

Independent Connection Providers (ICPs)

Helping you find suitable Independent Connection Providers in your local area.

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1. What is an ICP?

An Independent Connection Provider (ICP) is an accredited company that can carry out contestable connection work, giving customers an alternative to their Distribution Network Operators (DNO) when applying for new electricity connections.

To operate, ICPs must be accredited under the LRQA National Electricity Registration Scheme (NERS). This accreditation ensures the company meets the required standards for safety, quality and technical competence.

Typically, ICP's can design, build and connect electrical networks that can later be adopted by a DNO or an Independent Distribution Network Operator (IDNO).

2. Why do we promote Competition in Connections?

Ofgem requires DNOs like SP Electricity North West to actively support competition in the electricity connections market to ensure a transparent and fair environment for customers. This encourages innovation, fair pricing and good customer service.

Customers can choose either a DNO or ICP to carry out the 'contestable' element of their connection work. We actively support and promote competition in connections by making it easy for customers to select an accredited Independent Connection Provider (ICP) that operates within our network area.

3. What is Contestable Vs Non-Contestable work?

When you apply for a new connection, there are some elements of work that can only be carried out by us. These are typically referred to as non-contestable activities.

There may also be some activities that can be carried out by ourselves or an Independent Connection Providers (ICP). These are typically referred to as contestable activities.

Recently an industry code of practice has enabled some specific non-contestable activities to be carried out by ICPs. Activities that are included in this third category are outlined below.

3.1 Contestable work

Contestable work: works that can be carried out by either the DNO or an accredited ICP.

The following work may be carried out by us or by an accredited ICP on the customer's behalf and in accordance with our specifications:

- the design for the network extension and any contestable reinforcement of the existing network
- the procurement and provision of equipment and materials to our current specification for the extension
- trenching and other preparations of the site, including the circuit routes between the development and the point of connection

- construction of the network extension and any contestable reinforcement and diversions
- recording of work done and of the location of cable routes and other equipment on site or elsewhere, and the provision of this information to us.
- reinstatement (both temporary and permanent, if appropriate) of the site, including the circuit routes
- making provision for the installation of metering equipment
- legal consents.

Where an accredited ICP undertakes 'contestable' work, ownership of the new network may be transferred to us, subject to the terms and conditions of the agreement to adopt.

3.2 Non-Contestable Work

Non-contestable work: works that must be carried out by us, the DNO.

For reasons of safety, and to enable us to comply with the Electricity Act 1989; to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of electricity supply, some activities must be completed by us, SP Electricity North West:

- processing the customer's application and adoption of equipment
- Connection of the extension reinforced or diverted equipment to the distribution system and their energisation
- carrying out of any works for the purpose of reinforcing the distribution system where the conditions for such activity being contestable work are not met
- planning, designing, specifying and carrying out any works associated with the diversion of distribution equipment where the conditions for such activity being contestable work are not met
- removal or repositioning of existing electrical equipment and electric cables
- Agreeing and obtaining any suitable legal consent that we require
- operation, repair and maintenance of the electrical equipment and the electric cables
- inspection, monitoring and testing of any contestable work.

The following work is technically non-contestable; however, it has been made competitive under the competition in connections code of practice. This means that you can now ask accredited contractors to carry out these works.

- Determining the point of connection to the distribution system
- Approval of contestable designs for new connections and contestable reinforcements.

4. ICP's working within our Licence area

The following list of ICPs is arranged alphabetically and does not reflect customer satisfaction ratings or rankings.

This information in this list is reviewed quarterly to ensure it remains accurate, but we advise that you cross reference this information with that on the [NERS registers](#) to ensure the ICP has the relevant accreditation for the work being undertaken.

Independent Connection Provider	Area Covered	Email	Telephone number
Aardvarc electrical Engineers	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	ged.gilroy@aardvarcelectrical.com	01914387430
AIS Utilities	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	Daniel.Allard@aisutilities.co.uk	07502378595
Ameon Utilities	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	mquinn@ameon.co.uk	07595654698
Argon Utility Infrastructure Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	jess@argonutilityinfrastructure.co.uk	01767317689
BDS Global Ltd.	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	daniel.wickson@bdsglobal.co.uk	03300 241555
BER Consultancy Services Ltd	Greater Manchester	info@bercltd.com	07501025337
Bethell Utility Services Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	sarah.standish@bethell.co.uk	01204404823
BGS Utilities	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	info@bgsutilities.co.uk	01925 825 770
blu-3 UK Limited	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	estimating@blu-3.co.uk	020 8686 5638
Carbon point Connections Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	divyesh@carbon-point.co.uk	07834507208
Clarke Telecom	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	james.burnett@clarke-connect.com	07767 013980
Cosmor Groundworks Limited	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	kevin@cosmor.co.uk	0161 8704690
DACI Utilities Engineering Consultancy Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	a.carabeo@daci.co.uk	07946 173518

Independent Connection Provider	Area Covered	Email	Telephone number
Datom Utilities Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	rich@datom-utilities.com	01922419280
ECO POWER ENERGY	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	connections@ecopoweruk.com	01325 734817 EXT 4817 300
EJC Contracts Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	icp@ejccontracts.com	02890839574
Electricity Distribution Engineering Services Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	roy.smith@edesltd.com	07931306506
Electricity North West (Construction & Maintenance) Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	David.clarkson@enwl.co.uk	07917590146
Electricity Solutions Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	info@electricity-solutions.co.uk	03332021012
Energy and System Technical Limited	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	mdelgudice@east-solutions.co.uk	01366388154
EnergyForce Limited	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	info@energyforce.uk	01964 508094
Energyline Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	commercial@energyline.ltd.uk	01423799950
Envevo Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	enquiries@envevo.co.uk	0141 428 4440
First Connect Utility Solutions Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	enquiries@firstconnect-utility.co.uk	01246 930649

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FMJ Solutions LTD	Cumbria & Greater Manchester	jetmir.leka@fmjsolutions.co.uk	01189406952
Fortis Foundations Civil Engineering Limited	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	Will.temperley@fortisfoundations.com	07368461576
Fusion Utility Networks	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	info@fusionutilitynetworks.co.uk	0844 384 3128
Gigawatt Industries	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	connections@gigawatt.co.uk	01147069953
Green Engineering Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	enquiries@greenengineeringltd.co.uk	07848972614
Green Frog Connect	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	M.Tanner@greenfrogconnect.co.uk	07872936822
Greencurrent Power Engineering	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	info@greencurrent.co.uk	07514 508088
Hardtech HV	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	nathan.cliff@hardtech-hv.com	01615323607
HS POWER SOLUTIONS LTD	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	info@hspowersolutions.co.uk	07394 503475
HV Energy Systems Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	info@hvenergysystems.co.uk	01454 550424
i-Connect Utilities & Renewables Limited	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	info@i-connect.co.uk	07437467435

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IES Utilities	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	Conor.oneill@iesutilities.co.uk	07909774904
Integrated Utility Services Limited	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	bdsecure@ius.co.uk	0800 0737373
IPSUM Power ICP Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	lucy.jarrett@ipsum.co.uk	07467 359813
J K Jointing Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	info@jkjointing.co.uk	07825950319
JN Bentley Limited	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	bidding@jnbentley.co.uk	01756 799425
John Henry Group	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	jpearce@johnhenrygroup.co.uk	07879339315
Jones Lighting Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	enquiries@joneslighting.co.uk	01772 459410
M&M Contractors	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	Info@mm-contractors.com	02890754090
Matrix Networks	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	admin@matrixgroup.co.uk	0330 320 9899
Maxwell Construction & Civils Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	mark.maxwellccltd@gmail.com	07841023528
MPAAS Ltd	Lancashire & Greater Manchester	info@mpaas.co.uk	0330 8088 910

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Naylor Power Engineering	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	enquiries@naylorgroup.co.uk	0330 133 4487
NETWORK POWER CONNECTIONS LTD	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	mark.basnett@networkpowerconnections.co.uk	07791553410
Networx Utilites Limited	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	enquiries@networxutilities.co.uk	01449 726 946
Oakes Power Services Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	daniel.oakes@oakespowerservices.co.uk	01634 940796
OCU group Limited	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	BD@ocugroup.com	01612489922
Platinum Electrical Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	project.assistant@platinumstreetlighting.co.uk	01773689304
PN Daly Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	J.halstead@pndaly.co.uk	07974455327
Power On	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	stefanie.stewart@poweron-uk.co.uk	07855004155
PowerOne Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	accounts@poweroneltd.co.uk	01255830377
PSS Power Engineering Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	callum.perrett@pssppower.co.uk	07725136899
R F Building & Utilities	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	ALund@RFBU.co.uk	07384769309

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R&M Lighting	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	viki@randm.net	01628673445
Rock Power Connections	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	Emma@rockpowerconnections.co.uk	01905 456384
RV2 Power	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	adrian.horwell@rv2power.com	0330 118 0089
Trienergi Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	office@trienergi.co.uk	01223655311
UK-ICP	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	jon.breeze@uk-icp.co.uk	07840848499
Utility Line	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	bidteam@utilityline.co.uk	020 386 65750
Utilelligence Limited	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	Benjamin.lois@utilligence.co	01444 226 365
Vantage Professional Services Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	harry.bright@vantageps.co.uk	07515659221
Voltserve Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	general@voltserve.co.uk	01234 954320
Wingnut Utilities Ltd	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	lee.cookson@wingnututilities.co.uk	01772 490098
WYSON GROUP LTD	Cumbria, Lancashire & Greater Manchester	kimcramp@wyson.ltd	01218179191