



Pioneer Scheme Policy

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1. Interpretation and Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires (will be made clear), terms used in this policy have the meanings defined in the **Electricity Industry Participation Code (“the Code”)** and **Powerco Network Agreements**.

Additional definitions relevant to this policy are provided in Appendix A – Definitions.

Terms defined in the Appendix A are written in **Bold** when first mentioned within this policy and when referenced within the appendix.

Note that terms that appear in *italics* at first mention and within Appendix A are defined in the Code.

(Consequently, terms that appear in both **bold and italics** are both defined in this policy and refer to a defined term from the Code.)

All dollar figures are exclusive of GST, unless otherwise stated.

2. Introduction

This document sets out Powerco’s **Pioneer Scheme** Policy and describes our process for navigating and applying Part 6B of the Electricity Industry Participation Code and to provide a transparent framework for the establishment and administration of Pioneer Schemes.

This Pioneer Scheme Policy applies to **connection applicants** for *load* on Powerco’s electricity *distribution network* where:

1. the application was made on or after 1 April 2026; or
2. notwithstanding the Code clause 6B.2(1)(a), the application was made before 1 April 2026 and the connection applicant and Powerco have not entered into an applicable Powerco Network Agreement for the relevant application.

Pioneer Schemes do not apply retrospectively to existing connection agreements or Powerco Network Agreements.

A Pioneer Scheme enables a customer who funds a network *extension* (the **First Pioneer**) to, in specific circumstances, recover part of their upfront investment in those network extensions from any subsequent customers who benefit from those network extensions. This approach promotes fairness and efficiency in network development and ensures costs are shared among all benefiting parties.

We have the role of administering the scheme, including collecting **Pioneer Scheme contributions**, determining whether any later connection applicants will also take on **Pioneer Status**, and providing **rebates** to the Pioneer (or Pioneers).

This policy explains how we determine:

1. which network extensions qualify as a Pioneer Scheme
2. the information that we will publish about each scheme
3. how we determine contributions and rebates

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4. various other aspects of how we administer the schemes.

This policy should be read alongside Powerco's Pricing Policy¹ and **Powerco Network Agreements**. Where any provision of this policy conflicts with the relevant Powerco Network Agreement, the relevant Powerco Network Agreement will prevail.

3. Coverage of Policy

3.1 Network Extensions

Network *extensions* include works or operating arrangements to provide a connection to Powerco's distribution network, or to increase the security or capacity of either (a) a connection; or (b) any assets owned or operated by Powerco that do not increase the capacity of the **shared network**.

Network extensions also include *extension-like upgrades*. These are works or operating arrangements that increase the capacity of the shared network but that substantially benefit only the connecting party, and where this is reasonably considered likely to remain the case.

3.1.1 Exclusions

Network extensions do not include works or operating arrangements associated with *customer-owned assets* or work covered by a **connection administration fee**.

Incremental transmission works that are needed to connect a large customer may also be classified as a network extension. However, any portion of an extension cost that relates to a benefit-based transmission charge adjustment event are excluded from Pioneer Schemes.²

3.2 When Pioneer Schemes Apply

A Pioneer Scheme will be established where:

- a) The cost of the network extension initially met by the **First Pioneer** is greater than or equal to the **Pioneer Scheme threshold** of \$50,000 (December 2025 dollars, adjusted annually by the **CPI movement**); and
- b) Powerco considers it feasible that other parties may seek to connect to all or part of the network extension at a later date.

¹ Refer to the latest version of our Pricing Policy here: <https://www.powerco.co.nz/who-we-are/disclosures-and-submissions/electricity-pricing>

² Refer to the Electricity Authority's content on the Transmission Pricing Methodology for more details regarding benefit-based transmission charge adjustment events and related costs here: <https://www.ea.govt.nz/projects/all/tpm/>

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When assessing whether the Pioneer Scheme threshold is met, we will use the actual costs of the network extension to the First Pioneer (ie the capital contribution³ (upfront connection charge) amount the customer has paid towards the network extension), where we have that information. If we do not know the actual costs (for example, if the **pioneering connection works** or *vested pioneering works* were not constructed or contracted by Powerco), we will use a reasonable estimate of the costs of the works. If the First Pioneer provides us with information on the costs of the works, we must be reasonably satisfied that the information is accurate before using that information.

For the avoidance of doubt, these cost assessments exclude any pioneering connection works or vested pioneering works undertaken before 1 April 2026, even where the relevant connection application is made on or after 1 April 2026.

Where the network extension qualifies for a Pioneer Scheme, we will use the costs determined above as the **opening value** of the pioneering connection works.

3.2.1 Exclusions

Pioneer Schemes do not apply to:

- **Real estate developments***
- Extensions established for connections that are covered by a Large Connection Contract (LCC)⁴
- Extensions established under our *posted connection charges* ("standard pricing")⁵
- And any other exclusions specified in the Code or its Amendments.

* Note that connection applicants for real estate developments cannot hold Pioneer Status, as real estate developments cannot create Pioneer Schemes – however, these applicants are required to pay Pioneer Scheme Contributions as per clause 5.2 of this policy.

3.3 Customer-Selected Enhancements beyond the Minimum Scheme

While the costs of *customer-selected enhancements* beyond the *minimum scheme* are excluded from the opening value of a Pioneer Scheme as per the Code, Powerco may exercise discretion where these enhancements create shared network assets that are definitively enabling for subsequent connection applicants. In such cases, Powerco may determine if including the costs of these enhancements in a Pioneer Scheme's opening value is appropriate and reasonable, given the circumstances.

³ For more information on how we determine capital contributions and connection charges, refer to the latest version of our Capital Contributions Guide here: <https://www.powerco.co.nz/who-we-are/disclosures-and-submissions/electricity-disclosures>

⁴ An LCC is a contract between an EDB and another person that enables the supply to that person (and no one else) of electricity distribution services requiring the connection of new capacity or load that is at least 5MW, and the costs are funded under the contract as it's not provided for in the CPP or DPP. https://www.comcom.govt.nz/assets/pdf_file/0017/60542/electricity-distribution-services-input-methodologies-determination-2012-consolidated-as-of-23-april-2024.pdf

⁵ For more information on our Standard Pricing, refer to this section of our website: <https://www.powerco.co.nz/get-connected/electricity-for-home-and-business/electricity-connection-pricing>

3.4 Vested Assets

Where Powerco agrees to take ownership of customer-funded works that meet the criteria in this policy and designate those works as a Pioneer Scheme, the scheme will be administered in accordance with this policy.

3.5 Nesting of Pioneer Schemes

A connection applicant that is required to contribute to an existing scheme may also require a network extension that creates another scheme. A subsequent connection applicant that connects to the second scheme could be using the assets created by both schemes, and this could result in 'nesting' of schemes.

Below is the EA's existing guidance⁶ regarding the 'nesting' of Pioneer Schemes:

A connection applicant can only be required to pay a pioneer scheme contribution for pioneering connection works they are connecting to. They cannot be required to pay a pioneer scheme contribution for pioneering connection works they are not directly connecting to (see, for example, clauses 6B.8(3)(a) and 6B.8(4)(c) of the Code (Connection Pricing Requirements) Amendment 2025). In practice, this means Pioneer schemes will not be able to receive rebates from beyond 2 pioneer scheme layers.

For example, a pioneer scheme (Pioneer Scheme A) is set up for an extension and then later another pioneer scheme (Pioneer Scheme B) connects to Pioneer Scheme A (eg, to run down a side valley). The first pioneer of Pioneer Scheme B will be required to pay a pioneer scheme contribution for Pioneer Scheme A (if the contribution would be \$1,000 or more in December 2025 dollars).

However, subsequent connections to Pioneer Scheme B cannot be required to pay a pioneer scheme contribution for Pioneer Scheme A because they are not directly connecting to the Pioneer Scheme A's connection works. These subsequent connections to Pioneer Scheme B will need to pay a pioneer scheme contribution for Pioneer Scheme B (if the contribution meets the \$1,000 threshold in December 2025 dollars)

Powerco will not, by default, collect Pioneer Scheme rebates from parties that do not directly connect to pioneering connection works.

As per clause 6B.8(4)(a)(v) of the Code, Powerco will include, by default, in calculating any Pioneer Scheme contribution to an existing scheme and in the opening value of any new scheme that connects via existing pioneering connection works, the costs incurred by a Pioneer relating to existing pioneering connection works that they have directly connected to.

However, Powerco has discretion to collect contributions, and administer rebates, where appropriate, including (but not limited to) situations where doing so would better align with the underlying intent of Pioneer Schemes and this policy. This is to enable equitable cost-sharing and mitigate first-mover disadvantage.

⁶ <https://www.ea.govt.nz/projects/our-projects/faqs-new-rules-for-connection-pricing-methodologies/>

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3.6 Localised Historical Cost Recovery (LHCR)

For the avoidance of doubt, Pioneer Schemes are not *Localised Historical Cost Recovery* ("LHCR") schemes.

Any relevant information regarding how we operate LHCR schemes will be published in our Capital Contributions Guide⁷ and on our website.

4. Pioneer Scheme Duration

4.1 Start Date

The *start date* of a Pioneer Scheme is the date the First Pioneer makes its initial connection charge payment towards construction of the pioneering connection works or, if unknown, the date the connection is lived in.

4.2 Expiry Date

Pioneer Schemes remain in place for no less than 7 years from the start date, unless any of the abandonment triggers in clause 5.9 apply. Schemes will be closed upon reaching this expiry date.

4.3 Opt-Out and Early Termination

The First Pioneer may elect to opt out of applying a Pioneer Scheme only at the time the pioneering connection works are undertaken. Once a Pioneer Scheme has been established, neither the First Pioneer nor any **Subsequent Pioneer** may opt out.

However, a Pioneer Scheme may be terminated early if all current Pioneers and Powerco agree in writing.

5. Administering Pioneer Schemes

5.1 Powerco Responsibility

Powerco is responsible for:

- a) Establishing and maintaining a register of active Pioneer Schemes
- b) Publishing details of active schemes on Powerco's website
- c) Collecting Pioneer Scheme contributions from subsequent connecting customers
- d) Paying rebates to Pioneers in a reasonable timeframe.

⁷ Refer to the latest version of our Capital Contributions Guide here: <https://www.powerco.co.nz/who-we-are/disclosures-and-submissions/electricity-disclosures>

In accordance with the Code and this policy, Powerco may deduct an **administration fee** to cover the reasonable costs of administering the relevant Pioneer Scheme from each Pioneer Scheme contribution before calculating rebates.

5.2 Who will be required to pay a Pioneer Scheme Contribution

Connection applicants will be liable to pay a contribution under the following scenarios:

- When they directly connect to pioneering connection works
- When they indirectly connect to pioneering connection works that **definitively enable** their connection, as assessed by Powerco on a case-by-case basis in accordance with this policy.

5.3 Rebate Payment

We will pay applicable rebates (less any amount then due and payable to Powerco from the recipient of the rebate) to the party or parties that hold Pioneer Status. Initially, this will be the connection applicant (the First Pioneer) that paid for the network extension covered by the Pioneer Scheme.

5.4 Subsequent Pioneers

Where the Pioneer Scheme contribution of a connecting customer is \$25,000 or more (December 2025 dollar terms), adjusted each year by the CPI movement, they will also be treated as a Pioneer for the purposes of future Pioneer Scheme rebates. Their Pioneer Status will commence from the date that the first payment for their Pioneer Scheme contribution is made.

5.5 Pioneer Status

Pioneer Status is applicable to a Pioneer from the later of the scheme's start date (for the First Pioneer) or the date that a connection applicant becomes a Subsequent Pioneer, until the scheme's expiry date – unless explicitly agreed in writing between Powerco, the Pioneer and a third party, to whom the Pioneer Status may be transferred.

For the avoidance of doubt, where the connection application is made by a person or entity (for example, an electrician) acting as an agent on behalf of another person or entity ("the principal"), the Pioneer Status is not held by the agent, but rather by the principal.

5.6 Missing Pioneers

In the event that we are unable to contact a current Pioneer, after reasonable efforts, we will reduce the value of the scheme to reflect the portion of total rebates to be paid to that missing Pioneer.

If the Pioneer that we are unable to contact is the only Pioneer of the scheme, then the Pioneer Scheme will be discontinued. For clarity, if the scheme is discontinued, the network extension assets and works will still be able to be used by later connection applicants, but there will be no Pioneer Scheme contribution required.

Powerco will take reasonable steps to maintain contact with all parties holding Pioneer Status throughout the duration of a Pioneer Scheme. This includes maintaining accurate New Zealand contact details and making reasonable efforts to reach the Pioneer if rebates become payable.

5.6.1 Rebates Collected for Missing Pioneers

If, after making reasonable efforts for not longer than six months to contact the Pioneer, Powerco is unable to locate the Pioneer, the following will apply:

- The rebate amount will not be held indefinitely.
- The appropriate rebates will be paid to any other Pioneers (that are not missing) for that scheme, if applicable.
- Where prior agreement exists, Powerco will follow the instructions provided by the Pioneer regarding unclaimed rebates.
- If no such agreement exists, Powerco will take reasonable steps to refund the corresponding amount, that cannot be paid to the missing pioneer, to the connection applicant who made the Pioneer Scheme contribution.
- As per above, the value of the scheme will be reduced to reflect the portion of total rebates to be paid to that missing Pioneer.
- Powerco ceases to have any liability to pay any rebates to that missing Pioneer, even if that missing Pioneer were to make contact later.

5.7 Connections within Initial Capacity

Where a network extension has been established under a Pioneer Scheme to provide additional capacity for a customer, subsequent smaller connections that could have been accommodated within the original capacity (prior to the extension) will not be required to pay a Pioneer Scheme contribution for the new Pioneer Scheme. These connections will be treated as utilising the initial capacity.

To be relevant for a Pioneer Scheme, new assets must be **definitively enabling**. If the connection could have existed without the new assets, then a Pioneer Scheme contribution is not necessary.

Once the original capacity has been fully allocated, any further connections will be deemed to use the expanded capacity and will therefore be subject to Pioneer Scheme contributions.

While not a requirement under the Code, Powerco will make reasonable endeavours to ensure that this principle – whereby future customers are not unduly disadvantaged by the existence of a Pioneer Scheme that does not definitively enable their connection, as they could have still connected to Powerco's network had the Pioneer Scheme not existed – is upheld.

5.8 Replacement of Assets

If assets that were installed via pioneering connection works are replaced or removed, Powerco reserves the right to adjust the value of the scheme or abandon the scheme if appropriate.

5.9 Abandonment Triggers

Triggers for the abandonment of an existing Pioneer Scheme include

- If all current Pioneers and Powerco agree in writing to an earlier expiry date, or
- If all current Pioneers are missing, or
- If all current Pioneers have been liquidated or dissolved.

Note that this list is not exhaustive.

5.10 Contribution Calculation

Pioneer Scheme contributions, payable by a connecting customer, are calculated using the **depreciated value** of the Pioneer Scheme works. Depreciation is applied over 20 years using a straight-line depreciation method, as per the Code. To calculate the depreciated value of the Pioneer Scheme Works, we multiply the opening value of the works by a depreciation factor, where the depreciation factor is calculated as:

$$\text{Depreciation factor} = (20 \text{ years} - \text{years since starting date of Pioneer Scheme}) / 20 \text{ years}$$

For example, where a Pioneer Scheme had an opening value of \$100,000 and a contribution is to be calculated 6 months after the commencement of Pioneer Scheme, then the depreciation factor will be:

$$(20 \text{ years} - 0.5 \text{ years}) / 20 \text{ years} = 0.975.$$

In this example, the depreciated value of the Pioneer Scheme Works will be \$97,500.

When we calculate Pioneer Scheme contributions we take the following factors into account:

- where the Pioneer Scheme works include a physical length of line or cable, the length and the actual (or estimated, if actuals are unknown) value of that line or cable that the connection applicant will use relative to the use by all customers connected to the extension; and
- in all cases, the amount of capacity (kVA) that will be used by a connection applicant relative to the capacity of other existing connections that are connected to the extension.

More specifically, where the Pioneer Scheme works include line or cable, the contribution required from a connection applicant is calculated by apportioning the depreciated value of the Pioneer Scheme works between the parties connecting to the extension according to the capacity (kVA) of each connection multiplied by the length (km) of the Pioneer Scheme line that is used by the connection.

Where the Pioneer Scheme works do not include a physical line or cable component, the contribution required from a connection applicant is calculated by apportioning the depreciated value of the works between the parties connecting to the extension according to the capacity (kVA) of each connection.

A contribution is not required, if we determine the contribution for a connection applicant is less than \$1,000 (December 2025 dollar terms, adjusted each year by the CPI movement).

5.11 Rebate Calculation

Rebates are calculated in proportion to each Pioneer's original contribution, after deducting the administration fee. A worked example of this is provided in the EA's published guidance⁸.

5.12 Rebates that relate to funded asset rebates from Transpower

Where a funded asset rebate is provided to us by Transpower⁹ and the funded asset is covered by a Pioneer Scheme due to incremental transmission works being paid for by one or more Pioneers, we will distribute the rebate to the Pioneer (or Pioneers) using a similar methodology to that discussed above.

6. Disclosure and Publication

Powerco will:

- a) Publish this policy on its website.
- b) Make all connection applicants aware of the policy.
- c) Publish details of each active Pioneer Scheme, including:
 - i. **Scheme reference number.**
 - ii. Location on the network.
 - iii. Start and expiry dates.
 - iv. Opening value(s) of the scheme.

7. Compliance and Governance

This policy has been developed to meet the requirements of clauses 6B.6-6B.9 of the Electricity Industry Participation Code in respect of connection applicants whose application was made on or after 1 April 2026 and, notwithstanding the Code clause 6B.2(1)(a), those connection applicants whose application was made before 1 April 2026 and where the connection applicant and Powerco have not entered into an applicable Powerco Network Agreement.

Powerco will review this policy regularly and update it as required to maintain compliance.

Subsequent changes to the policy will not affect Pioneer Schemes created under prior iterations of this policy.

Where multiple interpretations of a particular section of this policy are possible, the interpretation most consistent with the Electricity Industry Participation Code and other New Zealand legislation should be applied.

⁸ Refer to scenario 1f of this publication:

https://www.ea.govt.nz/documents/9435/Worked_examples_of_distribution_connection_pricing_guidance_document_updated_O_TfYXHdM.pdf

⁹ Under clause 29 of the Transmission Pricing Methodology

8. Appendix A – Definitions

Defined terms and phrases appear in **bold** in this policy only to alert the reader to the fact that they are defined in this Appendix.

Note that terms that appear in *italics* are defined in the **Code**.

(Consequently, terms that appear in both **bold and italics** are both defined in this policy and refer to a defined term from the Code.)

Administration fee means a reasonable fee deducted by Powerco from each ***pioneer scheme contribution*** to cover the cost of administering a ***pioneer scheme***

Code refers to the **Electricity Industry Participation Code**

Connection administration fee means an amount paid by a ***connection applicant*** to Powerco for the administrative aspects relating to connection or increasing the security or capacity at a new point of connection, including assessing and processing connection applications and completing connection inspections

Connection applicant, for the purposes of Part 6B of **the Code**, and this policy, means a person who—

- (a) applies to Powerco to *connect* any *load* owned or operated, or to be owned or operated, by the person to Powerco's *distribution network*, or to a *consumer installation* that is connected to the *distribution network*, including by an *extension*; or
- (b) is a consumer, and applies to Powerco—
 - (i) to increase the security, or change the capacity of, the *load connection* provided to the *consumer* at the connection between the *consumer installation* owned or operated by the consumer and Powerco's *distribution network*; or
 - (ii) to change to or from a *flexible connection*; and
 - (iii) includes where any of the connection applications in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) involves allocating additional *network* security or capacity, with or without associated physical works

Connection charge means any price, fee, tariff, charge, contribution or other similar monetary impost or cost, or any part of any price, fee, tariff, charge, or other similar monetary impost or cost and that is, either directly or indirectly, imposed or required, or agreed by Powerco in relation to *connection works* for a ***connection applicant*** or is otherwise applied for the purposes of, or has the effect of, recovering *connection works costs* directly or indirectly from a ***connection applicant***. This excludes any ***connection administration fees*** or ***Pioneer Scheme contributions***.

CPI movement means, for the purposes of Part 6B of the Code, and this policy, the percentage movement in the Consumers Price Index for the 12-month period ending on 31 December in the previous calendar year

Definitively enabling means essential to providing additional capacity or otherwise enabling connections to connect or increase capacity, that could not have been achieved without those assets or works. These assets or works directly enable new connections or demand beyond the original capacity of pre-existing network assets, and are not incidental or optional.

Depreciated value means the present-day value of the ***pioneering connection works***, calculated by applying straight-line depreciation over 20 years to the ***opening value***

Electricity Industry Participation Code or **Code** means the rules made by the Electricity Authority under Part 2 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010, as may be amended from time to time

First Pioneer means the initial customer who funds the **pioneering connection works**

Opening value means the actual or estimated cost of the **pioneering connection works** for the **first pioneer** (ie the capital contribution amount the customer paid towards the **pioneering connection works**) at the scheme's *start date*

Pioneer Scheme means an arrangement that covers any part of Powerco's network comprising **pioneering connection works**, including *acquired pioneer schemes* and *vested pioneer schemes*

Pioneer Scheme contribution means a payment made by a subsequent connecting customer to Powerco determined in accordance with:

- (a) clause 6B.8 of the Code and the terms in this policy; and
- (b) any similar legally binding obligation put in place for any connection works built or established for a single consumer prior to 1 April 2026

Pioneer Scheme threshold means the dollar amount, specified in clause 3.2 of this policy, below which a **Pioneer Scheme** does not need to be established

Pioneer Status means the standing held by a Pioneer (that is, the **First Pioneer** or a **Subsequent Pioneer**) under a **Pioneer Scheme**, as per the details in clause 5.5 of this policy

Pioneering connection works means network extensions where:

- (a) the portion of the extension cost initially met by a **connection applicant**, excluding the cost of any *connection enhancement*, but including the costs incurred by the **connection applicant** under any other **pioneer scheme** covering any part of Powerco's network that the **pioneering connection works** directly connect to, is more than the **pioneer scheme threshold**; and
- (b) the **connection applicant** has not opted out of applying a **pioneer scheme** to the *extension* by agreeing in writing with the relevant distributor that the *extension* should not form part of a **pioneer scheme**; and
- (c) it is feasible that other parties may seek to connect to all or part of, or make use of, the *extension* at a later date; but
- (d) excludes an *extension* where the *extension costs* are established using *posted connection charges*; and
- (e) excludes any portion of *extension cost* relating to a *benefit-based charge adjustment event*

Powerco Network Agreements refers to Powerco's several different agreements that we may enter into with customers prior to carrying out work to connect customers to the Powerco network, depending on the type and scope of the customer's request. Some of these agreements are outlined in *Our Agreements Explained* on our website.¹⁰

Real estate development means the development of land for the purpose of on-selling including its development in one or more of the following ways:

- (a) subdivision;
- (b) the construction of commercial or industrial premises (or both);

¹⁰ [Powerco - Our Agreements Explained \(Sep 2025\)](#)

(c) the construction of multiple new residential premises.

A multi-premises building is only captured if the purpose of the development is to on-sell the premises.

Rebate means a payment made by Powerco to a *Pioneer*, representing its share of **Pioneer Scheme contributions** received from subsequent connecting customers, after deducting any **administration fee**

Scheme reference number means the number assigned to an individual **Pioneer Scheme** for identification and administrative purposes

Shared network means any part of Powerco's distribution network that is not *customer-owned assets* or *dedicated assets*

Subsequent Pioneer means a **connection applicant** who meets the criteria laid out in clause 5.4 of this policy

