

Network Capital Contributions Policy

Information for generator users

What are capital contributions?

Capital contributions are payments that may be required for new or upgraded connections to Power and Water's electricity network. The purpose of these contributions is to ensure that costs for a customer's new or upgraded connection are paid for by that customer and not shared by everyone connected to the network.

The Utilities Commission has approved a revised Network Capital Contributions Policy to apply from 1 July 2014.

Generator users

A generator user is a network user who has been granted access to the electricity network by the network provider and who supplies electricity into the electricity network at an entry point.

Payment of a capital contribution

The generator user will be responsible for meeting the following costs:

- Connection assets dedicated to their connection; and
- Augmentation of upstream shared assets.

Power and Water may fund, on a proportional basis, network assets with a capacity above the optimal size required by the generator user where other network users may benefit from the connection or augmentation works to the shared network.

Subject to approval by Power and Water, a network user may elect to make a capital contribution in the form of contributed assets, a financial payment or a combination of both.

All generator users seeking the provision of network access services will be required to enter into formal access agreements with Power and Water, unless otherwise agreed by both parties.

More information

For more information, please refer to the Network Capital Contributions Policy and FAQs found on Power and Water's website at powerwater.com.au.