

Minutes of the 59th NERSAP Meeting

IGEM House, Kegworth on 5th November 2019

Attendees:

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Apologies:

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1. Introductions

All attendees were welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted.

2. Review of Minutes of NERSAP Meeting of 30th July 2019

Governance of Network Design Competence Document

Action: Link to this document has now been provided. CLOSED.	MB to contact Sue Guest at EUSR to ascertain the whereabouts of this document and report at next NERSAP meeting.
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Timeline Exercise

Action: NERSAP meeting was changed to 5 th November where it was agreed that this would be kept updated going forward. CLOSED.	PC to include timeline exercise for NERSAP meeting on 19 th November 2019.
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The minutes were agreed to be a true reflection of the meeting held on 30th July 2019.

3. Update on Meeting with HSE on 23rd October 2019

MS gave the meeting an update on the meeting with Ian Burley, Principle Inspector Electrical Engineering held at LR Offices Birmingham on 23rd October 2019. The general report was that the HSE are keen to support NERSAP in promoting competence. The possibility of holding two meetings with a larger number of ICPs than those attending the NERS Forums with the aim of publicising the work of NERSAP and the Working Groups.

The meeting took the opportunity to thank MS and MB for their work in moving the issue of improving competence forward.

4. NERS Requirements for Suspension/Termination

MD requested that a Working Group be set up to review the LR Investigation Process contained within the NERS Requirements document. It was agreed that LR would arrange a meeting to consist of Nigel Evans, Colin Jamieson, Mike Doward, Steve Rogers, Paul Wragg, Simon Burnett and relevant members of LR including the LR Legal Dept.

Action: Open	KM to nominate members of LR to arrange and attend meeting at LR Birmingham Office.
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5. Update on Competition in Connections Code of Practice Working Group

Review of DNO Exclusion at 2.2.1 Modification Proposal

GS advised that the PN Daly initiated proposal has been implemented in an update of the CoP.

G39 Self-Authorisation Modification Proposal

GS and CR advised that G39 has been revised and DNOs have in place processes for self-authorisation. Therefore, the proposal for modification has been withdrawn

Elexon BSC

LR don't have a metering scope and connections with which NERS is concerned stops at the point of metering. The CT/VT is therefore outside of the contestable connections domain and therefore outside the scope of NERS. BSC is requesting a change to CoP4 to provide clarity of responsibilities between meter operator and DNO.

6. Update on NERS Strategy Working Group

PC gave the meeting an update on the meeting held at LR Birmingham Offices held on 28th August 2019. At this meeting SR raised the issue of ICPs not advising LR of operational incidents and PC agreed to reinforce this requirement when the team are carrying out assessments of ICPs.

Discussion had also taken place on the issue of suspending the NERS accreditation of one ICP.

Action: PMN – NERS Team advised 03/01/2020. CLOSED.	PC to advise NERS team to reinforce with ICPs the requirement to advise LR of operational incidents as well as RIDDOR incidents.
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7. Update on NERS Passports Working Group

Action: Open	M Baker to obtain feedback on the trial of the revised document from Electrical Testing Ltd. before deciding on proposed wording for the review of section 13 of the NERS Requirements document.
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8. Update on Competency Working Group

The work of the Competency Working Group was covered in (3) above and MB advised that he would be leaving at the end of March 2020, although he would still be available for consultation for a few months after that. The NERSAP meeting thanked MB for his work on driving the issue of competency forward.

9. Raising Standards with ICPs

Some ideas were discussed on raising the standard of compliance with the NERS Requirements:

- Unannounced visits or “sampling audits”. These would be invoiced for at the start of a 3-year accreditation period.
- Further discussion took place on a larger NERS Forum with the involvement of HSE, Energy & Utility Skills – one in the north and one in the south with potential for equipment suppliers to part-sponsor.
- ‘Traffic-light’ system similar to HEA website based on ICP performance feedback (good/bad/poor).

Action: Open	PC to discuss within LR, including management the subjects of unannounced visits (this has been raised before), and the proposed 'traffic-light' system on the NERS website.
Action: Open	KM to nominate an LR employee to convene a working group whose aim would be to develop a wider NERS Forum as proposed above

10. AOB

- SR mentioned that the LR NERS website was very slow.
- MB mentioned the NERS requirements for competence certificates to be issued for craftsmen only and suggested it may need clarifying to make clear these are not required for cable laying **and** civils operatives. PC mentioned that LR would not object if ICPs wanted to issue certificates of competence anyway.
- NE advised that his 3-year stint as Chairman of NERSAP was now finished and that he would be standing down. MS was duly elected as the new NERSAP Chairman and Steve Rogers elected as Deputy Chairman. The meeting thanked NE for his work over the last 3 years and noted that he would still be representing SPEN at the NERSAP meetings for the foreseeable future.

Action: Open	PC to check with Ben Wright about any known issues.
Action: Open	PC to clarify requirements for issue of C of C in next issue of NERS Requirements.

11. Dates of Next Meetings

Dates for the meetings of the NERS Provider Forum and NERSAP in 2020 are:

NERS Forum: **4th March 2020***, 14th July 2020, 3rd November 2020

NERSAP: 17th March 2020, 28th July 2020, 17th Nov 2020

***Not 3rd March as previously advised due to meeting room availability.**

The venue will be IGEM Offices, High Street, Kegworth DE74 2DA for 10:30am start

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