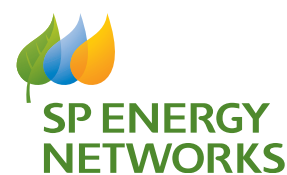


Competition in Connections



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WELCOME to the latest issue of our Competition in Connections newsletter specifically aimed at keeping you - the independent connection providers and independent distribution network

operators in our licence areas - up to date with all that's new at SP Energy Networks when it comes to connections. And this month there's a lot.

NEW CODE OF PRACTICE

As many of you may know we've been working to implement the Code of Practice which will enable a better process for everyone involved and give independent providers much more autonomy.

We held two very well attended workshops about the new code in order to help you decide which areas you might want to use.

The code has since been fully implemented into our districts so independent providers can now use their own safety rules when carrying out contestable work, determine their own Point of Connections for low and high voltage demands and even self-certify designs, removing the need for design approval by SPEN.

It goes further - ICPs can also self-inspect contestable work as long as they provide photographic evidence to SPEN of the quality of the work.

So if you want to be a connections provider who can carry out these processes then you need to ensure that you have the appropriate Lloyds accreditation and comply with the qualifying criteria for self-determination and design approval.

Please see process document EDSDD-02-21 on our documents section of the website:



<http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/documents.asp>

If you missed our workshops and want to catch up you can still see the presentations at:



http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/workshop_presentation.asp

And we have also added new pages to the website which detail the available market segments and qualifying criteria for each of these activities:



http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/self_determination_of_point_of_connection.asp



http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/self_design_approval.asp



http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/authorisation_and_accreditation.asp

It's all there - please read and see if it can change what you're doing and how we can help. You can access our records to assist in this at:



http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/utility_map_viewer.asp

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The new construction and adoption agreements and all the associated terms and conditions, are also now available on the website. For those organisations who complete a significant volume of projects, framework agreements are also available.



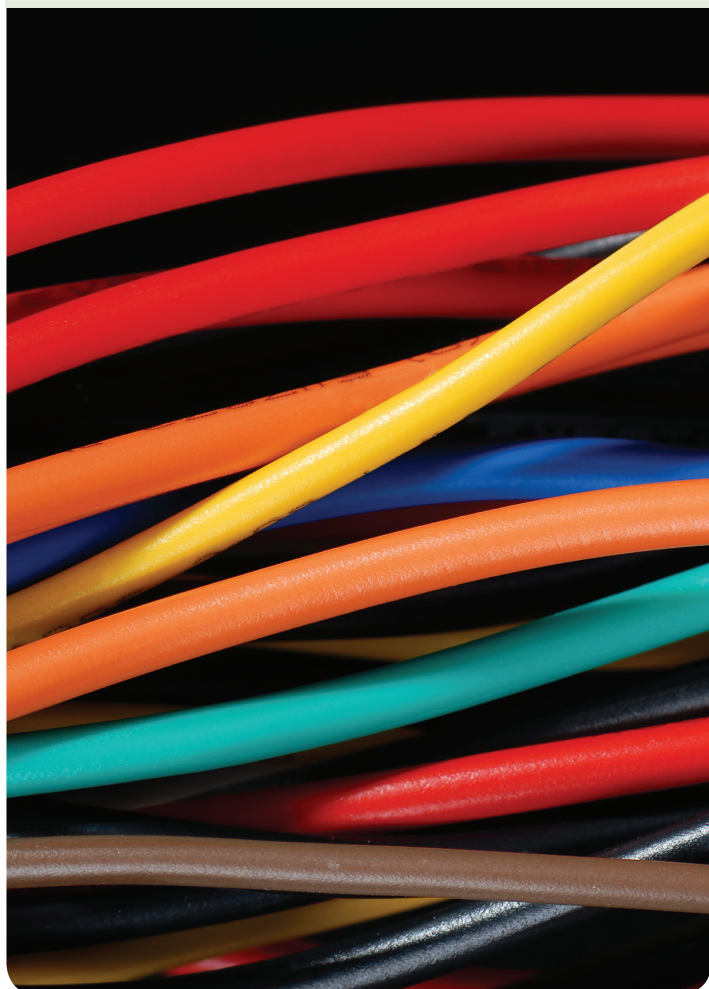
http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/construction_adoption_agreements.asp

One particular modification (P283) will now mean that half hourly metering equipment is subject to a new commissioning process. DNOs need to retain calibration and commissioning records for current and voltage transformers, so when SP Energy Networks adopt works completed by an ICP we require the ICP to provide the commissioning records.

Further details on all of this can be found at:



<https://www.elexon.co.uk/mod-proposal/p283/>



NEW DISTRICT CONTACTS

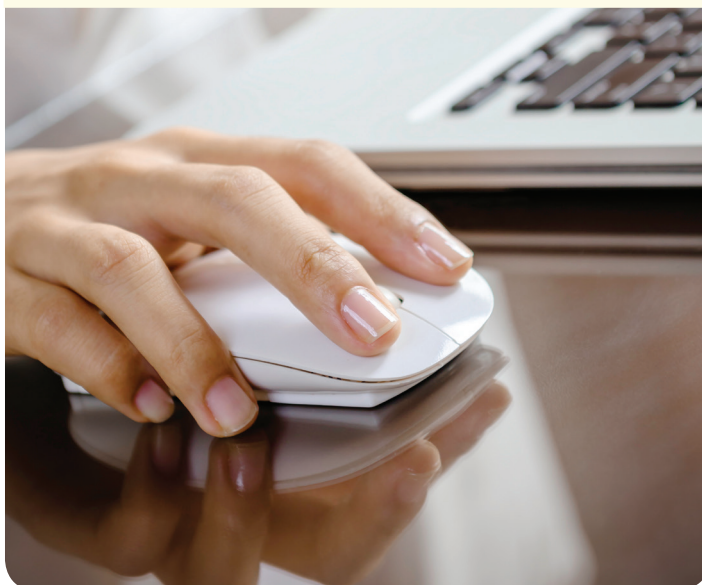
WITHIN our new district structures we have planning and design teams who will now manage all applications into RAdAR - the system which manages the competition in connections activities.

In addition to requesting an enquiry through our RAdAR system our teams are available to answer any questions about our standards, specification, processes and any questions related to specific projects.

All district contacts can be found on our website at:



http://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/connections_contact_us.asp and select "competition in connections".



NEW REINFORCEMENT TRIAL

WE are also keen to undertake a trial with independent connection providers on projects which include part funded reinforcement.

So if you have a project which would meet this criteria and are interested in working with us on a trial please get in touch via email on:



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