

Introduction of a Self Quotation process for UIP/iGT connections completed by National Grid (UIP/iGT Briefing Note 15)

1. Introduction

Following the recent communication regarding the publication of standard charges for UIP/iGT connections from 1 November 2006, National Grid is now introducing a self quotation process which will allow UIP/iGT customers to quote their own connections.

In instances where the UIP/iGT customer requires National Grid to carry out the final connection to it's gas distribution network, customers can bypass the quotation stage of the existing process and fast track their request to acceptance. This facility will be available for requests which fall within the published standard pressure matrix (T/SP/NP/14/E) and the published UIP/iGT standard charge matrix, further reducing the timeline for obtain a planned date from National Grid for the physical connection works.

Additional contractual requirements have been added to facilitate this process.

This briefing note sets out the requirements on a UIP/iGT where they wish to self quote their connection request, in accordance with the standard charge matrix, and submit a fast track acceptance to National Grid.

2. Overview

- UIP/iGT's wishing to fast track their requests using this facility will be required to identify the applicable connection charge from the published matrix of standard charges (based on the off-take and parent main diameter), and extract the appropriate available pressure from the tables within T/SP/NP/14/E.
- UIP customers should submit the revised 'UIP Fast Track Self Quotation Acceptance' FM138a, confirming the network and standard price applicable and that they authorise National Grid to undertake the connection works.
- iGT customers should submit 'GT Fast Track Self Quotation Acceptance for an NDM GT Connected System Exit Point' FM153a, confirming the network and standard price applicable and that they authorise National Grid to undertake the connection works.
- On receipt of the fast track acceptance National Grid will validate the cost information provided together with all other details in the normal way.
- Where errors or incomplete information is submitted, we will contact the customer to advise accordingly.
- Where the fast track acceptance is valid National Grid will provide an acknowledgement of acceptance back to the customer, forming the contract of works.
- National Grid will then provide the customer with a plan date for the commencement of works in accordance with the existing process.

Note: where the expected gas on date is known please provide this on the form.

3. Existing Quotation process

Following implementation of the new process National Grid expects that customers requiring a connection covered by the new standard charges and the pressures within T/SP/NP/14/E will follow the self quote fast track route and therefore it is intended that all enquiries will be redirected to the self quote route as described above from 1 December 2006.

Where the required connection falls outside the scope of the standard charge matrix or the standard pressure matrix a request for a quotation should be submitted in accordance with the existing process.

4. Implementation

Implementation of this facility will apply from 1 November 2006.

The revised fast track acceptance forms and the Standard Pressure and Design Criteria document (T/SP/NP/14/E) will be available from the National Grid website at the following address: <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Connections/>

The Standard Connection Charges for UIP/iGT connections will be available at the following address: <http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/Gas/Charges/statements/>