Electricity network charges explained

Connection charge

This is paid to the electricity system operator for the transmission owners' costs for building and maintaining single-use assets which facilitate a user's connection.

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This charge can either be paid in full upfront or via an annualised charge over the lifetime of the asset(s). One-off charges may be applied for any 'non-standard' works requested by the customer.

Transmission Network Use of System charge (TNUoS)

The TNUoS charge is paid to and set by the system operator and recovered on behalf of the transmission owners for the cost of building and maintaining the shared transmission network.

Your TNUoS charge may depend on:

- where you are located
- when you use the network
- your capacity/consumption.

Balancing Services Use of System charge (BSUoS)

This is paid to the electricity system operator for the cost of balancing the system minute by minute.

It pays for the skills, tools and services the system operator needs to balance supply and demand in real time.

- A charge for new assets or reinforcements needed to connect you to the network.

- Each connection will have its own cost that is agreed with the transmission owner you are connecting to.

- The electricity system operator sets the TNUoS tariffs on an annual basis.

The methodology for these charges is set out in full in the Connection and Use of System Code (CUSC).

