

Do you own electricity generation that exports onto the grid? There are important changes you need to know about below



Avoid being non-compliant and take advantage of up to £9,000 grant funding to upgrade your equipment.

Electricity generators that own generation that runs in parallel with the grid is are legally required, arrange to carry out the works either directly or via your nominated electrical contractor to make sure grid protection equipment is compliant with new regulations. If you had Generation Equipment connected to the Grid before February 2018, you must act now to avoid potential disconnection.



What's happening?

Changes to the Distribution Code EREC G59 mean that owners of generation sites installed prior to February 2018, must make necessary changes to their protection settings no later than 31 August 2022.

After this date, owners who have not made the necessary changes will be subject to an enforcement action that could result in disconnection from the network leading to a loss of revenue.

Those who act quickly are likely to be eligible for a grant towards the cost of the upgrade through the Accelerated Loss-of-Mains Change Programme (ALoMCP) however, should you delay you will be liable for those costs.

Failure to comply and upgrade to the new G59 protection rules by 31 August 2022 could result in owners becoming non-compliant or in the worst-case scenario, disconnection of your generation equipment from the network until such times work takes place to comply with the new G59 protection rules.

The obligation is on generation owners to review the new guidelines and complete the setting changes instructing their own electrical contractor to make the necessary setting change if required.

The reason for this change is to improve the resilience of generation equipment throughout the GB, meaning that they are less likely to be disconnected should a serious national network outage event occur – like that which affected London in the summer of 2019.

How much will it cost?

Although the cost of the upgrade will be site specific and dependent upon your individual generation unit, grant funding is available up to a cap of £9,000.

The Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme is a national project that is offering grants to help pay for this work. For those successful in acquiring funding, work is likely to be completed within the grant funding amount – they are always liable for all the costs once the application deadline passes you will not be able to have access to the grant.

However, you must act now as grant funding will only be available for a short period of time and once the application deadline passes you will be liable for all costs. The current application window ends February 2021. So, you will need to find out promptly if your site is affected by this change and make your application now to take advantage of the grants available.

For further information visit the [Energy Networks Association website by clicking here](#) for further information and to access the portal.



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