

UK Power Networks Optioneering Study

Why are we offering this service?

The Generation business continues to evolve rapidly and we remain committed to help customers determine the most suitable approach for their Generation Projects.

We appreciate that you may not always know what they want to build in the early stages of a project e.g. technology type and/or capacity, but in the time it takes to decide exactly what is required, schemes can become more expensive if more than one customer is applying for the same limited capacity on our Electrical Network. In these instances, capacity is allocated to different customers based on their position in the Interactivity Queue, so customers with a later position in the Interactivity Queue may need to pay for reinforcement.

What does an Optioneering Study provide?

- Indicative prices for both constrained (the customer must be willing to accept temporary reduction to their export to ensure the Network is kept within operational limits) and unconstrained (no limitation is placed on the export capacity) connections, for up to three different capacities
- The Grid Reference for each Point of Connection
- An indication of whether each option would be in an Interactivity Queue and whether a Formal Quote is likely to be Conditional or Unconditional

How much does an Optioneering Study cost?

The cost of an Optioneering Study is shown in the table below. The charge varies very slightly across our three Networks:

Network Area	Cost of Optioneering Study
Eastern Power Networks	£1,100
London Power Networks	£1,200
South Eastern Power Networks	£1,000

Can my request include more than one technology type?

No, each request must be for the same technology type because each technology type has a different effect on our Network e.g. Fault Current contribution.

How does an Optioneering Study differ from a Budget Estimate?

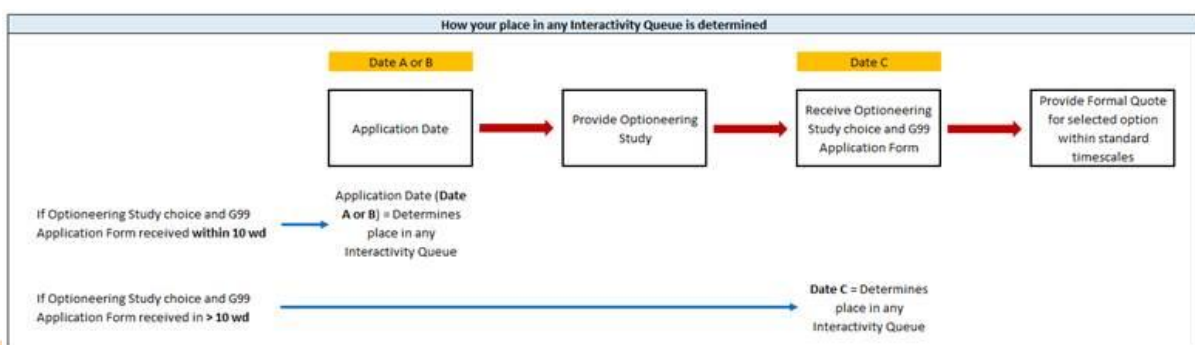
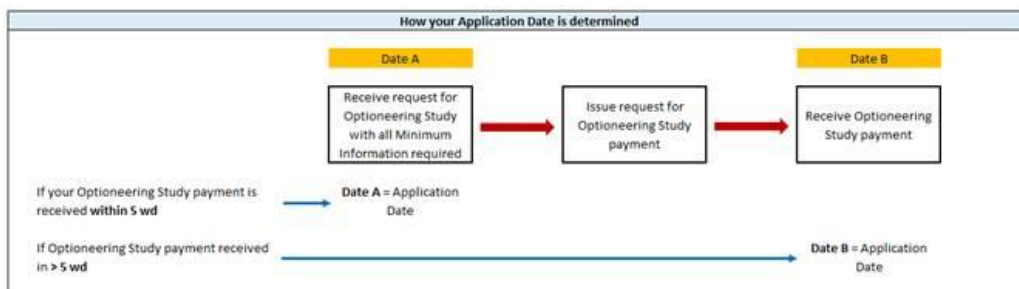
Budget Estimate	Optioneering Study
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided free of charge • Has no bearing on your place in any Interactivity Queue should you wish to progress the project to the Formal Quote stage • Multiple technology types • Guaranteed Standard timescales apply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A charge must be paid in advance of the study • Your place in any Interactivity Queue will be determined from the Application Date (* see diagram below) for this service, should you wish to progress the project to the Formal Quote stage • We will provide you with indicative prices for both constrained and unconstrained connections, for up to three different capacities • Based upon one technology type only • Guaranteed Standard timescales do not apply but we will send you the study within 20 working days

How your place in any Interactivity Queue will be determined?

Your place in any Interactivity Queue will be the date that you submit your request for an Optioneering Study provided you fulfil the following:

1. Provide all minimum information required with your request
2. Make payment of the advance payment within 5 working days
3. Return your completed Acceptance Form from the Optioneering Study and a completed G99 Application Form for a Formal Connection Offer (Quote) within 10 working days

The diagram below shows how your place in the Interactivity Queue will be determined if the above conditions are not met:



Good Practice

The Energy Networks Association (ENA) has met with a number of Generation Customers, as well as all of the Distribution Network Operators (DNOs), of which, UK Power Networks is one, to draw up a Good Practice document that can be viewed [here](#).

How do I apply?

Download the application form from our website and return the signed form to connections.gateway@ukpowernetworks.co.uk

How do I progress to the formal quotation stage?

You will have 10 working days from the date of the Optioneering Study to request a Formal Connection Offer (Quote) and still retain your place in any Interactivity Queue. To do this, you will need to complete and return:

- The Optioneering Study Acceptance Form
- A G99 Application Form that can be found [here](#).