

Statement of the Basis of Transmission Owner Charges

Potential changes for 2016/17

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- Scottish TOs must produce a statement of their transmission charges each year in advance of each charging year (TO services, connections, outage charges).
- Because actual connection charges are based on the specific costs of each connection, the statements provide indicative connection charges only.
- The current process:
 - we consult on the draft statements (though there is no requirement on us to do so);
 - we deal with any issues raised and then approve the statements.
- In our approval letter for the 2014/15 charging statements, we clarified that the charges are not approved by us, and should not be treated as such. This was in response to a stakeholder's consultation response.
- For the 2015/16 statements, we have worked with the TOs to:
 - increase the consistency of their indicative charges by trying to ensure they include the same cost elements;
 - consider issues with their method of calculating their indicative charges.

Aim of review

- to improve the process for producing the annual TO charging statements.
- to make the status of the statements clearer whilst ensuring that the indicative charges are more transparent and consistent.

Potential changes to process

- Scottish TOs collaborate to ensure that their indicative connection charges are as consistent as possible. Any differences in approach to be clearly explained in the statements.
- We annually approve the *form* of the statements.
We propose changes to the Scottish TOs' SpCs to effect this.
- Stakeholders can raise queries via their NG accounts manager in the first instance, and also via the TCMF.

Next step

- Publish consultation in October for four weeks. We will welcome your responses.

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