Self-connect onto the distribution system and associated agreement templates for self-serve

In line with the [Competition in Connections Code of Practice](#), Independent Connection Providers (ICPs) or Independent Distribution Network Operators (IDNOs) can request for us to undertake the final connection works and phased energisation of the Point of Connection (POC), or in certain circumstances ICPs can self-connect onto our distribution system either extended adopted networks or embedded IDNO networks (where we allow this).

For details on Distribution Safety Rules (DSRs) and Authorisations, please refer to our [website](#).

ICPs and IDNOs must send a copy of their DSRs to us at DistributionSafetyRules@sse.com. Our Operational Safety team will review these and provide ICPs and IDNOs with constructive feedback if any.

Please note that we do not approve third-party DSRs; we only review these to ensure they are suitable for the contestable works carried out by ICPs (on behalf of their connecting customers or on behalf of IDNOs), for extended networks to be adopted by us or for embedded networks to be adopted by IDNOs, which will be connected onto our distribution system.

Our detailed design, technical specification and operational documents are available in our [G81 Library](#).

ICPs will generally be able to undertake the final works and phased energisation of the POC themselves (i.e., self-connect) where they have the relevant National Electricity Registration Scheme (NERS) accreditations to undertake network connections and operations activities – i.e., '**Network Connections – Connection Activity**' scopes that cover: -

- '**Network Connections – Jointing (LV Mains and Services, LV Terminations)**'
- '**Network Connections – Jointing (HV Mains, HV Terminations)**'
- '**Network Connections – Operations LV and HV**'

For further details on the relevant scopes of NERS accreditations to undertake network connections and operations activities, please refer to the [NERS Requirements Document](#) published by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance (LRQA) on their [website](#).

Network Access Agreement – This is the agreement between Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD) plc or Southern Electric Power Distribution (SEPD) plc and the ICP which grants the ICP access to the distribution system (where required) in the Distribution Services Area (DSA) where the connection project is located.

When ICPs are requiring access to our distribution system to undertake the final works and phased energisation tasks themselves (i.e., self-connect), a Network Access Agreement will **always** be required between SHEPD/SEPD plc and the ICP.

Our Network Access Agreement templates for ICPs are available in editable format [here](#) for self-serve (where we allow self-connect onto our distribution system), and are listed below: -

- TEM-NET-COM-015 Network Access Agreement – SEPD
- TEM-NET-COM-016 Network Access Agreement – SHEPD

Where ICPs wish to complete the agreement templates themselves, they will be required to send these completed agreement templates to us at nc.connections@sse.com for our review with their contestable design pack submissions, specifying that they have already completed them, so that our Design Approvers are aware that they do not need to do this task to avoid duplication of effort. We will review the completed agreement templates and confirm that they can be signed or that they shall be revised.