

## **Extract from joint paper from Synergy Grid Group and IWEA regarding connection matters**

15. The connection agreements do not include express provisions for rebates to the Customer for later connections to the constructed assets. We would wish to explore drafting solutions with EirGrid/ESBN for the inclusion of appropriate provisions in the connection agreements. In particular the following principles need to be incorporated into the connection agreements:
  - a. the ten year rebate rule should be extended closer to 50 years as this is the typical design life of the assets;
  - b. the rebate should be calculated on the basis of the connecting party's per MW share of the present day cost of constructing the asset (i.e at the time of connection) and not the depreciated historical cost;
  - c. where the later connection is made to an underground cable constructed at the cost of a developer the actual cost of construction should be the basis of the rebate rather than the LCTA;
  - d. there should be a rebate to the Customer where the connection method results in previously installed equipment with a residual value being re-used by the system operator elsewhere.

These comments should be considered by the CER as a submission on the rebates issue included in Consultation Paper CER/08/017.