



Competition in Connections Code of Practice – Consultation Response Form

0001 – Self Determination of Point of Connection by an ICP

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Questions

1. Do you agree with the amendments to paragraph 4.6.2 of the Code of Practice? (see Appendix One)

We agree with the bullets that have been added to 4.6.2, however please see answer to question 3 for a proposed further addition.

2. Do you believe any of the items listed in revised paragraph 4.6.2 to be unnecessary or not required?

No

3. Do you believe there are any other items that should be included in the paragraph 4.6.2 listing?

On request, access to legal information

When determining a POC, particularly where the connection being considered is an LV PoC onto an existing DNO substation and it may be suspected that existing assets pass through third party land, having the ability to query whether or not a cable/access easement exist with the ability to add a new cable could determine its selection or looking for an alternative.

Consideration should therefore be given to a further bullet point to 4.6.2, namely,

- where reasonably requested by the ICP, Information on the existing status of legal title that the DNO holds for assets that will be required to enable the use of the POC identified by the ICP

The DNO's own connections business will already have access to this information so the same level of access should be afforded to the ICP to help ensure compliance with the DNOs obligation under the CoP.

4. Do you agree with the use of the market segments in the template in 4.12.1?

Yes

5. Do you believe any of the items listed in the template in 4.12.1 to be unnecessary or not required?

No

6. Do you believe there are any other items that should be included in the table in 4.12.1?

No

7. Do you agree with the criteria used in the template in 4.12.2?

Yes

8. Do you believe any of the items listed in the template in 4.12.2 to be unnecessary or not required?

No

9. Do you believe there are any other items that should be included in the table at 4.12.2?

No

10. Do you agree that the modification proposal better meets the Code of Practice relevant objectives? (as shown in paragraph 4.5)

Yes

11. Do you have any other comments or observations you would like the working group to take into account?

We would recommend a change to 'Figure 3. Key process steps in using Standard Design Matrix' on page 15. Throughout the workshops there was a concern within the respective attendees that the exclusion of the UMS connections market sectors from this section of the CoP was not defined clearly enough. Putting it here with clear visual representation removes all doubt.

We have also added a decision outcome to the "matrix or technical" decision box which we think makes the flow chart clearer. Please see below:

CURRENT VERSION

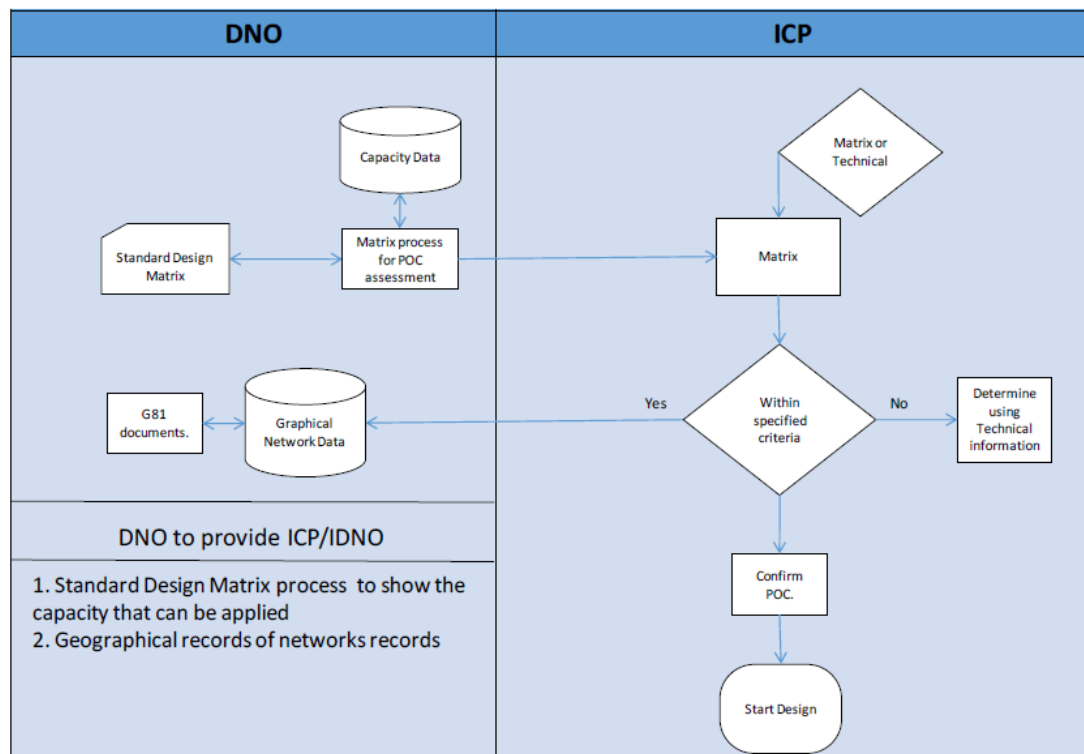


Figure 3. Key process steps in using Standard Design Matrix

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

