

Support for Your Development Project Starts Here

We're here to help you plan for your project's energy needs. As demand for electric service continues to grow, early planning can help identify opportunities to meet your project's energy needs, make efficient use of existing grid capacity, and support a smoother path to service.

Preparing for Step Zero: Project Details That Matter

Step Zero helps assess how your project's needs align with existing grid capacity. Providing key project details early can help identify opportunities, evaluate options, and support timely service.

If your project...	Consider discussing...
Needs significant power eventually, but not on Day 1	Phased load growth or staged energization to align power needs with project milestones while preserving future expansion opportunities.
Has uncertain or evolving power requirements	Refining and prioritizing load requirements early to avoid overestimating capacity needs and unnecessary infrastructure investments.
Includes EV charging	Managed charging strategies that can help reduce peak demand and potentially lower infrastructure requirements.
Has operations or processes that are flexible	Load management opportunities that may allow certain equipment or processes to operate at different times, potentially reducing peak demand and creating opportunities to participate in utility or market programs.
Is focused on controlling future operating costs	Energy efficiency measures that may reduce total power requirements while lowering long-term energy costs.
Requires greater resilience or reliability	Battery storage, onsite generation, or hybrid solutions that can provide backup capability and operational flexibility.

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Explore Existing Programs and Planning Options

Many customers have opportunities to reduce peak demand, phase load growth, improve project economics, or increase operational flexibility through existing programs and incentives. Explore the resources below to determine whether these solutions can help align your project's power needs with your operational goals.

If your project...	What to do next...
Includes EV charging	Review National Grid's Commercial and Fleet EV Charging Programs National Grid to explore managed charging options.
Has operations or processes that are flexible	Review the Mass Save Demand Response & Storage Programs to evaluate opportunities to shift or reduce demand during peak periods.
Is focused on controlling project costs	Explore the Mass Save® Commercial Program to identify energy efficiency measures that may reduce power requirements and operating costs.
Requires greater resilience or reliability	Evaluate Mass Save Demand Response & Storage Solutions for battery storage options that may improve resilience and project economics. For select grid locations, review ConnectedSolutions+ for additional battery incentives.
Includes distributed generation that may face export constraints	Visit the Flexible Interconnections (Flex IX) landing page to learn how eligible distributed generation projects may connect using flexible export limits where traditional interconnection options are constrained.

Before Contacting National Grid, Be Prepared to Discuss:

- Estimated peak electric demand (kW or MW)
- Target energization date
- Project location
- Expected growth plans
- EV charging plans
- Any flexibility in operating schedules

The Earlier You Plan, the More Options You May Have

Contact pathtopower@nationalgrid.com early in your planning process to connect with a National Grid representative who can help explore opportunities to accelerate your connection, reduce costs, and support long-term project success. If you already work with a National Grid Account Manager, you may contact them directly. Visit ngrid.com/commercial-connections to learn more.