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# Interactivity Webinar

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# Agenda



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2. Old Process

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2018



Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) consulted customers on interactivity in connection projects

- Clear feedback from stakeholder on desire for consistency but no consensus on approach

2019



a working group was formed to look at a process for DNOs to adopt that would provide customers a consistent approach to interactivity

- This resulted in a conditional approach to be adopted

Upcoming Events



- Electricity North West (ENWL) Implementation Date – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020
- All interactive connection offers after this date will be on the new conditional process
- Early Warning Notices have been sent from 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020



The old process was based on a Moratorium period of 10 working days

As a new interactive connection offer was identified this was added to the interactivity queue and to give all applicants the same 10 working days to accept their offer, we reset the Moratorium period, but this sometimes elongated the process

We took this approach to be fair and balanced, to give all applicants an equal opportunity to try and accept their offer

# New Process & Key Differences



New process uses Unconditional and Conditional offers



Early warning notices to notify you of potential interactivity as soon as we are aware



No Moratorium period in new process



Acceptance/ validity period changed to 20 working days per applicant



Conditional offers are not required to make payment of the acceptance fee until their acceptance is declared as valid.



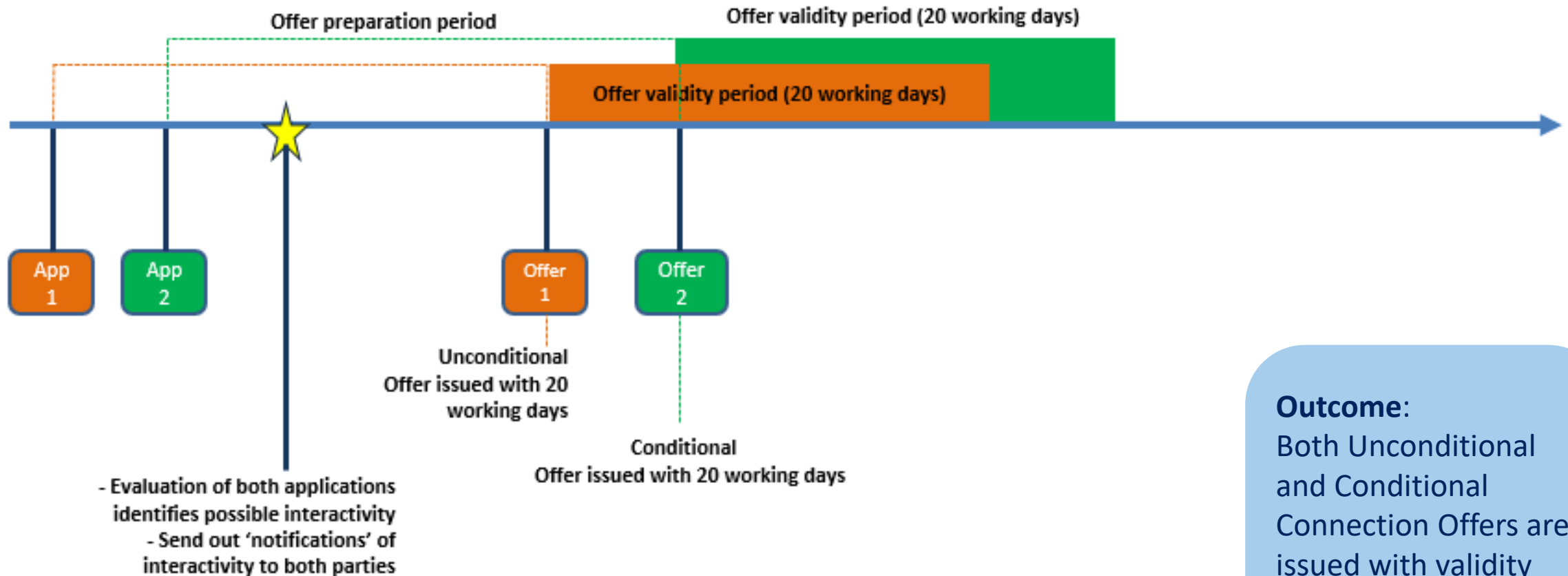
## Unconditional Offers

- Unconditional offers are issued to applicants where there are no other affected parties ahead of them in the interactivity queue
- The Unconditional applicant will be given 20 working days in which to accept their Offer
- At the end of the 20 working day period, the Offer will expire
- As there are no other affected parties ahead of Unconditional offers, once they submit their successful acceptance the interactivity queue will end and all Conditional parties will have their offers withdrawn

## Conditional Offers

- Conditional offers are issued to applicants where there are one or more other affected parties ahead of them in the interactivity queue
- They are dependent on earlier offers not being accepted
- As with Unconditional offers, the applicant will have 20 working days in which to accept their offer, and the offer will expire after this period
- Conditional applicants will have to wait until all offers ahead of them in the queue have expired before we can declare their acceptance as successful

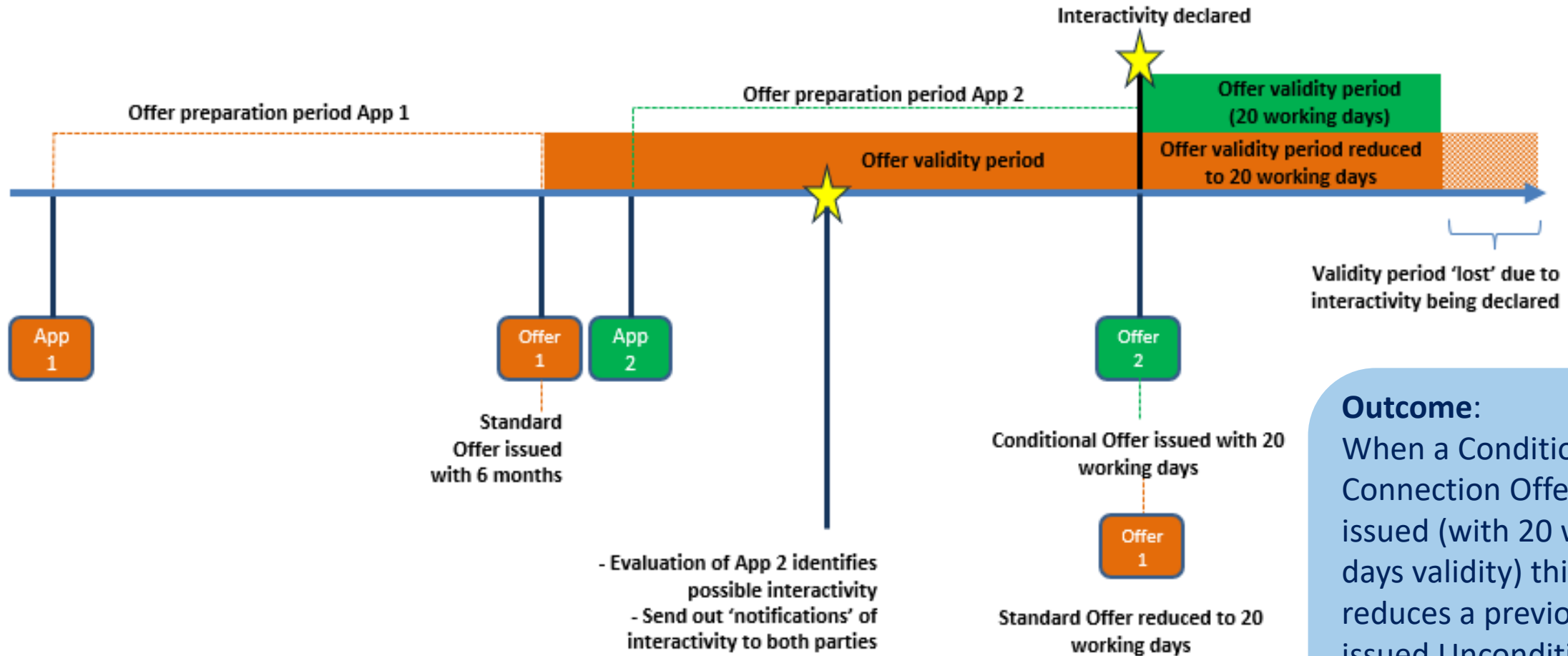
# Scenario 1: Triggering interactivity where no connection offers have been issued



**Outcome:**  
Both Unconditional and Conditional Connection Offers are issued with validity reduced to 20 working days.

## Scenario 2:

### Triggering interactivity when a connection offer has been issued

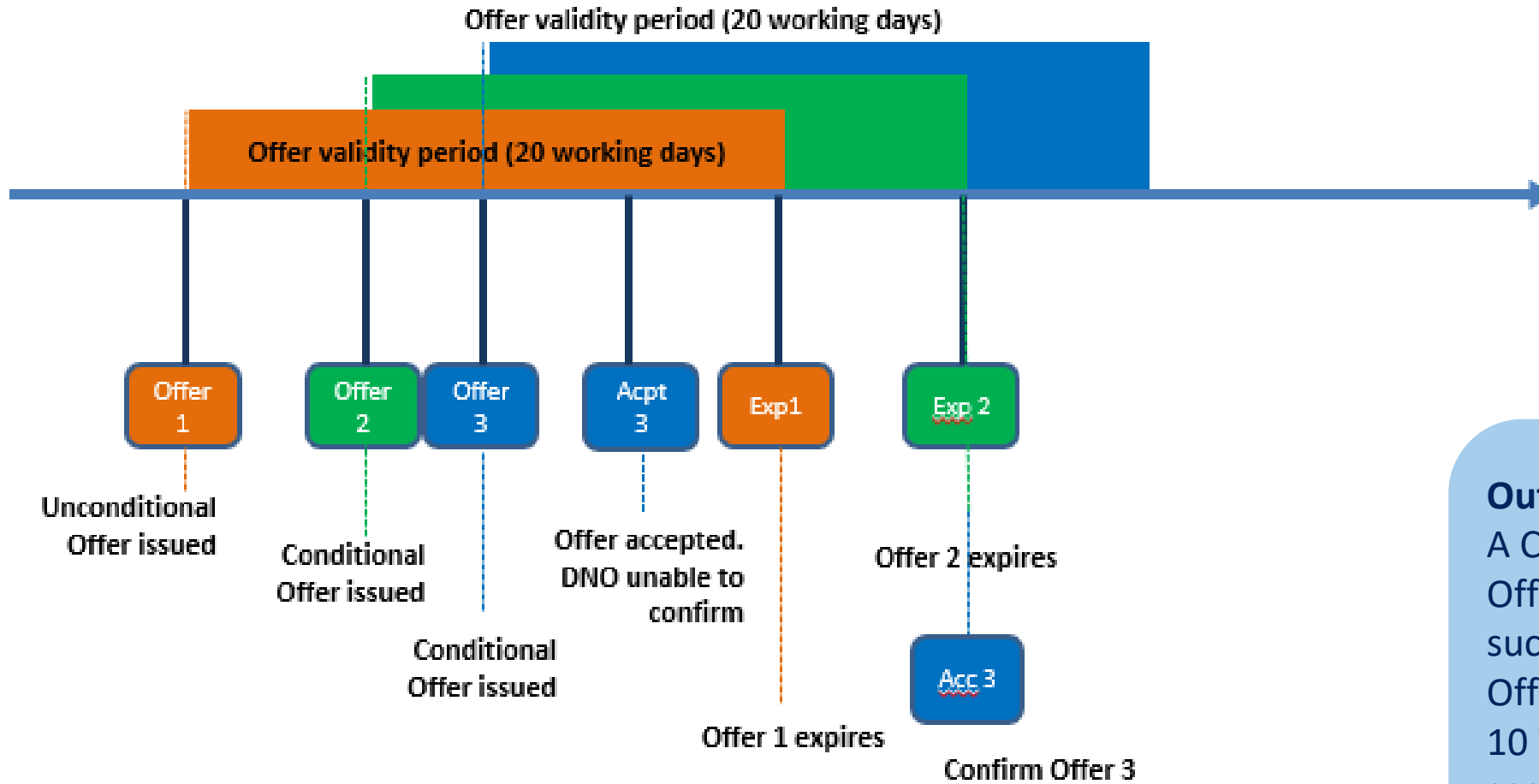


#### Outcome:

When a Conditional Connection Offer is issued (with 20 working days validity) this reduces a previously issued Unconditional Offer validity to 20 working days.

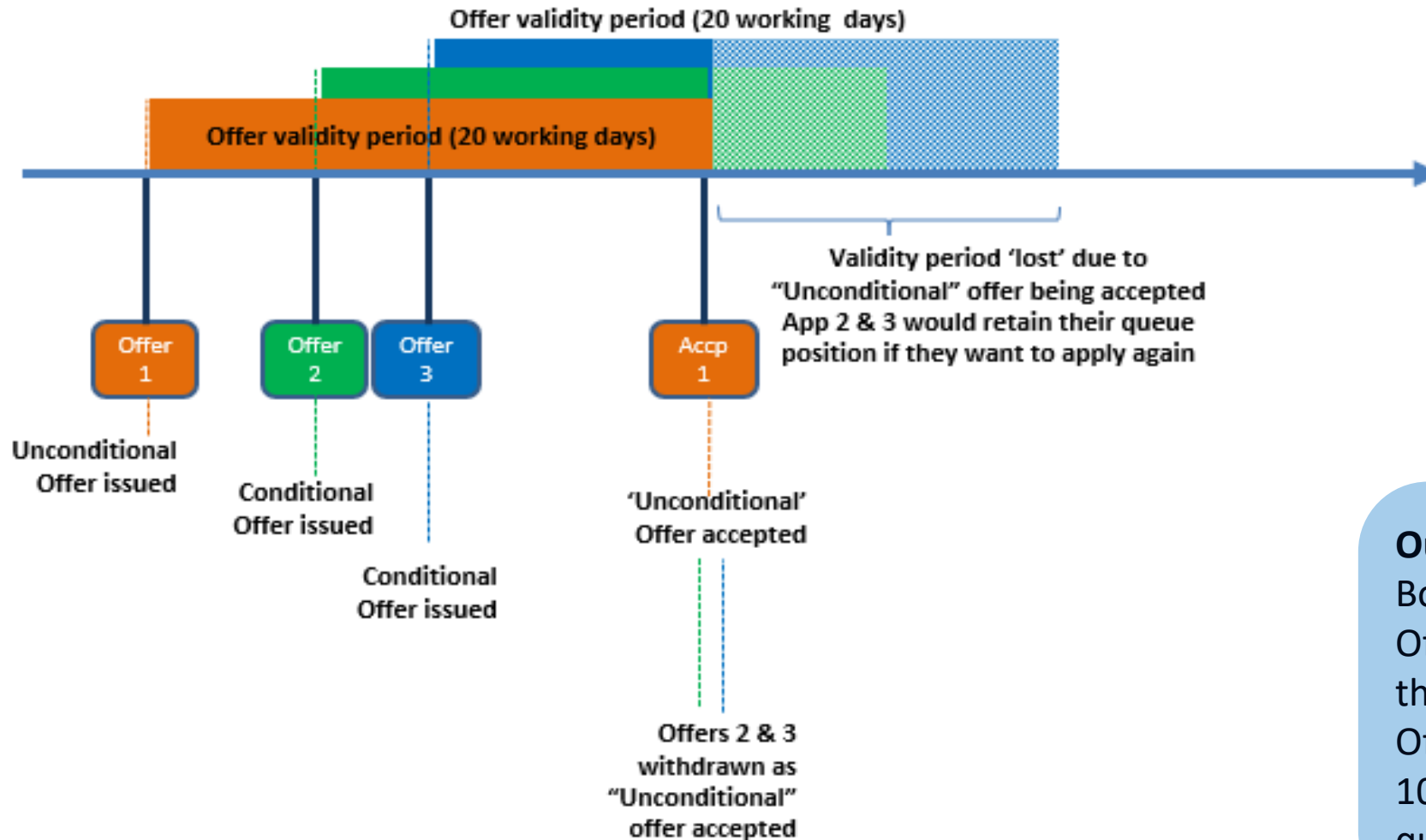


# Scenario 3: An acceptance is received but can't be validated until prior connection offers have lapsed



**Outcome:**  
A Conditional Connection Offer is validated (confirmed successful) after all prior Offers expire. Customer has 10 WD to make payment to secure.

# Scenario 4: An Unconditional acceptance is received; all other offers are withdrawn



**Outcome:**  
Both Conditional Connection Offers are withdrawn when the Unconditional Connection Offer is accepted. Both have 10 WD to re-apply to retain queue position



Should your Connection Offer be likely to become interactive, you will receive an Early Warning Notice

This notice will inform you that your Connection Offer may become interactive and the implications of this interactivity

We will issue you an Early Warning Notice as soon as possible – some of you may have received these already

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Our Ref: 5500123456D

Dear Ben,

#### EARLY WARNING NOTICE OF INTERACTIVITY FOR TITAN MILL

I am writing to notify you that it is likely that your application for Titan Mill (Reference: 5500123456D) may become Interactive.

This has arisen due to the receipt of two or more applications for connection which makes use of the same part of the Existing Network or Committed Network or otherwise have a material operational effect on that network such that there is or would be a material impact on the terms and conditions of any Connection Offer made in respect of such connections.

The purpose of this notice is to inform You that if your Offer becomes interactive, the validity period for Your Connection Offer shall be reduced to 20 working days, and You will need to accept within this period if You wish to proceed with this Connection Offer. Your ability to accept will depend on whether any other affected parties ahead of You in the queue wish to accept their Connection Offer.

Further information regarding this can be found on our website [here](#).

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ilie Vaida

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# New Interactivity Notices – Unconditional Notice



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Our Ref: 5500123456D

02 December 2020

Dear Ben,

## NOTICE OF UNCONDITIONAL INTERACTIVITY FOR CONNECTION AT TITAN MILL

I am writing to inform you that your offer for a connection to our distribution network has become an Interactive Connection Application; this has arisen due to the receipt of two or more applications for connection which makes use of the same part of the Existing Network or Committed Network or otherwise have a material operational effect on that network such that there is or would be a material impact on the terms and conditions of any Connection Offer made in respect of such connections.

As this is an Unconditional Connection Offer, this means:

- There are no other outstanding Connection Offers that are ahead of You in the Interactivity Process;
- Your Interactive Connection Offer is not conditional upon any other offers not being accepted in advance of Your Offer;
- The validity of Your Connection Offer has been shortened to 20 working days, as a result of the aforementioned interactivity. Should You wish to accept, you must submit an acceptance form to Us by 5pm on 04/01/2021. At the end of this period, Your Offer shall expire;
- As Your Offer is Unconditional, You shall need to make payment of the acceptance fee and submit a signed acceptance form by the date outlined above, in order to secure a valid acceptance.

Yours sincerely,

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If there are no other affected parties ahead of you in the interactivity queue, you will be issued an Unconditional notice of interactivity either via email, or included in your Connection Offer when it is quoted

This notice will inform you of the date of the end of your validity period. If you wish to accept your offer you must accept by the date indicated, as after this date your offer will expire

As an Unconditional offer is not contingent on other parties not accepting, payment of the acceptance fee is required before the end of the validity period in order to secure a valid acceptance. Payment of the A&D fee (if relevant to your Offer) must also be made to secure an acceptance.

# New Interactivity Notices – Conditional Notice



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06 December 2020

Dear Ben,

## NOTICE OF CONDITIONAL INTERACTIVITY FOR CONNECTION AT TITAN MILL

I am writing to inform you that your offer for a connection to our distribution network has become an Interactive Connection Application; this has arisen due to the receipt of two or more applications for connection which makes use of the same part of the Existing Network or Committed Network or otherwise have a material operational effect on that network such that there is or would be a material impact on the terms and conditions of any Connection Offer made in respect of such connections.

As this is a Conditional Connection Offer, this means:

- There are other outstanding Connection Offers that are ahead of You in the Interactivity Process;
- Your Interactive Connection Offer is conditional upon any other offers not being accepted in advance of Your Offer;
- The validity of Your Connection Offer has been shortened to 20 working days, as a result of the aforementioned interactivity. Should You wish to accept, you must submit an acceptance form to Us by 5pm on 04/01/2021. At the end of this period, Your Offer shall expire;
- Additionally, should another affected party ahead of You in the queue accept, Your Offer shall be withdrawn;
- As Your Offer is Conditional, You shall not need to make payment of the acceptance fee until We have confirmed that Your acceptance has been successful. Should this be the case, You shall have 10 working days to make payment of the acceptance fee.

Yours sincerely,

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You will receive an Conditional notice of interactivity if there are other parties ahead of you in the queue. You will receive this either via email, or included in your Connection Offer when it is quoted

This notice will inform you of the date of the end of your validity period. As with Unconditional offers, if you wish to accept your offer you must accept by the date indicated, as after this date your offer will expire

We will not be able to confirm successful acceptance of a Conditional Offer, until the validity period(s) of all those ahead of you in the queue have ended. We will acknowledge receipt of your acceptance and only ask for payment of the acceptance fee once you are successful. The interactivity process does not pause A&D timescales and payment of the A&D fee must also be made, if applicable.



We have begun issuing Early Warning Notices from the 7<sup>th</sup> December – some of you may have received these already

**New conditional format for interactivity will commence on 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Where an interactivity queue has an active Moratorium period that ends after 14<sup>th</sup> December, any new Connection Offers that form part of the same queue will be issued on the old Moratorium process

If this applies to a scheme, we will still issue the relevant Early Warning Notice so the applicant is aware of the impending interactivity



## Key Changes

- Removal of Moratorium Period in favour of Un/Conditional validity periods
- Early Warning Notices to inform you of potential interactivity
- No requirement for Conditional offers to pay the acceptance fee before the end of the validity period – if your acceptance is subsequently successful, you will have 10 working days to make payment of the acceptance fee

## Key Actions

- If you receive an Early Warning Notice, it is likely that your Connection Offer will have a shortened acceptance period. Use this advance notice to prepare eg schedule any approval meetings needed.
- If you want to accept your offer, you must submit your signed acceptance (and payment if your offer is Unconditional) by the end of your validity period-this cannot be extended
- Remember to pay the A&D fee within 30 calendar days, if applicable to your scheme. *Interactivity does not pause A&D timescales*



If you have a query regarding a notification and/or Connection Offer please contact the engineer who sent the information

Any further questions?

Additional information regarding the ENA consultation and national implementation can be found on the [ENA website](#)

For general queries regarding interactivity please contact [interactivity@enwl.co.uk](mailto:interactivity@enwl.co.uk)

Further guidance, including a recording of this webinar, can be found on the [ENWL website](#)