

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Burns & McDonnell awarded NERS Accreditation**

BIRMINGHAM, England — [Burns & McDonnell](#) has been granted National Electricity Registration Scheme (NERS) Accreditation, bolstering its footprint in the UK energy market. NERS Accreditation registers the company as an Independent Connections Provider (ICP), entitling it to carry out contestable connections work on the UK electricity network up to 132kV.

The Accreditation recognises the rigorous standards adhered to by Burns & McDonnell, which allows for its connections work to be adopted by DNOs. Burns & McDonnell joins only a handful of British companies awarded with accreditation for all sub-categories within the design scope of the accreditation, meaning it can undertake all possible contestable design work on connection projects. This includes the newly-introduced 132kV self-determination of the Point of Connection to the network.

Accreditation evidences Burns & McDonnell's role at the forefront of developments in the market. The recent move to recognise the capability of select ICPs to determine network connection points up to 132kV, a responsibility previously reserved for DNOs, has increased competition in the connections work sector.

Burns & McDonnell established its first European base in Birmingham in 2017. Founded in the United States over 120 years ago, Burns & McDonnell is ranked by [Engineering News-Record as No.1 in Power and Electrical Transmission & Distribution](#). Offering more than 350 services in a wide range of industries, ranging from power to construction, the firm provides world class engineering, project controls and support for clients in the delivery of complex and technically challenging projects across the energy space.

[Jonathan Chapman](#), Burns & McDonnell's UK Managing Director, said:

"It's a testament to our team's superb professionalism that our capabilities have been recognised in each of the categories for which we sought accreditation. We're excited to now compete for and deliver a wide variety of contestable connections work across the UK.

"I'm immensely proud that our competency and training management system and quality control process were singled out during the NERS audit as being especially impressive. I've no doubt that having our entire design capability based in-house has contributed to this cohesion and to this important step."

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About Burns & McDonnell

Burns & McDonnell is a private, employee-owned engineering, design and construction firm with 7,000 professionals located in offices throughout the world. We strive to create amazing success for our clients and amazing careers for our employees. We are ranked by Engineering News-Record as No.1 in Power and Electrical Transmission & Distribution.

We develop solutions through creating passionate partnerships, placing client service front and centre, understanding clients' needs and striving to make them successful. Our employee-ownership culture means that our success is closely aligned to our clients' success. We are bold in how we develop solutions and challenge the norm, drawing from the whole company to find answers to some of the toughest questions. We work on some of the world's most crucial infrastructure projects, delivering a completely integrated service from concept to completion.

In 2017 Burns & McDonnell opened its first UK office in Birmingham. With 121 years of experience designing and building infrastructure throughout the world, Burns & McDonnell is now taking forward a long term investment plan in the UK.

With the UK energy market undergoing a transformation, our focus is on providing a differentiated service across technical consultancy, engineering services and project delivery as the UK adapts to a low carbon future underpinned by smart technologies.