

Application for Transmission Advanced Works Packages Guidelines

An Advanced Works Package (AWP) is a means of allowing EirGrid connecting customers to progress works different from those in a customer's connection agreement. The primary reason that EirGrid will enter into an AWP is to take account of the reality that the contract modification process requires a period of time to complete and it is often desirable by customers to progress certain works while the contract modification assessment process is underway. In order to ensure that this option is administered in the most efficient fashion, and delivers the benefits required, the following guidelines have been developed. The terms of the connection agreement should be adhered to and deviations should be by exceptional and explicit agreement in writing. Any contractual changes need to be agreed in writing with the customer in advance of them taking place. An AWP will only be offered in cases where there is a genuine need to keep a project on schedule and where, if the project was to await the issuance of a formal modified offer, it would materially delay the completion of a project. There are a number of the key risks with progressing certain works in advance of the modification process being completed due alternative works that could be identified. To aid customers in understanding and accepting these risks they have been set out in the standard template request.

Customer Requirements to Request an AWP

1. The customer must have submitted and paid for a formal completed modification request to a connection agreement.
2. The issuing of an AWP must be sufficiently in advance¹ of the expected issue date of the modified offer to materially benefit the progression of the project. For instance if a customer were to begin engaging with EirGrid about AWP 10 weeks in advance of the expected modified offer date; it is unlikely that the scope of the AWP would be agreed with the customer and AWP issued more than a month prior to the expected modified offer issue date.
3. A customer is required to have submitted a completed formal modification request along with the full modification fee before an AWP will be considered. A level 1 modification fee² for processing the AWP will be required to be paid by the customer before commencing work on the AWP.
4. The request from a customer for an AWP should be submitted on a company headed letter clearly stating what exact works are being requested to be advanced and the reason for same using the template set out in Appendix 1.
5. Where there are shared works that a customer wishes to advance, the other affected customers within a subgroup must also have applied and paid for a modification for those shared works and completed the consent template as set out in appendix 2.
6. In some rare cases an AWP may be entered into with customers that have yet to receive a connection offer e.g. extending an already operational facility. In these cases the customer must have a completed application which is due to receive a connection offer. All other requirements above apply.

Timelines

EirGrid shall endeavour to issue an AWP to customers within 20 business days of the requirements above being satisfied. Customers should note that this is the timeline to provide an AWP. The timeline to carry out the works specified in the AWP e.g. preparation of functional specifications shall be as per that stated in the AWP.

¹ At least one month

² Available per EirGrid statement of charges

Appendix 1

Template Request Letter for an Advanced Works Package

(Note - This template should be provided on the customer's Company Headed paper and signed by someone who has authority to bind your Company to the terms of an Advanced Works Package agreement. You should replace text in bold italic with the relevant information e.g. 'My Project Limited' with the Company Name per your Connection Agreement.³)

Dated Day of 20..

To EirGrid plc

I refer to connection agreement between ***[My Project Limited]*** and EirGrid plc for the connection of a ***[type of project]*** at ***[location]*** ref ***[connection agreement reference]*** dated ***[execution date]*** (the "Connection Agreement") and modification request to the Connection Agreement submitted on the ***[date]***. ***[My Project Ltd.]*** wishes to request EirGrid to advance the following works (the Advanced Works³):

- ***[include high level description of advanced works being requested]***
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[My Project Limited] understands and accepts the following:

1. It is solely at the risk and to the account of ***[My Project Limited]*** if the completion of the modification process identifies alternate works to be completed for the connection of the project which renders the Advanced Works paid for under the Advanced Works Package agreement redundant.
2. The Advanced Works may ultimately not be feasible or the modified connection agreement offer may contain additional works, materials and lead times not identifiable in advance of detailed studies such as harmonic, short circuit or dynamic analysis etc, being undertaken. This may mean that the longest lead time item may become the new additional works.
3. In some cases the works being requested to be advanced are so integral to the project that if ***[My Project Limited]*** ultimately decides not to proceed on the basis of the modification offer it may have serious consequences for the completion of the connection.
4. Where the Advanced Works are shared works with other members of the subgroup, the agreement of all subgroup members with whom those works are being shared before must be provided. This agreement must be submitted to EirGrid from each member of the subgroup sharing the Advanced Works as per the standard template⁴. The Advanced Works Package contract will be with one Legal Entity only – even where the works are for shared works.
5. It may not be possible to set an upper limit financial exposure on the connection offer due to the type of modification being requested.
6. ***[My Project Limited]*** confirms that the leadtime for EirGrid to process and for My Project Limited to accept a modified offer is such that it will impact on a project milestone e.g. Consents Issue Date, Energisation, etc.

For and on behalf of [My Project Limited]:

Signed: _____
Name: [block capital]

Witness: _____
Name: [block capitals]

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

³ or most recent version of your application form (as appropriate).

⁴ As per www.eirgrid.com

Appendix 2
Consent to Request for an Advanced Works Package for Shared Works

(Note - This template should be provided on the customer's Company Headed paper and signed by a duly authorised person. You should replace text in bold italic with the relevant information e.g. 'My Project Limited' with the Company Name per your Connection Agreement.)

Dated Day of 20..

To EirGrid plc

I refer to connection agreement between ***[My Project Limited]*** and ***[EirGrid plc or ESB Networks]*** for the connection of a ***[type of project]*** at ***[location]*** ref ***[connection agreement reference]*** dated ***[execution date]*** (the "Connection Agreement") and modification request to the Connection Agreement submitted on the ***[date]***. I also refer to the request by ***[other Project(s)]*** on ***[insert date]*** to carry out the following Advanced Works (the "Advanced Works") which are also shared by ***[My Project Limited]***

- ***[include high level description of advanced works being requested]***
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[My Project Limited] understands and accepts the following:

1. The completion of the modification process may identify alternate works to be completed for the connection of the project which renders the Advanced Works redundant. Any costs of same will not be to EirGrid's account.
2. The Advanced Works may ultimately not be feasible or the modified connection agreement offer may contain additional works, materials and lead times not identifiable in advance of detailed studies being undertaken.
3. In some cases the works being requested to be advanced are so integral to the project that if the customers in the subgroup ultimately decide not to proceed on the basis of the modification offer it may have serious consequences for the completion of the connection.

[My Project Limited] hereby consent to these Advanced Works being progressed on the basis above.

Signed: _____

Name: [block capital]

Title: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Name: [block capitals]

Title: _____

Date: _____