

DCRP/21/09/PC - Cover note for the Distributed Generation Connections

Guides (DGCG) 2021 updates

The Distributed Generation Connection Guides (DGCGs) documents are guidance for any parties looking to connection generation equipment to the distribution network of Great Britain. They are designed to be used in conjunction with engineering recommendation (EREC) G98, and G99.

This note is intended to outline the revision amendments across the documents and accompany the draft documents through the consultation period of 15 days as outlined in the Constitution and Rules of the DCRP. This consultation will open 22nd October 2021 and close 12th November 2021. Please include any responses on the pro-forma included in the consultation documents pack.

Key Areas for revision

Removal of the storage related exemptions from EREC G98 and G99 means that changes have been made to a number of sections within the guides:

- Guidance on Storage has been included in the latest versions as a result of the Distribution Code modification (DCRP/MP/20/06) approving the removal the exclusions to Storage. With an implementation date within the document set as September 2022. This has been revised in the following sections:
 - Recent Changes to Regulations
 - Chapter C on definition of Energy Storage
 - EREC G98 / G99 exceptions in chapter C

Annual Revision

Across the set of documents, areas that have undergone the annual revision are listed below:

- Provision of Information: DNO Websites:
 - Clarity on the Embedded Capacity Register (ECR)
- Legislative and Regulatory Documents Hierarchy:
 - The term 'Retained in EU Law' to cover off the requirements under 'EU Exit'
- Distributed Generation Connection Guide:
 - Inclusion of the Distributed Energy Resource (DER) forum as a place for stakeholders to discuss any procedural and commercial implications
 - Cyber Security text (using PAS 1879 and ETSI EN 645 as reference material)
- Key Organisations
 - The UK is in the process of leaving ENTSO-E and new arrangements will be introduced.
- Network Innovation and Industry Development
 - Updates to the 'Open Networks' work streams currently operating
- Getting Connected
 - Guidance on the location of new forms for the connection of Electric Vehicles (EVs) and Heat pumps
 - Clarification on the usage of suitable biogas to be eligible for Smart Energy Guarantee (SEG) payments in Chapter F
- Getting Connected
 - A new section with diagrams outlining guidance for manufacturers to comply with the type test register requirements for approving invertors to be used on the network
- General Amendments
 - Updates to hyper-links to the ENA's website as well as other relevant sites

- Clarity on the forms required for both notification (under EREC G98) and Application (EREC G99) to connect generation to the GB distribution network
- Updated References section

Minor changes to the draft document text are currently highlighted in red and will be altered to black after the draft documents have been approved for publishing. These guides are guidance for the reader and further detailed explanations and diagrams can be found in EREC G98 and G99 respectively.

Next steps

These guides will be reviewed against all feedback received as part of the consultation process before publishing through the ENA and Distribution Code websites. Responses to this consultation should be sent to the Distribution Code Review Panel Secretary at dcode@energynetworks.org by 17:00 12th November 2021 on the pro-forma provided expressly for the purpose, or via any other convenient means. Responses after this date may not be considered.

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