standard.

Requests to connect onto non-methane distribution systems such as Scottish Independent Undertakings (SIU) cannot utilise the Fastrack process.

See SGN Third Party Connections Briefing Note 3 for guidance on Submission Criteria, Briefing Note 4 for further guidance on NP/14 and Briefing Note 22 for guidance on SIU Connections.

If the requested demand, Mains & Service lengths and connection types fall within relevant NP/14 tables, UIPs and iGTs should use these standards to quote their respective customers.

### 2. Criteria

NP/14 Section 8.4 outlines the criteria for requests that can be Fastracked:

- New typical load requests that fall within the blue boundary section of Table A2
- New typical load requests that fall within Table A1
- New typical load requests that fall outside the remit of Tables A1 and A2 where a pre-acceptance enquiry has been submitted and has identified no need for network reinforcement
- Load decrease CSEP requests
- Biomethane Injection projects\*

*\*If not on the IP system and subject to issuance of a prerequisite SGN Capacity Study. See 'SGN Briefing Note 10' for further guidance on the Fastrack process.*

Where a new request for a typical demand falls within the blue boundary of NP/14 table A.2, within NP/14 table A.1 or outside NP/14 table A.1 but <1,733kwh, the request can be Fastracked. Any associated reinforcement would be fully chargeable to SGN and the third party would only be affected by an associated lead time, required to complete the reinforcement prior to final connection.

See SGN Third Party Connections Briefing Note 8 for further guidance on SGN Reinforcement policy.

Non-typical loads fall outside the remit of relevant guaranteed pressure tables of NP/14 which warrant Fastrack submissions and therefore cannot be Fastracked.

NP/14 section 4.1 outlines the criteria for requests that cannot be Fastracked:

- New or increase of existing loads in excess of the specified values in Tables A.1 and A.2
- Requests for pressures higher than those quoted in Tables A.2 and A.3
- New loads proposed to be taken from an Intermediate Pressure (*IP*) system
- New loads considered to be '*Non-typical*'
- New or increase of existing loads to be supplied from one of the Independent Undertakings (*SIU*)

See SGN Third Party Connections Briefing Note 17 for further guidance on Non-typical demands.

### 3. Fast Track Process

Where NP/14 permits, UIPs should submit UIP Fastrack requests on SGN form FM138a.

Where NP/14 permits, Care-of UIPs and iGTs should submit iGT Fastrack requests on SGN form FM153a.

See SGN Third Party Connections Briefing Notes 3, 6, 7 and 14 for further guidance.

Where a third party does not wish to utilise the Fastrack process, FM138 and FM153 Request forms should be used and SGN will issue a formal quotation subject to OFGEM Guaranteed Standards of Service for Non-Fastrack submissions. Although these types of requests are permissible as Non-Fastracks, they will not undergo pre-acceptance Network Analysis and will be subject to a post-acceptance Security of Supply check.