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**URGENT ACTION REQUIRED: LOSS OF MAINS PROTECTION CHANGES - TIME TO COMPLY**

**Apply now and secure funding for changes crucial to improving network resilience and supporting the UK's push to net zero.**

Site Name: «SITE\_NAME»

I am writing again to officially check your compliance with an important change to the Distribution Code and EREC G59/3-7 affecting loss of main protection settings. We sent a similar letter in October '20 but we have not yet heard back from you. It is important this letter be escalated promptly to the person responsible for the power generation asset(s) above to ensure any urgent work is completed before the compliance deadline and funding can be accessed.

The August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 deadline to be compliant with mandatory changes required by the Distribution Code is now less than 15 months away. Failure to make the necessary changes prior to this date **may result in enforcement action being taken**. Some of the required changes may necessitate planning and expertise, so we are strongly advising generation owners to **act now** to check their settings, inform us of their current status, then if required, apply through the Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme to receive funding to support any necessary changes.

These changes are a **mandatory requirement** and generation owners are therefore encouraged to apply for funding at the earliest opportunity to improve the likelihood of a funding application being approved.

Two levels of funding are available for generators required to incorporate the changes. If, as in most cases, a simple protection device settings change is required, you will receive £1,500 for the first change and an additional £500 per protection device after that, up to a maximum of five devices, totalling £4,000. If protection relays require replacing, you can receive £4,000 towards replacing each relay.

The changes to generator protection devices are required under the new regulations to improve network resilience and reduce the risk of wide area power cuts. This is part of a wider programme to support the UK's push to net zero carbon emissions. The changes are applicable to all non-domestic generation installed before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 greater than 11kW (approximately a medium size non-domestic rooftop solar array), including wind, solar and other types of small and large-scale generation. All generators fitting the above criteria are required to comply, from farmers with turbines to schools and shops with rooftop solar.

We believe you may have installed generation which falls into these criteria and urge you to **check now** and **confirm with us**. These changes must be incorporated by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 and generators are currently being incentivised to comply early via the National Grid ESO Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme (ALoMCP). Delayed application to the ALoMCP may harm your ability to receive funding.



There is also a 'fast track scheme' which pays generators that meet certain criteria and have an installed generation capacity of at least 500kW an additional £5,000 if they are able to complete the work within four weeks of applying for funding. Applications for fast-track funding now close on **28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.

SSEN is on hand to support you through the application process. You can undertake the changes and apply for funding yourself, employ a contractor, or SSEN can signpost you to their Recognised Contractor scheme. More information can be found via SSEN's website [www.ssen.co.uk/LossOfMains](http://www.ssen.co.uk/LossOfMains). You can also [access a step-by-step guide to support you through the process from www.futureproofyourpower.co.uk](http://www.futureproofyourpower.co.uk)

Your site must be compliant with EREC/3-7 by the required date and **our records do not include all the necessary details to confirm your site is complaint yet**. Please confirm the current status of your site by completing the attached **Confirmation of Site Details** form or by using the link on our website.

In summary, to help us provide you with the support you need we ask that you take the following steps:



**CONFIRM COMPLIANCE** - If you are already using the Loss of Mains settings needed, complete the attached form – Confirmation of Site Details – and email to [g59protectionsettings@sse.com](mailto:g59protectionsettings@sse.com). or complete the online form on our website.



**OR**

**UNSURE OF COMPLIANCE STATUS?** – Check the settings as soon as possible and inform SSEN of current status using the Confirmation of Site Details Form. If unsure of your settings, email us and we can provide assistance.

**OR**



**APPLY TO THE ALoMCP FOR FUNDING TO MAKE CHANGES TO BECOME COMPLIANT** - If you will need to make changes to your protection settings and/or type we encourage you to apply for funding at –

[www.futureproofyourpower.co.uk](http://www.futureproofyourpower.co.uk)

Thank you for your support in this matter, making crucial changes to improve network resilience and playing your part in the UK's push to net zero. Please email [g59protectionsettings@ssen.com](mailto:g59protectionsettings@ssen.com) if you have any questions or call us on **0800 197 6028**. We are happy to support and assist with your application.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D Munday".

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