



Commission for Energy Regulation

An Coimisiún um Rialáil Fuinnimh

**Note on amendments to the Bord Gáis Networks
Connections Policy**

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BGN Connections Policy

The current Bord Gáis Networks (BGN) Connections Policy was implemented by BGN in April 2006 following a direction from the Commission for Energy Regulation in accordance with Section 14(3)(b)(i) of the Gas (Interim) Regulation Act 2002.

The Connections Policy sets out the terms and conditions applicable to customers connecting to the natural gas network. A copy of the Connections Policy is available on the Commission website in the Gas Transmission Section¹.

BGN Proposals

Clarifications

BGN have proposed a number of amendments to the current Connections Policy. The proposed clarifications are included as a separate paper (CER/08/041) accompanying this note.

- The first clarification is in relation to payment options for new Medium and Small I&C customers who require a Large Network Connection Agreement (LNCA).
- The second clarification is in relation to the allocation of reinforcement costs for new I&C customers.

The Commission are minded to approve the above two clarifications without further consultation. This is due to the fact that neither clarification represents any material change to the existing policy.

Amendment

BGN have proposed a further amendment to the current Connections Policy in relation to the treatment of economic bypass where a distribution connected customer seeks connection directly to the transmission system. The Commission is consulting on this issue as it is seen as more than a clarification to the existing policy. The full proposal is included in an accompanying paper (CER/08/042).

The Commission welcomes comments on this proposal from interested parties. Comments should be forwarded to Clive Bowers (cbowers@cer.ie) before close of business on 28th March.

¹ <http://www.cer.ie/cerdocs/cer06032.pdf>