



Energy Assets Pipelines Limited

Connection Charges Statement – Individual
Domestic

Introduction

Energy Assets Pipelines Limited (EAPL) is an Independent Gas Transporter (IGT) operating local gas distribution networks throughout the United Kingdom. This statement outlines our obligations to publish the principles and methods used to determine connection charges and also provide information on supply disconnections/alterations.

Principles

This statement outlines the principles and methods by which Energy Assets Pipelines Limited will determine connection charges as defined in Standard Condition 4B of our Gas Transporter Licence. This statement applies to existing domestic properties with an annual consumption under 73,200kWh's per annum and located within 23 metres of an Energy Assets Pipelines Limited main.

Energy Assets Pipelines aims to recover all reasonable costs that we may incur in providing the connection services to domestic customers. These costs will include design, labour, materials, and any other expenses required to complete the works. These charges will normally be paid in full prior to any works commencing and each cost element will carry an appropriate level of overhead. Energy Assets Pipelines will apply VAT charges at the appropriate rate.

We will also recover charges that may arise from third parties such as highway authorities or third party land owners. These charges may include fees associated with permit fees, parking bay suspension, temporary traffic regulations etc.

The following connections types will be quoted on a bespoke basis:

- Connections from a Medium Pressure Energy Assets Pipelines main
- Connections from an Intermediate Pressure Energy Assets Pipelines main
- Connections for new developments
- Connection requests from Housing Developers, Consultants or Landlords
- Connections to Non-Domestic Sites

Energy Assets Pipelines will review the methodology and the charges contained within this statement at least on an annual basis.

Energy Assets Pipelines have a statutory duty to connect certain premises where the following criteria are met:

- an established relevant main is situated within 23m of the premises,
- there is no existing supply to the premises and
- the connection request is received from the owner or occupier of the premises.

.Anyone wishing to connect to an Energy Assets Pipelines main should submit an application in writing, providing the following minimum information:

- Full postal address of the premises
- Contact details

- When the connection is required
- Gas consumption information

If a bespoke design is required Energy Assets Pipelines may charge for this design service. The design will be an estimate of the anticipated costs and will be either invoiced separately, or included within the non-standard quotation. Energy Assets Pipelines may require payment of the design costs prior to issuing a full quotation for the works.

All quotations will be subject to Energy Assets standard terms and conditions, a copy of which can be made available on request.

Our quotations are based on information provided by the customer and if this information is proven to be inaccurate and prevents Energy Assets Pipelines (or any sub-contractor working on our behalf) from completing our works, an additional charge may be applied.

Energy Assets Pipelines may complete additional work to support our obligation to develop and maintain an efficient and economical pipeline system, if this occurs, the customer will not be charged for this additional work.

Enquiries or requests for a new gas connection should be addressed to pipelines@energyassets.co.uk or please visit our website www.energyassets.co.uk for more information.

Methodology

Connection design Philosophy – Energy Assets Pipelines will construct apparatus for a project on a least cost fit for purpose basis taking into account the customer's requirements and our relevant Licence obligations. This means that where there are different fit for purpose design solutions which meet a customer's requirements, we will select the one that is anticipated to have the lowest overall cost of construction.

'Fit for Purpose' means a design that will safely convey the requisite quantity of gas at an appropriate pressure throughout the life of the apparatus, taking into account the Gas Act requirement for economic pipe-line system development.

Connections Charging - Charges for connection/disconnection/alteration works are calculated using:

- current materials costs and any special expenses required to carry out the works plus overheads related to the management of materials and bought in services;
- labour costs of Energy Assets Pipelines incurred in providing connection/disconnection/alteration services;
- contract rates and any bought in services including an appropriate level of overhead
- overheads related to the management of contractors and the general costs of providing this activity;
- Where appropriate, charges will also reflect costs arising from charges payable by Energy Assets Pipelines to third parties such as highway authorities, charges include but are not limited to fees in connection with the suspension of parking bays, permit fees and the costs of temporary traffic regulation.
- Material costs, plus overheads relating to handling of materials

Charges for connection, except where the connection is eligible for the Domestic Load Connection Allowance under standard condition 4B(1) of the Licence, include excavation, backfill and reinstatement in the public highway.

Charges include excavation, backfill and routine reinstatement on private land except where requested otherwise. We will not guarantee full reinstatement of specialist surfaces, e.g., coloured flagstones, mosaic tiles, etc. Customers requiring specialist finishing are advised to arrange for their own contractor to carry out such work. We also cannot guarantee to avoid damaging growing plants.

Pressure Reduction Apparatus – Where EAPL proposes to fit Pressure Reduction Apparatus it will be charged as follows:

- if it forms part of the Supply Meter Installation, then it is not covered by the provisions of this statement;
- if it is located along the connecting pipe work, it is charged for at cost plus overheads.

Load Increases - When a premise already has one or more gas service pipes, and the owner or occupier wishes to increase their consumption of gas, it may be necessary for EAPL to replace, an existing service pipe. No charge will be made if the additional flow of gas is required from an existing Supply Meter Point and the total consumption remains below 73,200 kWh (2,500 therms) per annum. In other circumstances EAPL will charge for works as if the consumer required a new connection. Please note the consumer will not receive the domestic load connection allowance

Pressure Increases - All the costs associated with increasing the gas supply pressure from an existing gas supply pipe will be charged to the person concerned. (Note: Consumers using less than 73,200 kWh (25,000 therms) per annum are not permitted to receive their gas at a pressure higher than 21 mbarg nominal because of the provisions of the Gas (Calculation of Thermal Energy) Regulations.

Standard Charges – EAPL will use standard charges for some types of connection services request, where:

- the standardisation is based on an analysis of the types of works that are typically carried out in that charge category;
- the costs of such typical works are calculated in accordance with the principles and methods of this statement; and
- the resulting standard charges do not result in undue preference or undue discrimination.

Standard Designs - EAPL will use standard designs for connection service request where:

- the cost benefit of using standard designs, relative to the production of high volumes of individual designs is believed, by EAPL, to be favourable;
- the designs have been produced in accordance with the principles and methods of this statement; and
- the resulting standard designs do not result in undue preference or undue discrimination.

Domestic Load Connection Allowance - In respect of premises that are wholly or mainly used for domestic purposes we are obliged, at no Initial charge, to install the connection to the main and lay the first ten metres of pipe in land that is dedicated to public use, provided that the premises is situated within 23m of an Energy Assets Pipelines Limited Relevant Main and operating at a pressure equal to or less than 2 barg. Our contribution in respect of these connections is known as the Domestic Load Connection Allowance.

A person may request multiple connections, each benefiting from this allowance, provided that each connection is to a different eligible premises and it can be demonstrated that there is a present intent by an identifiable domestic consumer to use gas at each premises.

Connection Design Charges - Any charges made for connection Design Works will be calculated on the basis of the cost that we expect to incur in carrying out such a design and is dependent upon the information provided by the customer, other publicly available information and information relating to our pipeline systems.

Load Evaluation Services - EAPL will not carry out any load evaluation services except under the circumstances detailed below, in which case such load evaluation will be a basic evaluation only, as follows:

- to determine whether a potential customer will require a Supply Point NExA, or
- where it is necessary to determine which connection charge category a potential consumer is in, or
- where we are obliged to make a connection and the person requesting the connection has submitted a request outside of the Quotation Compensation Scheme

Reinforcement - Reinforcement required to enable the connection of a new consumer, or to permit an increase in consumption by an existing consumer, or to allow the connection of a nested CSEP is known as Specific Reinforcement. If EAPL is required to reinforce its own network to facilitate a connection request the cost of undertaking such reinforcement will be charged to the customer along with EAPL's reasonable overheads.

The incumbent GDN system may also require reinforcement to meet any increased or new demand and these reinforcement costs may also be charged to the consumer requesting the capacity increase or new connection.

Adoption of below 7 barg Apparatus - Subject to the exception detailed in the paragraph below we will adopt fit for purpose below 7 barg connections apparatus that is connected to our system and that is not intended to be operated by another system operator (e.g. another Gas Transporter).

We will not adopt apparatus (except Final Connection apparatus) where this forms part of a system of pipes that includes any apparatus, which will become a connected system that will not also be adopted by EAPL.

EAPL will adopt free of charge below 7 barg connections apparatus installed by Independent Connection Providers (ICP/UIP) that are registered with the Gas Industry Registration Scheme. This will be assessed on a site per site basis and a charge may be made for this service if deemed appropriate.

We will levy a charge in respect of the adoption of below 7 barg connections apparatus that is installed by persons who are not registered with the Gas Industry Registration Scheme (GIRS).

Where a person is not registered with the Gas Industry Registration Scheme they should contact us to explain their intentions and to discuss the adoption procedure before carrying out any works in respect of the design or construction of below 7 barg apparatus that they wish EAPL to adopt.

Sufficiently Complex Jobs (SCJ) - Connection and Reinforcement work may be considered as Sufficiently Complex when they are of significant value or are technically challenging. Where a project includes both Reinforcement and connection works then each part will be considered separately and may be deemed Sufficiently Complex. EAPL will produce a quote covering the SCJ design study costs and this must be accepted by the consumer prior to the design works commencing. The design

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