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### **Swissgrid will in future pay no grid connection costs**

**The Board of Directors of Swissgrid has decided that the costs for connecting power plants, distribution grids and end customers to the transmission grid will in future be charged to the respective user of the connection. This is an internationally recognised approach, which is already applied in Switzerland at lower grid levels.**

In Switzerland it is the user who covers the initial investment costs for connection to the grid. Swissgrid has now confirmed that this principle will in future also apply to power plants, distribution grids and end customers that feed electricity into and/or draw electricity from the extra-high-voltage grid. Internationally, this system of users bearing the costs of connection to the grid is known as «shallow connection charging», and is well-established, since it offers incentives for the cost-efficient planning and realisation of grid connections.

On installations that are already under construction, Swissgrid employs what is known as the «Super-Shallow Connection Charging» approach, according to which Swissgrid, as the grid operator, covers the grid connection costs. The grid connection costs for the installations under construction will lead in the medium term to investment expenditure amounting to around CHF 350 million.

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**Powering the future** – Swissgrid is the National Grid Company. As the owner of the Swiss extra-high-voltage grid, it is responsible for operating the grid safely and without discrimination and for maintaining, modernising and expanding the extra-high-voltage grid efficiently and with respect for the environment. Swissgrid employs over 430 highly skilled persons from 22 countries at its sites in Frick, Laufenburg, Lausanne, Uznach, Landquart, Ostermundigen, Prilly and Castione. As a member of the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), it is also responsible for grid planning, system management and market design in the cross-border exchange of electricity in Europe. Multiple Swiss electricity companies jointly hold the entire share capital of Swissgrid.