

# SGN Third Party Connections Briefing Note 5

## (Non-GIRS works and asset adoption charges)

### 1 Introduction

Where applicable, UIPs should be accredited under the Gas Industry Registration Scheme (*GIRS*) to ensure a seamless transition of asset ownership is adhered to.

Where non-GIRS accredited UIPs wish to construct, connect and commission assets and infrastructure that SGN are to adopt upon completion, a more rigorous design appraisal process, audit regime and an adoption charge will be applied.

### 2 Adoption of Assets

In line with SGN's Standard Condition 4B Statement, subject to the exceptions detailed below, SGN will adopt fit for purpose asset and infrastructure connected onto the <7bar SGN Network free of charge, assuming it is not intended to be adopted by an Independent Gas Transporter.

SGN will however levy a charge for the additional validation and on-site auditing that is required when requested to adopt <7bar assets and infrastructure installed by a non-GIRS accredited UIP.

The fee for adoption of assets from non-GIRS accredited UIPs can be found with SGN Connections Service Charges document, available from [www.SGN.co.uk](http://www.SGN.co.uk)

Where a UIP is not accredited under GIRS, contact should be made with SGN to explain their intentions and to discuss the adoption procedure before carrying out any work in respect of the design or construction of any <7Bar assets that they wish SGN to adopt.

SGN will not adopt >7bar assets or infrastructure from any third party.

### 3 Charges and charging process

The charge for the adoption of assets from non-GIRS accredited UIPs will be detailed in the 'Other Costs' section of formal quotation from SGN Third Party Connections. The UIP will also be notified of this additional charge in Adoption of assets charge letter (*FM157*), issued to the UIP in tandem to formal quotation documentation.

Payment must accompany the acceptance paperwork, as issued in the formal quotation. Please contact [soe\\_gtuip\\_sgn@sgn.co.uk](mailto:soe_gtuip_sgn@sgn.co.uk) for payment details.

Standard and non-standard charges are classified by the following criteria, as outlined in the SGN Connections Service Charges document:

Small job (*standard charge*)

- Low pressure (MOP  $\leq$ 75mb) pipelines  $\leq$ 180mm PE in diameter and < 100m in length
- Asset designed to supply less than 20 domestic properties
- Excludes jobs defined as sufficiently complex

#### Large job (*standard charge*)

- Medium pressure (MOP >75mb ≤2bar) pipelines ≤355mm in diameter and <1,000m in length
- Low pressure (MOP >75mb <2bar) pipelines <355mm in diameter and <1,000m in length, excluding those defined under 'Small job'
- Asset designed to supply less than 200 domestic properties and less than 20 non-daily metered Industrial or Commercial loads
- Excludes jobs defined as sufficiently complex

Standard charge costs are outlined in section 10.1 of the SGN Connections Service Charges document.

#### Complex job (*Non-standard charge*)

- Any job not meeting the small or large job category
- Any job meeting the criteria of a Sufficiently Complex Job (SCJ) as per SGN Connections Charging Methodology statement pursuant to Standard Condition 4B of SGN's Gas Transporter Licence

Non-standard charge costs are outlined in section 10.2 of the SGN Connections Service Charges document.

Upon processing the acceptance, SGN will issue a pre-paid invoice as receipt of payment of the adoption of assets charge.

Where SGN receives either an incorrect or no payment in respect of an applicable adoption of assets charge, SGN will contact the UIP via Email, detailing the invalidity reasons and the outstanding amount required. The acceptance will not be progressed nor honoured until full payment of the adoption of assets charge has been received by SGN.

To qualify for a reduction in charges, a UIP must confirm their GIRS registration status or subcontractor GIRS registration status, subject to the above rules. The GIRS registration status must be that of full accreditation level (green) and not partial (blue) as displayed on the GIRS website.

UIPs should indicate applicable GIRS registration status within the GIRS Scope box on applicable Request forms.

See appendices of SGN Briefing Note 15 for further guidance on relevant forms.

## 4 Contacts

Where a UIP is not accredited under GIRS, contact should be made with SGN Third Party Connections at [SOE\\_gtuirp\\_sgn@sgn.co.uk](mailto:SOE_gtuirp_sgn@sgn.co.uk) to discuss the required processes and requirements.