



# Contestability in Electricity Connections in Northern Ireland

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# Contestability Overview

- UR Contestability in Connections Final Decision Paper July 2015 was published following a consultation process and outlines activities deemed contestable and non-contestable in Northern Ireland
- Contestability Guidelines have been produced jointly by Northern Ireland Electricity Networks and SONI and it further defines and establishes the principles of contestability outlined in the Decision Paper.
- NIE Networks ICP Portal provides detailed technical specifications and information for Independent Connection Providers who wish to design and build new electricity connections in Northern Ireland.
- The ICP portal also contains a project co-ordination tool that allows for contestable projects to be co-ordinated electronically between NIE Networks and ICPs
- NIE Networks have a dedicated team regularly engaging with ICPs to ensure projects run smoothly
- Contestability is still in it's infancy in Northern Ireland with >5MW connections not having had any connections through the end to end connections process at this time.