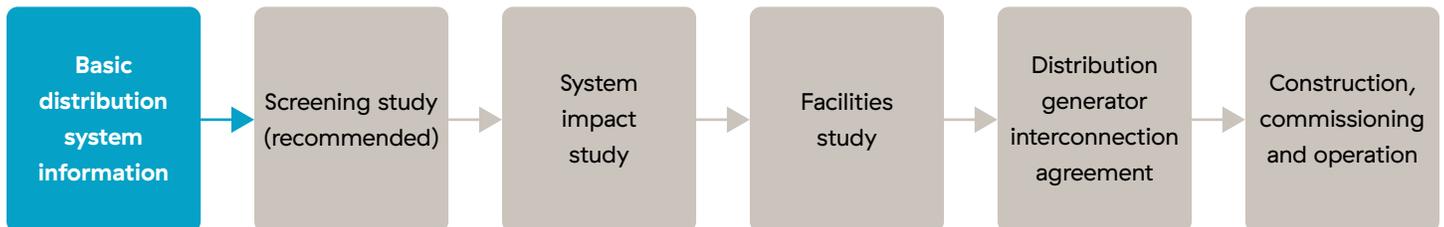


# Distribution Generator Interconnections

## Basic Distribution System Information fact sheet

You are a private power developer. You have identified potential project site(s) in British Columbia; however you do not know where to connect to a BC Hydro distribution line(s). You are interested to learn where the closest distribution lines are to your project and if it's feasible to connect your project(s) to the BC Hydro grid. You can submit a Basic Distribution System Information Request to BC Hydro. This is the first step in the generator connection process.



### How much does a Basic Distribution System Information Request cost?

The cost for this service is \$735 (\$700 plus 5% GST). The first two requests in any 12 month period are free. Starting with your 3rd request, charges will apply to all subsequent projects.

### How long will a Basic Distribution System Information Request take?

Typical turnaround time is less than two weeks, but this can vary depending on current BC Hydro workload.

### What should I expect when I get my Basic Distribution System Information Request Results letter?

In the Basic Distribution System Information Request Results letter, BC Hydro will provide the following basic distribution system information:

- The BC Hydro distribution feeder(s) closest to each of your project(s)
- Any distribution conductor upgrades on the BC Hydro system that are readily apparent from this high level view
- The private line distance from your project to the point-of-interconnection (straight line distance from the project to the closest BC Hydro feeder)
- If the proposed project capacity can be injected into the distribution system at the identified point-of-interconnection (this is a very high level assessment and can only be verified by further evaluation that is not within the scope of the Basic Distribution Information request)

**Note:** BC Hydro cannot provide any confidential information for third parties including private power projects. Also, BC Hydro is not able to provide maps showing the feeder routing.

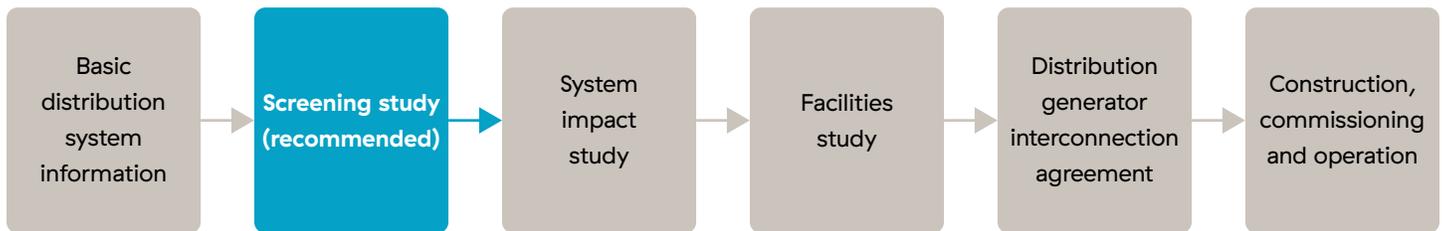
## What are the submission requirements for my Basic Distribution System Information Request?

You will need to email us a completed Basic Distribution System Information Request application form, which you can find on our website. The application form will require the following information:

- Your proposed project's maximum net power injection into the BC Hydro system (for each site)
- The GPS coordinates for each site
- Your generator's energy source (for example wind, solar or run-of-river)
- If this is your 3rd or more request in the last 12 months, we'll also need a cheque payable to BC Hydro in the amount of \$735 (\$700 plus 5% GST)× Number of Sites

## After the Basic Distribution System Information Request, what is the next step?

After a Basic Distribution System Information Request is completed, the Screening Study is the second step in the interconnection process. The Screening Study is an optional step in the interconnection process, however it is highly recommended. A BC Hydro Interconnections Manager would be pleased to answer questions, if you are not sure whether or not you should skip a Screening Study.



## How can I contact the distribution generator interconnection team?

Please contact us with any questions. You can visit our website to review and/or download application forms, reference guides and fact sheets. Payments **must** be sent to the address below or we cannot guarantee your payment will be received.

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