

## INFORMATION FOR LANDOWNERS

### COMPETITION IN CONNECTIONS &

### INDEPENDENT CONNECTION PROVIDERS (ICPs)

#### HOW DOES THIS AFFECT WHO INSTALLS NEW ELECTRICITY EQUIPMENT ON YOUR LAND

Under the Competition in Connection (CiC) framework set down by Ofgem (the government appointed regulator of electricity distribution networks), anyone requiring a **new electricity connection** from WPD (the licensed Distribution Network Operator or DNO for the Midlands, South West and South Wales), can choose for either WPD or an Independent Connection Provider (ICP) to carry out works to provide that connection. Whether WPD or an ICP installs the new equipment, WPD will adopt the new assets (assuming successful installation) and once adopted, they will become part of WPD's electricity network and WPD will be responsible for future maintenance and renewal of the new assets.

Where an ICP wants to install equipment under CiC across land not owned by them, **the ICP will need their own consent from landowners**, who should be aware of the following:

- ❖ Where the ICP initially determines the position of equipment and negotiates the terms (e.g. for cables, overhead lines and substations) with landowners, the ICP will need to enter into a separate agreement with the landowner for the construction/installation stage, taking on liability for matters such as reinstatement and damage. WPD will have no liability to you for this.
- ❖ Where WPD carries out the initial discussions with landowners and terms are agreed in principle, WPD will inform landowners that an ICP will be responsible for installation of the equipment (including agreeing access, reinstatement, repairing damage etc). The ICP and landowner would then need to agree any separate terms to cover the installation of the equipment as again, WPD will have no liability for the installation.
- ❖ In addition to any installation agreement between the ICP and the landowner, WPD will require separate Wayleaves or Deeds to be completed in WPD's name prior to adoption of the equipment by WPD. These agreements will govern the future relationship between WPD and the landowners for access to and the maintenance and replacement of the equipment. Once the position/route for any equipment to be installed by an ICP are agreed in principle and approved by WPD, we will contact you regarding the next steps. Alternatively the ICP will provide us with your details (and your solicitor if required) so we can progress the required agreements.

Where any statutory consents or other permissions are required for ICP works, these would be obtained by the ICP unless otherwise agreed with WPD or it's a consent which only WPD can obtain (e.g. planning permission for new overhead lines). (October 2012)