

Received by email – from Leeds Solar

Hi Gareth,

I've just read through the latest draft G83/2 proposals, and realised that there are some huge changes to the process for determining whether a sub 16amp system should be required to obtain advance permission to connect hidden away in this document.

I have to ask you to withdraw these proposals, and have an urgent rethink on them, as they will be completely unworkable, and cause companies such as ours to be operating at a major disadvantage in our own local areas compared to other companies who've not got any previous installations in our popular postcode districts.

I'm also certain that this measure will cause the entire G59 and G83 application process to grind to a halt under the volume of new applications it will create. These systems are already close to collapse in many areas, with applications across Northern PowerGrid taking up to 65 working days to be processed, and if we have to wait 45 or 65 working days for permission to carry out a basic sub 16amp installation this will likely mean we'll not be able to promise to carry out those installations before the next quarterly FIT cuts happen.

Put simply, this measure as proposed will put most reputable local solar installers out of business overnight, with only rogue traders, and companies that operate outside of specific geographic areas left... or we'll have to stop doing local work, and focus on working in areas we've not previously worked in, which would be a ridiculous policy result.

I must remind you of Ofgems stated purpose of **"eliminating unnecessary regulatory and market barriers to the economic deployment of distributed energy."**

How does this policy possibly meet that aim?

Please withdraw this idea, and go back to the drawing board with it. I'd be happy to work with you and others in the industry to draw up a workable solution to achieve your presumed goal of stopping local grid connections from being overloaded with PV installations, but this policy will be an absolute disaster if you go ahead with it.

I've put further analysis of this issue on our blog at this link, if you want to see more details about our analysis and objections <http://www.leeds-solar.co.uk/blog/entry/major-changes-to-g83-rules-for-properties-needing-advance-permission-to-connect>

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Regards

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