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To whom it may concern,

Notification of Mandatory Distribution Code G59/3-7 Compliance - Deadline Sept 2022

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As your local Distribution Network Operator (DNO) - the company responsible for the connection of your power generation assets to the local electricity network - we are writing to officially notify you of an important change to the Distribution Code.

This change may require action from you, and it is very important that this communication is escalated to the person responsible for the generation assets on your site(s) promptly to ensure access to funding and that on site compliance is achieved as soon as is practical. All non-domestic generation including wind, solar and other types of small and large-scale generation installed before Feb 2018 must incorporate a crucial change in protection settings. Changes to generator protection devices are required under the new regulations to improve network resilience and reduce risk of wide area power cuts.

Generation must be compliant with the updated requirements of ENA EREC G59/3-7 before **September 2022** and you must have made all required changes to your onsite generation protection by this date. After the compliance deadline has passed, the owners of non-compliant generation will be liable to enforcement action.

If you have already applied to the Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme (ALoMCP) you do not require re-applying or confirming any further information to Northern Powergrid. If you do not need to make any changes and you are already compliant with the new regulations, please confirm this to Northern Powergrid by email to g59protectionsettings@northernpowergrid.com.

The criteria for those generators required to upgrade their systems encompasses every form of generation connected to the grid that has a capacity of greater than approximately 11kW - equivalent to a medium sized, non-domestic, rooftop solar array up to large commercial windfarms and power generation. Many types of generators need to comply from farmers with turbines to schools with rooftop solar.

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We believe you may have installed generation which may fall into these criteria and urge you to check. These changes must be incorporated before **September 2022** and generators are currently being incentivised to comply via the National Grid ESO Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme (ALoMCP), which allows generators to apply for funding support to make the necessary changes. **NOTE THAT THE FINAL DAY FOR MAKING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING IS 10th May 2022**

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 relay after that, up to a maximum of five relays, totalling £4,000. If relays require replacing, you can receive £4,000 towards replacing each relay.

These changes are a mandatory requirement and Generation Owners are therefore encouraged to apply to for funding at the earliest opportunity in order improve the likelihood of their funding application being approved.

Northern Powergrid is on hand to support you through the application process. As a Generation Owner you can undertake to make the changes and apply for funding yourself, employ a contractor to do the work on your behalf or Northern Powergrid can signpost you to their Recognised Contractor scheme. More information can be found via Northern Powergrid's website <https://www.northernpowergrid.com/ALoMCP>

- To find out more about the ALoMCP scheme, generation owners can visit: <http://futureproofyourpower.co.uk/>
- Generators can apply for funding using the following link: <http://www.ena-eng.org/ALoMCP/>
- Thank you for your support in this matter. If you have any questions please email g59protectionsettings@northernpowergrid.com or call Steven Inglis on 07792 091797. We will be happy to support and assist you with your application.

Please accept our apologies if you have previously received and acted upon notification of the ALoMCP.

Yours sincerely,

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