

15 December 2022 (anonymous) – When do BBCs first apply for a new generation connection?

Question:

[We are] due to commission the [generation] plant in 2023. When do the benefit-based charges apply? Is it the month following commissioning, or the following pricing year?

Response:

The connection of [new plant] will be a large* plant connection adjustment event to which clause 85 of the TPM will apply. This will be treated as the connection to the grid of a new notional customer under clause 83.

Under clause 83(10) Transpower must start the benefit-based charges for the new notional customer as soon as reasonably practicable. Normally this will be the month after the connection, and the first invoice may include an additional back-dated charge to cover the period from connection to the start of that month.

** The TPM defines 'large' as connected to the grid or with at least a 10MW change in capacity.*