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Capital Contributions Policy

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FC0021 Capital Contributions Policy

Document purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a description of any potential capital contribution required by Unison Networks Limited ('Unison') when a customer requests:

- a new or modified connection to Unison's electricity distribution network, or
- the relocation of network assets.

This policy meets the requirements of section 2.4.6 of the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012.

Application

This policy applies to all Customer Connection Projects and customer requested relocation of network assets undertaken by Unison.

What is covered in this policy

This policy covers:

- the capital contributions a customer is required to make for the provision of:
 - Network Connection Points
 - System Network Extensions
 - Network Connection Point Upgrades
 - Network Connection Point Downgrades
 - Relocation of Network Assets
 - Overhead to Underground Conversion (OHUG), and
 - Reticulation of New Subdivisions
- the general rules that apply to Customer Connection Projects in respect of Unison's system network.

Note

Unison reserves the right to vary terms and conditions on a case-by-case basis at its sole discretion.

Intended audience

This policy applies to all Unison customers.

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Related references

Legislation

- Electricity Act 1992
- Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012

Unison Policy

- CM0001 Pricing Policy and Schedules Policy

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Communication

Unison's Customer Projects Planning Team will receive and manage customer requests about a Customer Connection Project and submit the project details for determination of the capital contribution in accordance with this policy. Communication with customers regarding the capital contribution will make reference to this policy and the accompanying procedures.

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Definitions/Abbreviations

Augmentation	The enhancement of electrical distribution assets for the distribution or associated with the distribution of electricity. These enhancements are to: • meet projected system demand, and • maintain network performance in accordance with the requirements of the Electricity Act 1992.
Capital contribution	Capital funding required from the customer for Unison to be able to: • undertake the works associated with the Customer Connection Project, and • achieve an economic rate of return on the project or projects.
Code	Electricity Industry Participation Code 2010.
Connection charge components	The components of the Connection Charge Reconciliation include the following: • Connection Charge (CC): cost of the new connection, minus the revenue the connection will earn, plus a contribution to the shared network costs. • Incremental Cost Estimate (IC): connection costs are the extra costs caused specifically by a new connection. • Includes such items as extension works, optional upgrades chosen by the customer, capacity upgrades, any additional transmission or operating costs, and certain shared historical costs, where applicable. • Incremental Revenue Estimate (IR): forecasts of the future income the new connection is expected to generate. • Takes into account expected electricity use, possible price changes, and discounting future revenue to today's value. • Network Cost Contribution (NC): amount charged to help pay for the existing network and its ongoing operation, including transmission costs that are shared by all customers and not driven by growth.
Connection Charge Reconciliation	Standardised breakdown of connection charge components, in line with Clause 6B.10 of the Code.

Consumer	The person who is responsible for the energy consumed at the Network Connection Point.
Cost of capital	The opportunity cost of the funds employed as a result of an investment decision. The rate of return that a business could earn if it chose another investment with equivalent risk.
Complex connections	Connections requiring bespoke design and pricing.
Customer	A party (person, persons, trust, corporation or company), or agent thereof, who requests Unison to undertake a Customer Connection Project.
Customer Connection Projects	Projects that require capital expenditure predominantly associated with undertaking work associated with customer requests to: • establishing new Network Connection Points • making alterations to the existing Network Connection Points including Upgrades and Downgrades • relocating network assets • reticulation of new subdivisions, and • network extensions required in association with undertaking any of the above.
Customer-selected enhancement	Enhancements to the relevant Minimum scheme requested, and agreed to in writing, by the Customer.
Downgrades	Customer requests to reduce the capacity of network connection(s) and associated delivery charges. This reduction is through the replacement of existing electrical distribution assets, with assets of a lesser capacity within the existing system network for the distribution or associated with the distribution of electricity including but not limited to fuses, fuse holders, and distribution transformers.
Effective period	Applies to Connection Works first requested on or after 01 April 2026.

Electrical distribution assets	Electrical distribution assets include lines, cables, transformers or additional switch gear.
Extension	The addition of electrical distribution assets to enable distribution or associated with providing a Network Connection Point or subdivision reticulation at a specified location.
Extension-like upgrade	Works or operating arrangements that increase the capacity of the shared network but that substantially benefit only the connecting party.
Mandatory connection pricing methodologies	The required pricing rules in Part 6B of the Code that Unison must follow when setting connection charges and Pioneer Scheme payments.
Minimum scheme	The lowest-cost option to do the connection work in line with Unison's Network Connection Standard .
Network capacity cost	Cost of consuming or adding capacity in the shared network (other than extension-like upgrade costs).
Network capacity upgrade	Work or changes made by a distributor to: • provide a new connection, or • increase the capacity or reliability of a connection, or • add capacity to the shared network. It includes: • operational changes the distributor makes to enable the connection or improve capacity or security, and • giving a connection more network capacity or security, even if no physical work is done and even if no one else's network rights change. It does not include: • upgrades that are mainly like extending the network, or • work related to assets owned by the customer, or • work that is already covered by a standard connection fee.

Network Connection Point	The point on the system network where the consumer is connected. In most situations this is also the point where the responsibility for the equipment that conveys electricity transfers from Unison to the consumer.
Network reticulation	The provision of electrical distribution assets for the distribution or associated with the distribution of electricity within the existing system network.
Network service zone	The area defined for the purpose of service levels and pricing as detailed on Unison's website www.unison.co.nz .
OHUG	Overhead to Underground (OHUG) conversion – is the relocation and replacement of overhead distribution assets to underground and ground mounted assets. These assets are used for the distribution or associated with the distribution of electricity within the existing system network.
Pioneer Scheme	A network extension that a customer paid for upfront, where it is reasonably likely that other customers may later connect to it or use some or all of it. Further definitions and information regarding Pioneer Schemes are included in the Pioneer Scheme Policy on Unison's website www.unison.co.nz.
Posted Rate	Standard capital contribution amount that Unison has set in advance for common connection types and locations, and publishes on its website www.unison.co.nz so customers can see the charge upfront.
Project costs	All costs relating to the Customer Connection Project.
Rural	Network service zone in Unison's Network area for the purpose of determining service levels and applicable connection pricing for rural-zoned connections. Unison uses local council district planning to determine rural zone classification.

Standard connections	Single residential, general and small commercial connections to the existing network: • within 30 metres of the existing low voltage or 11kV distribution network • located in road reserve or where easements in favour of Unison are provided • constructed using standard designs and equipment for the connection location, and • uses a Posted Rate.
Substation	Transformer and associated fittings including switchgear, earthing, protection, structure and foundations, and all connections made to them.
System network	The existing electrical distribution assets owned or operated by Unison Networks Limited for the distribution or associated with the distribution of electricity to end consumers.
Unison	Unison Networks Limited trading as Unison.
Upgrades	Works undertaken to increase the capacity of a Network Connection Point including providing additional phases for example from single phase to three phase.
Urban	Network service zone in Unison's Network area for the purpose of determining service levels and applicable connection pricing for urban zoned connections. Unison uses local council district planning to determine urban zone classification.

1. Policy Statement

1.1 Statement Unison may require its customers to pay a capital contribution when they request a new or altered connection to its electricity distribution network or relocation, OHUG or removal of electrical distribution assets.

Unison reserves the right to review Customer Connection Projects and determine associated capital contributions on a case-by-case basis.

Network connections and alterations to existing connections are provided in accordance with Unison's technical standards and commercial requirements, which are available on our website. Unison has also Posted Rates for basic connection and extension services on its website www.unison.co.nz. Where standard connection charges are not published, Unison complies with the connection charging requirements set out in Part 6B of the Code.

This policy has been developed to meet the requirements of clauses S6B.3 to S6B.11 of the Electricity Participation Code, as well as the policies and practices that guide Unison's connection arrangements.

1.2 Principles To ensure all connections are treated in an equitable manner, and that a consistent process is applied for all, Unison subscribes to the following principles:

- connection and upgrade application requests are managed on a first-come, first-served basis
 - agreements to connect must meet technical standards and use existing capacity and infrastructure before proposing customer connection augmentation
 - all connections must comply with safety and network standards, and
 - connections policies should use consistent definitions and standards where appropriate.
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2. Background

2.1 Scoping process

The first step in determining a customer's contribution to reticulate power and connection to a site is specifying a 'fit for purpose' solution. This considers:

- customer's load/demand requirements and number of connections
- the minimum scheme to meet specific customer requirements (dedicated solution) including requirement for relocation, OHUG or removal of electrical distribution assets
- customer-selected enhancements (e.g. lower or higher security and reliability), and
- any network augmentation required to meet the customer's load and projected system load.

The next step is to determine the methodology to be applied to determine the capital contribution based on whether the proposal is a standard connection, complex project, (including relocation, OHUG or removal). The following are used in determining the project type and associated capital contribution methodology:

- customer's requirements
- number of connections (if any)
- change to connection capacity
- relocation, OHUG or removal of assets
- the solution specified, and
- proximity to the existing low voltage or 11kV distribution network.

2.2 Standard connection

The Posted Rate for a standard connection is priced at a standard capital contribution depending on the connection type and location. Refer to Unison's pricing information published on its website www.unison.co.nz for rates.

The Electricity Authority requests that a Connection Charge Reconciliation is available on request for each standard connection type. This is not created for each connection, but for an aggregate of connections taken to establish the current year's Posted Rate.

2.3 Complex project process

For complex projects, in some cases the required works could include an extension of the network (including network reinforcement), relocation, OHUG, or removal of electricity distribution assets.

Unison will select a project methodology based on the complexity of the works requested. We have two pathways:

- **Design Lite** – Customers are given a single fixed price quote. Detailed design and construction proceed without a second quote.
- **Design Complex** – Customers are given an initial estimate of project cost. If they elect to proceed they may be requested to pay a nonrefundable capital contribution prepayment to cover design costs based on the size of their project.

For Design Complex, the initial estimate will detail:

- total costs of the project, and
- capital contribution required to be paid by the customer.

If the customer decides to proceed to the detailed design stage, and pays the required capital contribution pre-payment:

- a detailed design will be completed, and
- a quote will be provided to the customer.

For both Design Lite and Design Complex the final quote will outline:

- scope of works to be undertaken
- capital contribution required to be paid by the customer
- Pioneer Scheme contributions required to be paid by the customer
- other requirements or conditions including if an easement is required from the customer and any preparatory works required to be undertaken by the customer, and
- price category or delivery charges that will apply for any new or upgraded/downgraded connection.

In accepting the project design and quoted price, the customer enters into a contract with Unison. This means the customer agrees to pay the capital contribution toward the project and satisfy any other requirements or conditions.

Unison may determine an agreement is required with the customer for establishing the assets, payment of delivery and investment charges and any terms of service such as through a Works Agreement or Line Function Service Agreement. This will be based on the:

- level of investment required, and
- investment risk profile associated with a Customer Connection Project.

This agreement may include:

- an investment charge,
- other delivery charges including network or transmission charges, and
- a termination payment schedule to protect Unison's future revenue stream associated with the Customer Connection Project.

These charges and payment schedule are determined based on the 'level of investment and the applicable cost of capital' of the project and usage of the upstream distribution and transmission networks.

Customers may request a Connection Charge Reconciliation of the final quote provided by Unison. This reconciliation is completed in line with the regulations set out in the Code.

3. Customer Obligations

3.1 Customer obligations and requirements

Customers who make an application to Unison must satisfy all the obligations listed in the table below. They must also comply with all the requirements listed.

Obligations	Requirements
Easement	Provision of easements as applicable.
Vegetation	Clearance and ongoing management of vegetation as applicable.
Statutory Requirements and Issues	Compliance with statutory requirements and issues as applicable.
Site access	Provision of safe access to site.
Site preparation	Timely completion of all preparatory works
Retailer	Agreement(s) with retailer(s) for supply of energy to all ICPs.
Connection standards	Compliance with Unison's Network Connection Standard for all ICPs.
Capital Contribution	Payment of the capital contribution in accordance with the payment terms. These requirements and obligations are described in <i>Section 4</i> of this policy.
Pioneer Scheme Contribution	Payment of the Pioneer Scheme contribution as applicable.

Table 1 – Obligations and Requirements

3.2 Provision of information

The customer will be required to provide all the necessary information to enable:

- a detailed design
- a construction plan, and
- an estimation of consumption and demand for ICPs associated with the customer project.

4. Capital Contribution

4.1 Level of capital contribution for a new investment

Unison will own the electrical distribution assets installed in association with the Customer Connection Project. The customer will be requested to make a capital contribution. The level of capital contribution required is based on:

- the project meeting the required rate of return for the investment, in line with Unison's 'Cost of Capital'.

Projected incremental future revenue is based on the applicable price category and price options from all ICPs associated with the project. For a project investment to be economic, future revenue must cover:

- the cost to operate and maintain any proposed new extension (including indirect administration costs), and
- an appropriate share of the cost to operate and maintain electrical distribution assets upstream from the Network Connection Point. This approach ensures existing customers are no worse off following the connection of a new user. As the expected network revenue from the new customer (in the form of additional charges and/or capital contribution) will cover the incremental cost of supply.

The capital contribution required will be calculated based on the net present value (NPV) of the project. This includes all associated costs and incremental revenue streams over an appropriate period. A negative NPV indicates the investment would be uneconomic for Unison, therefore a capital contribution payment is required from the customer. In instances where there is no incremental revenue (for example relocation, OHUG or removal), or a decrease in revenue associated with a Downgrade, the capital contribution may be equal to 100% of the project costs.

Unison's price schedule containing delivery prices for each price category and price option can be found on Unison's website www.unison.co.nz.

4.2 Formula for calculating contribution

The following general approach is used to determine the level of contribution required for a project or projects:

+ Investment in the customer-initiated project or projects
+ Present value (PV) of maintenance and operating expenditure
= Total Costs

– PV of future revenue streams projected from customer (post tax and costs)
– Equipment salvage value (if any)
= Customer Contribution

For standard connections the capital contribution rate reflects the average contribution required for these types of connections as outlined in *point 4.3*.

A Connection Charge Reconciliation is available for each final quote on request.

The Connection Charge Reconciliation is not used to calculate the customer contribution. It uses nationally standard definitions, calculations and a proforma model to allow for comparison across EDBs.

For Urban Residential Greenfield Subdivisions where greater than 10 connections are being made, the capital contribution toward subdivision reticulation may be priced using both a standard per lot rate and direct costs. This reflects the average contribution for these types of projects as outlined in *point 4.3*. The cost of network extension and providing network security to connect subdivision reticulation to the existing network must be met in full by the customer as part of the capital contribution. This includes items such as 11kV cabling, switches and transformers.

Real estate developments do not qualify as a Pioneer Scheme. Should another customer connect to the network at a point established previously as a Customer Connection Project, the first initiated customer will not be entitled to any refund.

Generally only electricity distribution assets that can be economically recovered, refurbished and reused in accordance with our asset management practices, such as distribution transformers, are eligible for equipment salvage value.

4.3 Types of Customer Connection Projects

Unison applies the following distinction for Customer Connection Projects:

- Standard Connections (Posted Rate)
- Urban Residential Greenfield Subdivisions, and
- Complex Projects including:
 - customer requested enhancements
 - capacity increases
 - network extensions
 - upgrades / downgrades, and
 - asset relocation and OHUG.

4.4 Unit Rate projects

Standard connections for up to two residential new connections to the existing network:

- require a single or two phase 60 Amp, or up to 3 phase 40 Amp connection, and
- are eligible for Unison's standard residential price categories (M12, THU).

Standard connections up to two small general new connections to the existing network:

- require a single or two phase 60 Amp, or up to 3 phase 40 Amp connection, and
- are eligible for Unison's general price categories (NDA and TCU).

Standard connections up to two small commercial new connections to the existing network:

- require connections up to 3 phase 63 Amp connection, and
- are eligible for Unison's small commercial price category (MC1).

Eligibility for different price categories is detailed in Unison's Pricing Policy available on Unison's website www.unison.co.nz.

4.5 Urban Residential Greenfield Subdivision

Unison may at its discretion assess the capital contribution associated with Urban Residential Greenfield Subdivisions based on a standard per lot rate (Unit Rate Project).

Urban Residential Greenfield Subdivisions are defined as subdivisions zoned urban residential with multiple lots that require a single network connection to be established for a residential dwelling at each lot which also must have street frontage designated as road reserve.

Refer to Unison's pricing information published on its website www.unison.co.nz.

The cost of any network extension or providing network security to connect subdivision reticulation to the existing network must be met in full by the customer as part of the capital contribution. This includes items such as 11kV cabling, switches and distribution transformers.

The cost of any existing network assets requiring relocation, OHUG, or removal must be met through a capital contribution determined in accordance with the approach for complex projects.

4.6 Determining rates – Unit Rate Projects

In determining this approach and setting the level of the capital contribution rates, consideration has been given to the principles listed below.

- There should be equity in the allocation of the cost of connection among smaller consumers with similar requirements. The specific cost associated with each connection relates to the provision of the network connection service. Although the actual cost for establishing a connection is dependent on the specific situation, the administrative cost of calculating a specific price for most small connections would make it cost prohibitive.
- A further consideration is that actual costs depend on many variables. For example:
 - which side of the street the existing network is located
 - the availability or not of capacity in an existing distribution transformer, and
 - the availability or not of a point of connection.

These are factors that are a function of network topology. They cannot be reasonably foreseen by a customer wanting to connect to the low voltage network. Therefore, site specific costs should not be allocated to the individual customer. Rather, standard capital contributions rates should be set at a level ensuring this group of smaller customers contribute sufficiently to the costs of standard connections in aggregate. This will ensure an economic return on the

total investments associated with providing standard connections. At the same, the level of standard capital contributions rates should be sufficient to ensure other existing network customers are not burdened with meeting part of these costs.

- The level of standard capital contributions rates is determined based on the average contribution required from customers requiring standard connections toward the average cost of establishing these. This ensures Unison receives an economic return at its regulated cost of capital. This level of contribution is reviewed periodically. This review is based on the prevailing cost levels and average revenue per customer for a given standard connection type in prior years.
- A standardised unit rate approach to pricing standard connections reduces administrative costs associated with administering the pricing of the capital contribution requirement for each standard connection project individually. This ensures Unison is delivering efficiency in the cost of connection and providing service to customers.
- A distinction is made between the rate for urban and rural connections. This reflects the:
 - additional cost in mileage and travel time associated with establishing rural connections, and
 - greater requirement for the establishment of new assets including poles and transformers in a rural situation. Whereas, in an urban situation the existing distribution infrastructure is in many cases sufficient or requires limited new assets such as a set of fuses or a new pedestal only.

Note

These standard rates for residential and small commercial connections do not apply where an extension to the network is required to provide a connection. For example, more than one pole must be established, or an extension greater than 30m to the existing network is required. In these instances, Unison's policy for capital contributions to 'Complex Projects' applies.

4.7 Determining rates – Complex Projects

The capital contribution required will be determined based on the net present value (NPV) of the project. This includes all associated costs and revenue streams over an appropriate period according to the formula in *point 4.2*. A negative NPV indicates the investment would be uneconomic for Unison. Therefore, a capital contribution payment is required from the customer. The factors listed below are also considered when determining the Customer Connection Project NPV and capital contribution required.

The value of any deferral of planned and budgeted renewal expenditure foreseen in the immediate planning period associated with the early replacement of existing assets due to customer-initiated work will be determined and taken into consideration.

- Equipment salvage value associated with electricity distribution assets that can be economically recovered, refurbished and reused in accordance with

our asset management practices, such as distribution transformers, are eligible for equipment salvage value.

- Timeframe and rate of future connections projected as part of the project considering:
 - market conditions
 - build timeframes, and
 - urban/rural subdivision.

Timeframes used are based on actual experience over an extended period. As a guide, connection uptake for rural residential subdivisions will generally be phased over ten years and urban residential subdivisions over five years.

- Where significant upgrade of Unison's network is required to accommodate additional load, Unison will deduct associated network general costs from the total cost of the Customer Connection Project where this upgrade provides significant benefit to other existing or future network customers. The purpose of this is to determine the capital contribution required toward the upgrade. Network general costs are the proportion of costs associated with providing the increased capacity that existing and future upstream customers will benefit from.
- A proportional share of existing upstream assets, based on the maximum anytime or peak loading on network assets, will be included in the total Customer Connection Project value. This value may be used for determining the capital contribution required and/or any network delivery charges.

Unison incorporates assumptions around capital contribution recovery within its incremental profitability (NPV) assessment, reflecting upstream capacity costs and stranding risk rather than applying a fixed minimum contribution. This discourages 'inefficient' investment by exposing new connections to a portion of the financial cost of the works. It also incentivises new connections to size their connection appropriately to minimise the cost of augmentation.

The minimum capital contribution will consider the non-recoverable incremental project costs. Generally, non-recoverable incremental project costs are equivalent to the value of assets physically or economically not able to be re-deployed in the event the new connection no longer requires them.

4.8 Augmentation of system

Where Unison determines augmentation is advantageous to Unison, Unison will:

- identify the level of benefits, and
 - determine an appropriate cost split between Unison and the customer.
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4.9 Special enhancements	Where a customer's Network Connection Point requires special enhancements, the cost of these enhancements must be met by the customer through a capital contribution.
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4.10 Downgrades	Where a downgrade is requested the full cost of the downgrade including the alteration, replacement or removal of any network assets must be met by the customer through a capital contribution.
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5. Connection Charge Reconciliation

5.1 Connection Charge Reconciliation overview	Under clause S6B.10 of the Code, Unison must prepare a Connection Charge Reconciliation. This is a standard breakdown that shows how connection charges are split between costs directly related to the connection and wider network costs.
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The Connection Charge Reconciliation helps customers understand:

- how much of the connection cost is paid through connection charges
- how much of the total network cost is covered by connection charges, and
- how much of the revenue from a connection is used to pay for the existing network, day-to-day operations, and Transpower's transmission charges.

A connection applicant can request a Connection Charge Reconciliation at any time during the connection process. When we provide a quote for connection works, we will advise the applicant that they have the right to request one.

6. Embedded Networks

6.1 Capital contribution methodology for Embedded Networks	The capital contribution associated with the establishment of embedded network is determined using the principles and process for complex projects. For the avoidance of doubt, an embedded network that is incorporating or amalgamating existing ICPs will be treated as a downgrade.
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7. Fuse Requirements

7.1 Requirements	If upon livening a Customer Connection Project it is identified the actual customer demand requires a variation to the connection capacity through an increase in fusing, Unison may make an adjustment to the required contribution. The customer must pay any additional contribution associated with this.
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8. Roothing Authorities

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Obligations | Unison ensures it meets all its obligations in relation to undertaking network asset relocations at the request of Roothing Authorities including the determination of capital contributions toward the costs. These obligations are described in the Electricity Act 1992 and subsequent amendments. |
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9. Relocation of Network Assets

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Obligations | <p>Unison will accommodate the relocation of existing assets where Unison determines relocation is environmentally sound, prudent and economically viable for Unison.</p> <p>Unison will determine the capital contribution payable to make the relocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• economically viable, and• consistent with the principles of the apportionment of costs and determining the capital contribution for complex project to reflect the benefits received between Unison and the customer requiring the relocation. |
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10. Easements

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Easements | Where network assets are to be installed outside of road reserve, Unison requires easements in accordance with its policies. Agreements providing Authority to Grant Easement(s) must be arranged for by the customer and all costs of surveying and registering easements including Unison's legal costs must be met by the customer. |
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11. Using Independent Contractors

11.1 Contractors

Unison undertakes all Customer Connection Project works and does not permit the use of independent contractors. This ensures:

- Customer Connection Projects are carried out in a cost-effective manner that maintains the integrity of Unison's asset standards, and
- asset management strategies which are designed to deliver whole of life value from Unison's assets.

More information on Unison's asset management strategies can be found in Unison's Asset Management Plan available on Unison's website www.unison.co.nz.

12. Consistency with Pricing Principles

12.1 Pricing principles

Unison's approach to determining capital contributions outlined in this policy is consistent with Unison's Pricing Objectives and Principles. These are contained in Unison's Pricing Methodology Disclosure available on Unison's website www.unison.co.nz.

12.2 Expected adjustments to pricing approach

The Electricity Authority is currently collating information and reviewing different approaches for the recovery of costs associated with network growth across EDBs. They are collecting data on new customer connection and upgrade projects through the Connection Charge Reconciliation. It is anticipated that they will consult on further changes after a period of data collection and analysis.

Unison will adjust its connection pricing approach in line with Code amendments from the Electricity Authority.

Appendix A – Summary of Document Changes

Date	Version No.	Changes to Document	Owner	Authoriser	Approver
26/06/2006	1.0	New Policy – Financial Contribution Policy Replaces Internet version v2.4; 030604BB	Commercial Analyst	GM Finance & Commercial	Chief Executive
01/07/2009	2.0	Full Policy review. Definitions and Section 9 rewritten.	Commercial Specialist	Commercial Manager & Chief Financial Officer	Chief Executive
23/05/2013	3.0	Update into new template with minor updating. Point 3.1 and 5.2 updated to exclude reference to tendering process. Point 5.3 updated. Point 6.2 MARIA compliant meters changed to Electricity Authority compliant meters.	Commercial Manager	GM Commercial	Group Chief Executive
06/08/2014	4.0	Full review. Policy updated to include the requirements of section 2.4.6 of the Electricity Distribution Information Disclosure Determination 2012. New definitions added for Capital Contributions, Rural, Urban, Upgrades and Network Service Zones. Addition of point 5.2 – Formula for calculating contribution Addition of new sections: • 6 – Standard Schedule of Capital Contribution Charges • 10 – Using Independent Contractors, and • 11 – Consistency with Pricing Principles.	Commercial Manager	GM Commercial	Group Chief Executive
07/02/2017	5.0	Full review. Updates made throughout policy. Policy Statement amended. Additions:	Commercial Manager	GM Commercial	Group Chief Executive

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		- Section 9 Relocation of Network assets, and - Appendix A – Pricing schedule for standard connections.			
27/03/2017	5.1	Minor review. Point 5.3 Types of Customer Connection Projects – updated. Appendix A – Standard capital contributions rates updated following annual review.	Commercial Manager	GM Commercial	Group Chief Executive
05/09/2019	6.0	Full review. Point 5.2 – Addition of option for per lot pricing capital contribution required for urban subdivisions.	Commercial Manager	GM Commercial	Group Chief Executive
30/03/2022	7.0	Full review. Updated definition for Customer Connection Projects, Downgrades, Extension, Standard connections, and Upgrades. Revised policy statement. Described the application of the methodology in the scoping process. Added point 3.2 Standard connection process. Updated point 3.3. to clarify complex projects, inclusions of the initial estimate, quote and when an agreement is required with the customer. Customer obligations extended to include the retailer, connection standards, site access and site preparation requirements. Point 5.1 updated to state capital contribution may be equal to 100% of the project costs.	Commercial Manager	GM Commercial	Group Chief Executive

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		Added clause regarding equipment salvage value in points 5.2 and 5.7. Added points 5.4 and 5.5 regarding Urban Residential Greenfield Subdivisions. Rates reviewed and updated to reflect Urban Residential Greenfield Subdivisions. Added Section 6 – Embedded networks and Section 10 – Easements.			
24/10/2023	8.0	Full review. Updated definitions for: Network Service Zone; Rural; and Urban. Appendix A removed as outdated. References to Appendix A removed. Cross references added to Pricing Policy instead, which contains information on current connection contributions. Added point 11.2 – expected adjustments to pricing approach.	Revenue Analyst	GM Commercial	Group Chief Executive
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