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Powerco submission on network connections project stage one code drafting

Powerco Limited (**Powerco**) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Electricity Authority's (**Authority**) technical consultation paper *Network connections project (stage one) Code drafting amendments*.

We support the drafting suggestions provided by Russell McVeagh and submitted on behalf of Electricity Networks Aotearoa members. In their covering note they observed

We have suggested amendments so that battery energy storage systems ("BESS") are excluded from this position and always treated as load first under the Code and the DG pricing principles do not apply ... From our perspective, it is difficult to see how the EA's approach would work in practice – ie how would the pricing principles be applied to only the generation component of BESS

In parallel with this process, the Authority is currently consulting on changes to the DGPPs. In our submission on the Authority's DGPP issues paper¹ we suggest that the Authority should repeal the DGPPs and align them to the Distribution Pricing Principles. This would provide a mechanism to address Russell McVeagh's point about the practical application of pricing principles to BESS.

In our original submission on network connections project stage one amendments,² we also provided suggested drafting changes to the code amendments proposed in the consultation, noting

The Authority's implicit assumption in its proposals is that larger load connections will have connection agreements direct with the EDB, rather than interposed. This is not the case and evidence of the difference between the volume and complexity of generation and load connection applications. Further evidence of the differences is that assets supplying load are regulated under Part 4, whereas DG assets are not.

As drafted, the regulated terms for load are intended to backstop the negotiation of a direct connection

¹ Powerco, *Powerco Submission: Distribution Generation Pricing Principles – Issues Paper*, 26 March 2025, pg 4.

² Powerco, *Powerco submission on network connections project stage one amendments*, 20 December 2024, Appendix B.

agreement with the load customer. This would require many access seekers to contract differently from how they would otherwise intend. The proposals should specify whether the relevant terms in relation to that ICP might be contained in a separate agreement with the load customer, or the Default Distributor Agreement (DDA) with the relevant trader. For example, the service that the EDB is providing is not described in the regulated load terms, nor do they oblige the customer to pay for those services.

The regulated terms include provisions that would typically appear either in a connection agreement (for conveyance-only) or be addressed in the DDA; e.g. access to premises (which retailers are required to include in their customer contracts on behalf of EDBs). The overlap between the DDA and these terms will create uncertainty and should be resolved in the Code amendment.

The Authority's Decision paper is silent on our suggestion to reference interposed arrangements for load connections in Part 6. Although there are no drafting changes to reflect these suggestions, it's possible that our proposed drafting amendments were overlooked. We have re-attached our proposed amendments from our December 2024 submission to simplify the job of actioning this.

We are committed to supporting the successful implementation of these regulations and working collaboratively to ensure they deliver value for customers. If you have any questions on this submission, please contact Emma Wilson

Yours sincerely,

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1. Interposed connections - suggested Code Drafting Changes from Powerco December 2024 submission

Code drafting question

Z) Do you have comment on the Authority's drafting of the proposed Code changes? What changes would you make, if any?

Yes. Powerco has proposed drafting changes. We have adopted the Electricity Authority's approach to edits i.e.,

As there are proposed edits throughout Part 6, Powerco has included the proposed Part 6 of the Code *Connection to distribution networks* in its entirety.

The Code wording in Appendix A is set out as:

- a) unchanged text remains black
- b) the Electricity Authority's added text or formatting is red underlined
- c) the Electricity Authority's deleted text is ~~red strikethrough~~
- d) Powerco's added text or formatting is purple underlined and shaded grey
- e) Powerco's deleted text is ~~purple strikethrough and shaded grey~~

Where the Electricity Authority has proposed more than three amendments to an existing clause, the entire clause is red underlined. Where Powerco has proposed more than three amendments to an existing clause, the entire clause is purple underlined and shaded grey.

Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010 Part 1

Preliminary provisions

applicant, for the purposes of Part 6, means any person who:

- (a) applies to a **distributor** to have **load** or **distributed generation owned or operated** by that person connected to a **distribution network** or to a **consumer** installation that is connected to a **distribution network**, including by a **network extension**; or
- (b) applies to a **distributor** to continue an existing connection of **load** or

distributed generation in the circumstances specified in clause 6.1(b)(ii) and (iii); or

(c) is a **distributed generator** and applies to a **distributor** to change the **maximum export power** or fuel type of connected **distributed generation**; or

(d) is a **consumer** and applies to a **distributor** to change the connected capacity of the person's **load** connection.

connection and operation standards, in relation to a **distributor** or **distributed generation or load**,—

- (a) means requirements, as amended from time to time by the **distributor**, that—
 - (i) are set out in written policies and standards of the **distributor**; and
 - (ii) relate to connecting **distributed generation or load** to a **distribution network** or to a consumer installation that is connected to a **distribution network**, and the operation of the **distribution network**, including requirements relating to the planning, design, construction, testing, inspection, and operation of **distributed generation or load** that is, or is proposed to be, connected; and
 - (iii) are made publicly available in accordance with clause 6.3; and
 - (iv) reflect, or are consistent with, reasonable and prudent operating practice; and
- (b) includes the following, as amended from time to time by the distributor:
 - (i) the **distributor's** congestion management policy, as referred to in clause 6.3(2)(d); and
 - (ii) the **distributor's** emergency response policies; and
 - (iii) the **distributor's** safety standards; and
- (c) until 1 September 2026, may include the **distributor's** policies for specifying available **maximum export power** amongst categories of network users, a **maximum export power** threshold for applications under Process 1A of Schedule 6.1, and the methodology used to determine that threshold

connection contract, for the purposes of Part 6, means a contract for the connection of **distributed generation or load** to a **distribution network**

distributed generator, for the purposes of Part 6, means a person who owns or operates ~~, or intends to own or operate,~~ **distributed generation**

final application, for the purposes of Part 6, means an application made under clause 7 of Appendices 2 and 4 of Schedule 6.1 and clause 12 of Appendices 3 and 5 of Schedule 6.1

flexible connection means an arrangement whereby an **applicant's** export or import of **electricity** is managed (often through real-time control) based upon contracted and agreed principles of available capacity

generating plant means equipment collectively used for generating **electricity**. For the purposes of Part 6, this includes **energy storage systems**, **bi-directional chargers**, **inverters** and **equipment that converts solar energy to electricity**, and which inject **electricity** into a **distribution network**

grouped applications means, for the purposes of Part 6, a **first final application**, a **second final application**, and one or more **further final applications** that the **distributor** receives within 20 **business days** of the **first final application** and that the **distributor** is required to consider simultaneously under Appendices 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Schedule 6.1

initial application, for the purposes of Part 6, means an application made under clause 2 of appendices 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Schedule 6.1

interim application, for the purposes of Part 6, means an application made under clause 7 of appendices 3 and 5 of Schedule 6.1

interposed arrangement has the meaning given in Part 1 of the Code (Preliminary provisions)

load means, for the purposes of Part 6, any connection to a **distribution network** or to a **consumer installation** that consumes more than **69 kVA** **1MW** of **electricity**, other than **distributed generation**

maximum export power means the maximum **active power** exported into a **network** ~~the **local network** or **embedded network**~~ at an **ICP** of a **distributed generator**, and is equal to—

- (a) the **nameplate capacity** of the **distributed generation** minus the minimum **load** at the **point of connection**; or
- (b) the **active power** export limit imposed by an **active power** export control device

network connections pipeline, for the purposes of Part 6, means the applications to a **distributor** under Part 6 to connect **distributed generation** or **load** to the **distribution network** of the **distributor**, by

network, ranked in the order of their priority position for consideration of those applications by the **distributor**.

prescribed terms means the terms set out in Schedule 6.2B

process 1, for the purposes of Part 6, means the process that applies to applications to connect **distributed generation** that has a **maximum export power** of 10 kW or less to a **distribution network** under appendix 1 of Schedule 6.1

process 1A, for the purposes of Part 6, means the one-stage process that applies to applications to connect **distributed generation** that has a **maximum export power** of 10 kW or less to a **distribution network** under Appendix 1A of Schedule 6.1

process 2, for the purposes of Part 6, means the process that applies to applications to connect **distributed generation** that has a **maximum export power** above 10 kW and below 300 kW to a **distribution network** under Appendix 2 of Schedule 6.1

process 3, for the purposes of Part 6, means the process that applies to applications to connect **distributed generation** with a **maximum export power** of 300 kW or more to a **distribution network** under Appendix 3 of Schedule 6.1

process 4, for the purposes of Part 6, means the process that applies to applications to connect **load** above 69 kVA and below 300 kVA to a **distribution network** under Appendix 4 of Schedule 6.1

process 5, for the purposes of Part 6, means the process that applies applications to connect **load** of 300 kVA 1MVA or more to a **distribution network** under Appendix 5 of Schedule 6.1

queueing and management policy means each **distributor's** policy for queueing and managing an application to connect **distributed generation** or **load** to a **distribution network**, and to change the capacity of a **distributed generation** or **load** connection, required under Part 6, where—

(a) queueing includes the distributor's processes to set the priority position of, and manage, applications in the **network connections pipeline**

(b) managing includes the **distributor's** process for managing applications with final approval to construction and completion, including setting project milestones, applying tolerance, and what occurs when project milestones are missed

regulated terms means the terms set out in Schedule 6.2 and Schedule 6.2A

second final application means, for the purposes of Part 6, a **final application** that a **distributor** receives within 20 **business days** after the date on which the **distributor** receives a **first application**, and **second final applications** has a corresponding meaning.

Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010

Part 6

Connection of distributed generation Connection to distribution networks

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Meters
Access
Interruptions and disconnections
Confidentiality
Pricing
Liability

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General
Meters
Access
Interruptions and disconnections
Confidentiality
Liability

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General
Meters
Access
Interruptions and disconnections
Confidentiality
Liability

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Prescribed maximum fees

This Part specifies—

- (a) a framework to enable the connection and continued connection of **distributed generation and load to a distribution network** if consistent with **a distributor's connection and operation standards**; and
- (b) in Schedule 6.1, processes (including time frames) under which ~~applicants distributed generators~~ may—
 - (i) connect **distributed generation or load to a distribution network**; or
 - (ii) continue an existing connection of **distributed generation or load to a distribution network** if the connection contract for the **distributed generation connection**—
 - (A) is in force and the **distributed generator applicant** wishes to extend the term of the connection contract; or
 - (B) has expired; or
 - (iii) continue an existing connection of **distributed generation or load to a distribution network** that is connected without a connection contract if the **regulated terms or prescribed terms** do not apply; or
 - (iv) change the **nameplate capacity maximum export power** or fuel type of connected **distributed generation**; or
 - (v) change the capacity of a load connection; and
- (c) in Schedule 6.2, the **regulated terms** that apply to ~~the connection of distributed generation~~ in the absence of ~~contractually agreed terms a connection contract~~; and
- (ca) in Schedule 6.2A, the **regulated terms** that apply to **load** in the absence of a connection contract when a distributor and an the **applicant who is a participant** agree to contract on the basis of the **regulated terms**; and
- (cb) in Schedule 6.2B, the **prescribed terms** that apply to **load** in the absence of a connection contract when a **distributor** and the an **applicant who** is not a **participant** agree to contract on the basis of the **prescribed terms**; and
- (d) in Schedule 6.3, a default dispute resolution process for disputes related to this Part; and
- (e) in Schedule 6.4, the **distributed generation** pricing principles to be applied for the purposes of this Part; and
- (f) in Schedule 6.5, prescribed maximum fees.

6.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Part is to enable **distributed generation and load** to be connected to a **distribution network** or to a **consumer installation** that is connected to a **distribution network**, if being connected is consistent with **connection and operation standards**.

6.2A Application of Part to distributors in respect of embedded networks

Nothing in this Part applies to—

- (a) a **distributor** in respect of the **distributor's** ownership or operation of an **embedded network** that conveys less than 5 GWh of **electricity** per annum; or
- (b) a **distributed generator** when the **distributed generator** wishes to connect or has **distributed generation** connected to such an **embedded network** that conveys less than 5 GWh of **electricity** per annum; or
- (c) an **applicant** when the **applicant** wishes to connect or has **load** connected to such an **embedded network** that conveys less than 5 GWh of **electricity** per annum.

6.2AB Application of Part to applicants who are not participants

- (1) For the avoidance of doubt, an **applicant** who is not a **participant** is not required to comply with this Part and cannot be subject to the enforcement measures set out in the **Act** or the Electricity Industry (Enforcement) Regulations 2010 for failing to comply with this Part.
- (2) Despite subclause (1):
 - (a) a **distributor** may refuse an application under this Part if an **applicant** who is not a **participant** fails to carry out the requirements expressed in this Part as applying to an **applicant**.
 - (b) in the event a **distributor** accepts an application under this Part because an **applicant** who is not a **participant** carries out the requirements expressed in this Part as applying to an **applicant**, then, in the absence of a connection contract, the **distributor** must either:
 - (i) offer to contract with the **applicant** on the basis of the **prescribed terms**; or
 - (ii) permit the connection of **applicant's load** to the **distribution network** on the basis of an **interposed arrangement**.

6.2B Application of Part to distributors in respect of systems of lines not directly or indirectly connected to grid

Nothing in this Part applies to—

- (b) a **distributor** in respect of the **distributor's** ownership or operation of a system of

- lines** that is used for providing **line function services** only to the **distributor**;
or
- (c) a **distributor** in respect of the **distributor's** ownership or operation of a system of lines—
- (i) that conveys less than 5 GWh of **electricity** per annum; and
 - (ii) that is not—
 - (A) directly connected to the **grid**; or
 - (B) indirectly connected to the **grid** through ~~1~~one or more other **networks**; or
- (d) a **distributed generator** when the **distributed generator** wishes to connect or has **distributed generation** connected to a system of **lines** described in paragraph (b).

6.2 C Connection and operation standards

Each **distributor** must have **connection and operation standards**, including a **queueing and management policy** and **congestion management policy**, that align with good electricity industry practice.

6.3 Distributors must ~~make information publicly available~~ publish information

- (1) The purpose of this clause is to require each **distributor** to ~~make certain information publicly available~~ **publish** certain information to enable the **efficient** approval of **distributed generation** and **load** under Schedule 6.1.
- (2) Each **distributor** must ~~make publicly available, free of charge, from its office and Internet site,~~ **publish**—
- (a) **application** forms for applications under Schedule 6.1; and
 - (b) the distributor's connection and operation standards; and
 - (c) a copy of the **regulated terms** and **prescribed terms**, together with an explanation of how:
 - (i) in respect of **distributed generation**, the **regulated terms** and **prescribed terms** will apply if—
 - A. approval is granted under Schedule 6.1; and
 - B. the **distributor** and the **distributed generator applicant** do not enter into a connection contract; and
 - (ii) in respect of **load**:
 - A. if approval is granted under Schedule 6.1; and
 - B. the **distributor** and **applicant** do not enter into a connection contract, then the **distributor** and **applicant** may agree to contract on the basis of the **regulated terms** or **prescribed terms**, failing which the

connection will proceed on the basis of an **interposed arrangement**;
and

- (d) a statement of the circumstances in which **distributed generation** or **load** will be, or may be, curtailed or interrupted from time to time in order to ensure that the **distributor's** other **connection and operation standards** are met; and
 - (da) a list, updated on the first **business day** of January, April, July and October, of all locations on its **distribution network** that the **distributor** knows to be subject to **export congestion**; and
 - (db) a list, updated on the first **business day** of January, April, July and October, of all locations on its **distribution network** that the **distributor** expects to become subject to **export congestion** within the next 12 months; and
 - (dc) until 1 September 2026, the **maximum export power** threshold and the methodology used to determine that threshold, for locations at which the **distributor** has set a **maximum export power** threshold for applications under Part 1A of Schedule 6.1; and
 - (dd) **distributor** contact information for discussions on available and upcoming **network** capacity; and
 - (de) a list, updated on the first **business day** of January, April, July and October and, where known, of the location and available capacity, including time of use capacity, of zone substation feeders; and
 - (df) a list, updated on the first **business day** of January, April, July and October and, where known, of the location and available capacity, including time of use capacity, of low voltage transformers; and
 - (e) a list of any fees that the **distributor** charges under Schedule 6.1, which must not exceed the relevant maximum fees prescribed in Schedule 6.5; and
 - (f) a list of the makes and models of inverters that the **distributor** has approved for connection to its **distribution network**; and
 - (g) the **distributor's** contact information for any enquiries relating to ~~the connection of **distributed generation** connecting~~ to its **distribution network**.
- (3) The application forms referred to in subclause (2)(a) must specify the information, including any supporting documents, that must be provided with an application under Schedule 6.1.
- (4) The **distributor** must **publish** information, at both the **network** and zone substation level, on its **network connections pipeline**, which—
- (a) for **distributed generation** applications received by the

distributor under **Process 3** must include the following:

- (i) number of **distributed generation** applications in the **network connections pipeline**:
- (ii) the sum of the **maximum export power** of these applications (**MW**):
- (iii) number of applications by fuel type (wind, solar, **energy storage system**, other generation):
- (iv) number of applications by project stage (**initial application**, **interim application**, **final application**, construction, connected):
- (v) detail on each application in the **network connections pipeline** (priority position in pipeline, **maximum export power** (**MW**), fuel type, project stage, location, and (where relevant) date commissioned); and
- (b) for **load** applications received by the **distributor** under **Process 5** must include the following information:
 - (i) number of **load** applications received:
 - (ii) the sum of the **load** capacity of each of those applications (**MVA**):
 - (iii) number of applications by **load** type (transport, process heat, data centre, other **load**):
 - (iv) number of applications by project stage (**initial application**, **interim application**, **final application**, construction, connected):
 - (v) detail on each application in the **network connections pipeline** (priority position in pipeline, capacity (**MVA**), **load** type, project stage, location by zone substation or feeder, and (where relevant) date connected).
- (5) The **distributor** must continue to **publish** information on applications under subclause
(4) unless:
 - (a) an application is withdrawn; or
 - (b) six months have passed since the date on which the **distributed generation** or **load** to which the application relates was connected.

6.3A Distributor must provide information to the Authority

- (1) The purpose of this clause is to require each **distributor** to provide the **Authority** with the information specified in subclause (2) to enable the **Authority** to—
 - (a) assess the effectiveness of **Process 3** and **Process 5** of Schedule 6.1;
and
 - (b) monitor each **distributor's network connections pipeline**; and

- (c) **publish** information about applications under **Process 3** and **Process 5** of Schedule 6.1 to provide participants with insight into each **distributor's network connections pipeline**; and
- (d) carry out its objectives under section 15 of the **Act** and its functions under section 16 of the **Act** and section 14 of the Crown Entities Act 2004.
- (2) Every **distributor** that is dealing with an application under **Process 3** and **Process 5** of Schedule 6.1 must provide the following information to the **Authority** on the first **business day** of January, April, July and October of every calendar year:
- (a) for each application under **Process 3**—
- (i) the name of the **applicant**; and
- (ii) the location by zone substation and global positioning system coordinates of the connection of the application to the network; and
- (iii) the fuel type (wind, solar, **energy storage system**); and
- (iv) the **maximum export power** in **MW**; and
- (v) the project stage by identifying whether the application is an **initial application, interim application** or **final application**; and
- (vi) the application's position in the **network connections pipeline**; and
- (vii) when the **applicant** expects to connect the **distributed generation**:
- (b) for each application under **Process 5**—
- (i) the name of the applicant; and
- (ii) the location by zone substation and global positioning system coordinates of the connection of the application to the network; and
- (iii) the load type (transport, process heat, data centre); and
- (iv) the maximum import power in MVA;
- (v) the project stage by identifying whether the application is an **initial application, interim application, final application** and whether the project is in construction or commissioned; and
- (vi) the application's position in the **network connections pipeline**; and
- (viii) when the **applicant** expects to connect the **load**.
- (3) The information provided to the **Authority** under subclause (2) must be in the form and by the means specified by the **Authority**.
- (4) The **distributor** is not required to provide the information in subclause (2) to the **Authority** if—

- (a) the **distributor** does not have the information and it is not reasonably possible for the **distributor** to obtain the information, including because the person that holds the information may lawfully refuse to provide the information to the **distributor**; or
- (b) the **distributor** or the **applicant** has legal professional privilege in respect of the information.

6.3B Distributor may identify confidential information

- (1) In providing information to the **Authority** under clause 6.3A(2), a **distributor** may identify any information that is confidential in that—
 - (a) disclosure of the information would unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the **distributor** or the person who is the subject of that information; or
 - (b) confidentiality is necessary to protect information which is itself subject to an obligation of confidence; or
 - (c) if clause 6.3A(2) did not apply, disclosure by the **distributor** would be in breach of law.
- (2) If a **distributor** identifies confidential information to the **Authority** under subclause (1), and the **Authority** wishes to **publish** all or any part of that information, the **Authority** must determine whether the reasons for keeping the information confidential are outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable for the **Authority** to **publish** all or any part of the information in order to give effect to one or more of the purposes set out in clause 6.3A(1).
- (3) If the **Authority** determines under subclause (2) that the reasons for keeping the information identified under subclause (1) confidential are outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable for the **Authority** to **publish** all or any part of the information, the **Authority** must inform the **distributor** of its determination.

6.3C Authority may publish information

- (1) If the **distributor** has not identified any confidential information under clause 6.3B(1), the **Authority** may **publish** all or any part of the information it has received from a **distributor** under clause 6.3A(2).
- (2) If the **distributor** has identified confidential information under clause 6.3B(1), and the **Authority** has determined under clause 6.3B(2) that the reasons for keeping the information identified under clause 6.3B(1)

confidential are outweighed by other considerations, and has informed the **distributor** of its determination under clause 6.3B(3), the **Authority** may **publish** all or any part of the information provided to it under clause 6.3A(2).

- (3) If the **Authority** has determined under clause 6.3B(2) that there are reasons for keeping the information identified under clause 6.3B(1) confidential and does not consider that it is desirable to **publish** all or any part of the information identified under clause 6.3B(1), the **Authority** must not **publish** the information identified under clause 6.3B(1), subject to subclause (4).
- (4) Subclause (3) does not prevent the **Authority** from doing one or more of the following in relation to the information provided to it under clause 6.3A(2) including the information identified as confidential under clause 6.3B(1):
 - (a) using the information in connection with any purpose in clause 6.3A(1):
 - (b) disclosing the information to any person in connection with any purpose in clause 6.3A(1) in anonymised or consolidated form such that the reasons for keeping the information confidential are not compromised:
 - (c) disclosing the information where the **distributor** who supplied the information, or the person who is the subject of the information has consented to the disclosure of the information:
 - (d) disclosing the information as required by law.

6.4 Process for obtaining approval

(1) Schedule 6.1 applies if ~~a **distributed generator** an **applicant**~~ wishes to—

- (a) connect **distributed generation** or load to a **distribution network**, whether on the **regulated terms** or **prescribed terms** or on other terms; or
- (b) continue an existing connection of **distributed generation** or load to a **distribution network** if the connection contract ~~for the **distributed generation**~~—
 - (i) is in force and the **distributed generator applicant** wishes to extend the term of the connection contract; or
 - (ii) has expired; or
- (c) continue an existing connection of **distributed generation** or load to a **distribution network** that is connected without a connection contract if the **regulated terms** or **prescribed terms** do not apply; or
- (d) change the ~~**nameplate capacity maximum export power**~~ or fuel type of connected

- distributed generation.; or
- (e) change the capacity of an existing load connection.
- (2) A **distributor** must approve an application submitted under Schedule 6.1 if the application complies with the requirements of that Schedule.
- (3) Except as provided in clause 6.4A, a **distributor** cannot contract out of the provisions of Schedule 6.1 with ~~a distributed generator an applicant~~.

6.4 A Distributor and ~~distributed generator applicant~~ may agree to simpler process for existing connection

A **distributor** and ~~a distributed generator an applicant~~ may agree a simpler process ~~for the continued connection of distributed generation to the distributor's distribution network to continue a connection to the distributor's distribution network~~ than the relevant process set out in Schedule 6.1 if—

- (a) a connection contract ~~for the distributed generation~~—
- (i) is in force and the ~~distributed generator applicant~~ wishes to extend the term of the connection contract; or
 - (ii) has expired; or
- (b) the ~~distributed generation applicant~~ is connected without a connection contract; or
- (c) there is a change in the ~~nameplate capacity maximum export power~~ or fuel type of the **distributed generation.**; or
- (d) there is a change to the capacity of the existing load connection.

6.5 Connection contract

If approval is granted under Schedule 6.1 and a **distributor** and ~~a distributed generator an applicant~~ enter into a connection contract ~~for the connection of to connect distributed generation, or load to a distribution network~~—

- (a) their rights and obligations in respect of the connection of **distributed generation or load** are governed by that contract, and accordingly the **regulated terms** and the prescribed terms do not apply; and
- (b) a breach of the terms of that contract is not a breach of this Code.

6.5A Interposed arrangements for load

If approval is granted under Schedule 6.1 for the connection of load to the distribution network on the basis of an interposed arrangement:

- (a) the applicant's rights and obligations in respect of the connection of load are governed by the trader's customer agreement for the supply of electricity and distribution services; and
- (b) the distributor's rights and obligations in respect of the connection of the load are governed by the distributor agreement with the trader.