

Concerning connection requests in Dunkirk

In the Dunkirk industrial port area, RTE has received connection requests since the end of 2021 for the connection of high-power consumption facilities to support the decarbonisation of industrial processes and to accommodate new industries in the Dunkirk area. The capacity requested exceeds 4000 MW.

The works to be carried out to accommodate these requests involve the creation of a new 400/225 kV substation (close to the Grande-Synthe 225 kV substation), the creation of two 400 kV overhead lines and the restructuring of the existing 90 - 225 kV network between Grande-Synthe and Flandre-Maritime.

RTE has set up a mutualised connection solution in this zone, in order to tackle the difficulties in designing connection solutions adapted to concomitant and geographically close connection requests. This mutualisation should bring costs reduction and an equitable distribution of costs among the customers benefiting from its mutualised infrastructures, by means of a component of the connection charge "per MW requested" (known as the quota).

The Commission de Régulation de l'Energie (CRE) will be informed of the conditions of this mutualised offer, in anticipation of the implementation of article 32 of the law on accelerating production of RES, which will require it to give a formal ruling on the amount of the share per MW of connection capacity.

RTE now responds to connection requests in this zone on the basis of this mutualised offer.