

1. SCOPE

In order to comply with General Provision GP 4 in the Safety Rules, this procedure details the **Approved** procedure to be adopted when any **Person** objects to the application of the Safety Rules on safety grounds. Objections on the grounds of **General Safety** relate to the work **Location** and should be resolved by the normal procedures laid down by **Location** management.

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7. DEFINITIONS

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8. PROCEDURE

- 8.1 Any **Person** wishing to object to the application of the Safety Rules on safety grounds shall discuss the objection in the first place with the **Person** who issued the instruction(s) with a view to resolving the objections at that level if possible.
- 8.2 In the event of failure to agree by the parties concerned, whether **Company** employee or contractor, the matter shall be progressed to SP Energy Networks line management responsible for the **Location**.
- The line manager shall consult with appropriate internal or external subject matter experts (e.g. Health and Safety department, **Company** HQ technical engineering support departments, other TNO/DNO, **Apparatus** manufacturers etc). The intention is to reach a conclusion that will enable agreement to be reached and provide guidance to the **Persons** involved in the dispute.
- A mutually agreed Safety Representative, with experience of the issue, should be given the opportunity to take part in any discussions from an early stage in the process.
- 8.3 If the matter cannot be resolved by **Location** management after involving subject matter experts, it shall be referred to the Director who has responsibility for authorising the Safety Rules - as defined in OPSAF-11-013 (MSP 2.2) - for a decision to be made. If appropriate he may approve a written procedure to carry out work which cannot be carried out within the Safety Rules, or there may be a requirement for an enduring change to the Safety Rules.
- 8.4 Work shall not proceed on the task or part of the task to which a particular objection relates until the issue has been resolved.