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Your email address has been listed as the one that feedback should be sent to regarding the new draft G83/2 regulations, I hope this is correctly, if not please just delete this email.

The area of concern I have is regarding the idea that installers must gain advance permission if they have already installed a system in the same area. If they do not do this it seems that the DNO will then have the right to cut of the installation off at any time in the future is they find any problems with their local grid.

While I'm sure installers are already raising issued regarding the fact that such a rule will place local established installers at a major disadvantage over installers that are newly founded or move into an area, the issue I have is from the purchasers point of view. The end purchaser of the system will end up being the party that losses out if a DNO has an installation disabled, rather than the installer of the system. But the end purchaser has no way to know if the installer than have selected need to get advance permission or not, or if such permission has been granted or not. This will be even more important if the property is sold on to another party at some point in the future.

If you the plans are to go down this route you will need to introduce a general prior approval system that allows all installers to request quick and simple approval for an address based on its postcode/grid ref location. Such a system would allow all installers the same level of access to an area, while also allowing the end purchaser to at least look up a location to see if approval has been granted.

Thanks

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