

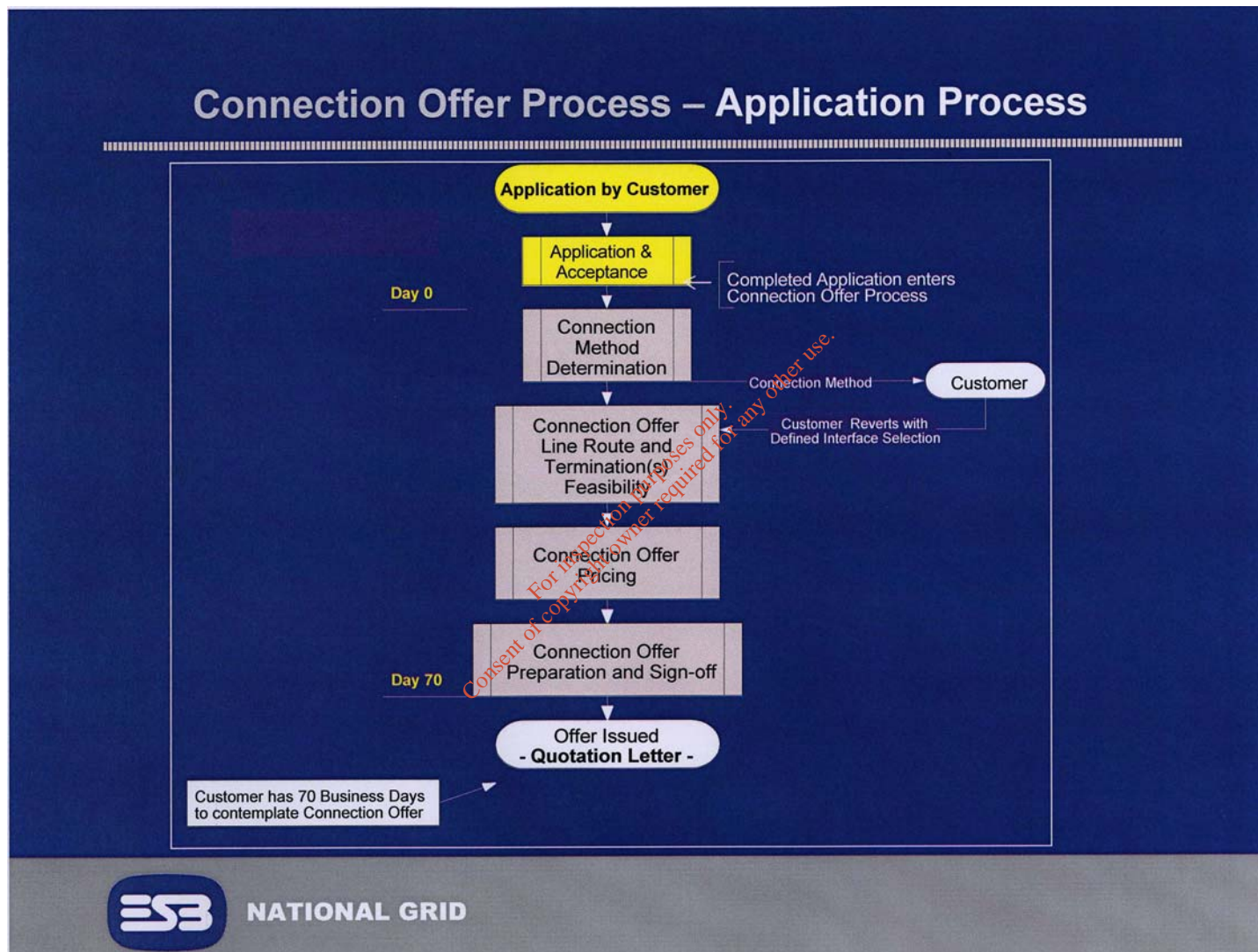
Given the Transmission System Operator's (TSO's) responsibility for the overall development of the system, ESBNG are of the view that it should mandate the connection method. This includes specification of the voltage level the connection is made at, the type of connection (tail, loop- in, tee etc) and the location of the connection

In general the applicant will be responsible for submitting a request for planning permission, but only after prior agreement on route selection with the TSO. The TSO will support the applicant in its application where it is reasonably required. The connection may also be required by the TSO in conjunction with other development plans or may be in an area where the TSO is independently developing and so in certain, probably infrequent circumstances the TSO may retain the right to take the lead on a planning permission application.

Figure 10.3 overleaf outlines the application process for grid connection as provided by ESB National Grid. It is important to note that once a connection offer and quotation letter have been issued by ESBNG, the customer has 70 Business days to contemplate the connection offer. Given the time constraints involved in reaching a connection agreement, information on the planning status of the project for which the grid connection is required is crucial to the acceptance of the connection offer.

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Figure 10.3 Grid Connection Application process and Grid Connection offer process



### 10.3 References

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