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I0278 – ESTABLISHING THE SAFE ISOLATION PROVIDER (SIP) AS A STANDALONE REC PARTY

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide industry Parties with a short background on REC Issue I0278 – Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Party and questions which will be discussed during the Working Group (WG) to help frame its solution development, i.e. the way SIPs should report and document their work, agree on safe practices, sealing methodology and approach with regards to interference, damage and tampers, and agree on training and audit requirements.

2 BACKGROUND

REC Issue I0278 – Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Party has been raised to formally recognise the SIP as a standalone REC Party to align with Ofgem's Strategic Direction Statement, enabling easier access to certified SIPs, meeting market demand and ensuring safety standards. High safety standards through a robust training, vigorous qualifications and a strong audit process will be implemented within this new framework.

3 QUESTIONS FOR THE WG

In advance of the Working Group session on 09 November 2026, Working Group attendees are invited to think about the following questions:

3.1 TRAINING

1. Do you agree that training should be of an agreed standard, for example EUSR or equivalent?

2. The list below shows the current requirements. Is there anything which is not required or missing?

- Proving not live
- Polarity
- Supply testing

- Phase rotation
- Voltage indication
- Marking of conductors
- Diverted neutrals testing and identification
- Safety equipment and its use
- Reporting
- Smart meter communication
- Interpretation of test results and appropriate actions
- Tampering

3.2 AUDIT

1. The list below shows the current evidence requirements. Is there anything which is not required or missing?

- Appropriately trained
- Adequate supervision if required (Qualified Supervisor)
- Certificate of competence
- Health and safety policy if required
- Written procedures to be audited against
- Safety equipment
- Certificates of conformity for equipment use
- DNO authorisation if required
- Maintenance log/calibration certificates
- Testing
- Training log if required
- Internal audit if required
- Record keeping
- Evidence of communications with DNOs (dependent on the reporting and documentation discussion)
- Insurance? Public indemnity and public liability
- Evidence of corrections from both internal and external audits where applicable