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I0278 WORKING GROUP 5

06 OCTOBER 2026

AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	TIME	PRESENTER
Welcome, Introduction & Competition law compliance	09:30	Lead Analyst & Chair
Reporting & Documentation Discussion	09:35	RECCo & All
Review minutes and actions of previous meeting	10:40	Lead Analyst
I0278 Background & Working Group Aims	10:45	Chair
Safety, Interference, Tampers, Damage & Sealing Discussion	10:50	All
COMFORT BREAK – 11:20		
Training Discussion	11:30	All
Audit Discussion	12:10	All
Next Steps, Date and Time of Next Meeting	12:50	Lead Analyst
Any Other Business	12:55	All

HOUSEKEEPING RULES

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- Meetings will be recorded to provide meeting notes.
- Use the chat or the hands-up function to help flow of discussions.
- Please stay on mute if not speaking.

COMPETITION LAW COMPLIANCE

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Organisations present in this Working Group offer many benefits for the businesses they bring together and represent, but they are also at risk of acting anti-competitively if they try to shield their members from the natural pressures of competition. Members must be mindful of their conduct in relation to other members of this Working Group who are likely to be actual or potential competitors of theirs.

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REPORTING & DOCUMENTATION

DTC Market Messages for SIPs



Data Transfer Catalogue Messages for SIPs

- The existing REC obligations on Safe Isolation Providers (SIPs) mandate the sending and receiving of a number of Data Transfer Catalogue (DTC) Market Messages.
- These Messages are communicated by Parties through the Data Transfer Service (DTS) managed by Electralink.
- The format and specification of the Market Messages and the Data Items contained in them is held within the Energy Market Data Specification (EMDS) found on the REC Portal - Data Specification Catalogue
- The Messages are sent as pipe delimited text files.
- All Parties sending and receiving messages via the DTS must accede to and abide by the DTS User Agreement maintained by Electralink.

DTC Messages required by SIPs

According to REC Schedule 14 ‘Metering Operations’ Section 28 – Safe Isolation Provider, SIPs are currently required to send / receive a number of DTC Messages.

Message	Name	From	To	Purpose
D0139	Confirmation or Rejection of Energisation Status Change	**SIP**	Supplier	To communicate the start and end of a de-energisation period that spans more than one calendar day.
D0396	SIP Event Complete	**SIP**	Supplier	To communicate the completion of SIP work completion. To communicate any additional needs identified.
D0002	Fault Resolution Report or Request for Decision on Further Action	**SIP**	Supplier	To advise that the pre-existing level of smart metering communication cannot be re-established. To notify Suppliers of potential hazardous equipment.
D0002	Fault Resolution Report or Request for Decision on Further Action	Supplier	**SIP**	To advise of the resolution of an incident reported to the Supplier by the SIP.
D0136	Report to Supplier of Possible Irregularity	**SIP**	Supplier	To notify Suppliers of irregularity which may require further investigation
D0135	Asset Condition Report	**SIP**	SFIC	Reports an Issue with the condition of relevant network / supply assets.
D0126	Asset Condition Report Response / Clearance	SFIC	**SIP**	Response / resolution following the SIPs asset condition report.

Becoming a DTS User

In order to become a DTS User a Party must complete the following actions:

- Have a role code / Market Participant Id added to Industry Standing Data (MDD / ISD). This would be provided following accession to the REC.
- Accede to the Data Transfer Service User Agreement
- Have the technical capability to send / receive the Market Messages in line with the DTS User Agreement

The above actions are currently met by the Meter Operator Agent (MOA) that is operating the SIP role. However, they will currently need to be fulfilled by standalone SIPs wanting to accede to the REC.

Impacts of interacting with the DTS

Parties will need to have the technical capability of interacting with the DTS. This can be achieved in a number of ways.

- **Parties can create their own interface.**
- **There are a number of third-party providers who may be able to assist SIPs with interacting with the DTS on a commercial basis.**
- **Electralink also offer a 'webtools' service that allows Parties to send and receive Market Messages, this can be configured to a Party for a one-off cost of £30.00. This allows Parties to view their messages in an outlook style format and create messages direct on to the tool.**

The cost to send messages across the DTS is a quarterly gateway rental charge of £153.30 and traffic usage charges of £1.63 per 1000 KBYTES (charged monthly in arrears).

Other considerations for SIPs with DTS Messages

- To send a DTS Message the sending Party needs to know the Market Participant Identifier (MPID) of the receiving Party. As a SIP has no relationship with the Supplier, a tool such as the Electricity Enquiry Service (EES) may be required to identify the relevant Supplier MPID.

- There is a level of technical expertise required to complete DTC Messages, particularly if these are being created manually on webtools. Guidance on how to do this may be required for SIPs.

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What business purpose does each existing SIP Market Message support?

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Who uses the information today and what action do they take as a result?

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Which existing Market Messages remain essential in a standalone SIP framework?

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Are any existing Market Messages duplicated by other communications, processes or systems?

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Is there information that needs to be retained but not necessarily transmitted?

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RECORD KEEPING & ASSURANCE

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What records should a standalone SIP be required to keep?

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What evidence would be needed to support investigations, audits or dispute resolution?

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What information needs to be available to demonstrate compliance with the framework?

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OPERATIONAL REPORTING

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For agreed scenarios such as aborted visits, de-energised supplies found on arrival, or identified tampering, what information should be recorded?

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Who needs to be informed and within what timescales?

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What information is required to support future investigation or assurance activity?

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SAFETY, INTERFERENCE, TAMPERS & DAMAGE DISCUSSION

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If a tamper is identified on either Supplier or DNO equipment, how should SIPs report it and to who?

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If damage has been found on the Consumer equipment, do you agree that there should be a contractual discussion between the Consumer and the relevant Party?

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How should they report it to the Consumer?

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Are there any other points, or any other types of damage that need clarification on?

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Should standalone SIPs be shown specific types of tampers for identification and their personal safety?

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What should a standalone SIP do to remain safe on site when they identify a tamper?

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SEALING DISCUSSION

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What security risks do you foresee with the existing sealing system methodology?

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What security risks do you foresee with the separate sealing system methodology for standalone SIPs?

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REVIEW MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

WORKING GROUP – MINUTES & ACTIONS

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No comments have been received to the minutes of the previous working group.

I0278WG_0511_A01	The Code Manager to amend the diagram with some explanatory notes, and to expand the responsibilities of SIPs in different scenarios with some supporting documentation.	In progress
I0278WG_0511_A02	The Code Manager to share with members statistics provided by the HSE.	Completed
I0278WG_0511_A03	The Code Manager to share the ENA EREC about fuse upgrades with members when it is made available.	In progress
I0278WG_0629_A01	The Code Manager to share the final survey results from ESF with members once it has been completed.	Completed
I0278WG_0629_A02	The Code Manager to check whether the advent of non-compliant devices and the risks they create should be raised as a REC Issue or whether an awareness piece should be conducted for MEMs.	In progress
I0278WG_0629_A03	The Code Manager to consider adding an investigation procedure in the SIP's policy detailing the process, and the responsible Parties for the investigation.	In progress
I0278WG_0629_A04	The Code Manager to investigate whether there are any stipulations that make it mandatory for MEMs to use a certain security device on Energy Supplier's meters.	In progress
I0278WG_0629_A05	The Code Manager to draft a list of scenarios where SIPs need to report issues they identify (i.e. faulty equipment, signs of interference, poor installations), who they need to report the issue to, and what the escalation route is for each scenario.	In progress
I0278WG_0629_A06	The Code Manager to investigate how an electrician is currently being notified that a new cutout has been introduced when the DNO would have changed it.	Completed
I0278WG_0721_A01	The ENA to check with their colleagues whether there is a standard equipment and clothing list across DNOs.	In progress
I0278WG_0818_A01	Jemma Johnson to share information about data sharing regarding vulnerability and PSR specifications with the Working Group.	In progress
I0278WG_0818_A02	Steve Humphreys and Craig O'Neill to discuss the possibility to work on a joint approach with NAPIT, the NICEIC and IET to share best practice when encountering vulnerability on site.	In progress

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I0278 BACKGROUND & WORKING GROUP AIMS

I0278 – OVERVIEW

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Issue

- This Issue was raised to establish SIP as Standalone Party to:
  - align with Ofgem's Strategic Direction Statement;
  - enable easier access to certified SIPs; and
  - resolve risks and safety issues that the current framework poses.

Impact

- The current SIP framework poses several risks:
  - Consumers, MEMs and unaccredited practitioners' safety;
  - inequity with a two-tier system;
  - low competitive market; and
  - decarbonisation delays.

Activities to date

- Engagement with six industry bodies to seek initial views.
- Information request open from February to March to better assess industry views on what a streamlined framework for SIPs could look like.
- Discussion with the ENA on their fuse upgrade project.
- Engagement with DESNZ.

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NEXT STEPS, DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

WORKING GROUP – NEXT STEPS

NEXT STEPS

- The planning for the next working group sessions is as below, for which members should have received a calendar invite:

Confirmed Working Groups	Confirmed date and time
Accession	Monday 9 November – 14h00 - 16:00

- Is that time still suitable or would a 13:00 – 15:00 be more suitable for attendees?
- Another discussion on training and audit is also needed for which questions have been shared and can be reshared

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