

Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme Contractor Incentive Scheme (CIS) - Frequently Asked Questions

1 What evidence is required?

To declare a compliant site, a compliance declaration must be completed on the ENA website www.ena-eng.org/ALoMCP, and evidence of compliance uploaded. Suitable evidence includes photographs of inverter labels showing make, model and serial number, photographs or screen shots of relays showing make, model, serial number and compliant settings, relay test sheets etc.

When completing the compliance declaration on the ENA website, please remember to click “Yes” to show the declaration is “submitted under the protection data collector scheme”.

2 When does the evidence have to be submitted?

All evidence needs to be submitted via the ALoMCP portal by midnight on 31 August 2022. However, individual DNOs might request that contractors group sites when submitting applications and may only enable payment once the evidence for a whole group has been submitted.

3 What if the site turns out to be non-compliant?

In this case the owner of the site MPAN needs to make arrangements for the site to become compliant before the 31 August 2022 submission deadline. If the works are completed ahead of the deadline, the new compliance status and evidence can be submitted by the contractor and the incentive payment made (subject to normal terms of the CIS).

4 Why do sites have to be grouped and how many are needed in each group?

This is to incentivise efficient processing. Grouping sites in an application will identify as many sites as possible and help DNOs to process them as quickly as possible. The DNO will agree in each case how many sites need to be grouped per submission.

5 What happens after 31 August?

Generation owners that are not compliant by 1 September 2022 must make their own arrangements to become compliant as soon as possible. Any non-compliant generation from 01 September 2022 may be the subject of enforcement action by the DNO as provided for in the Distribution Code.

6 What is the minimum size of system that is applicable for the Contractor Incentive Scheme?

The scope of the incentive scheme is the same as for the ALoMCP overall – any generation commissioned to be compliant with G59: from 3.6kW single phase or 11kW three phase up to 50MW. Medium and Large Power Stations are out of scope.

7 Do the new regulations apply to the inverters as well as the G59 relays?

Yes. The requirements apply to all protection functions, whether provided in relays, in the generating units, power electronic converters/inverters etc.

8 Are all assets commissioned post February 2018 excluded from the Contractor Incentive Scheme?

All generation, except that composed of type-tested inverters, commissioned on or after 01 February 2018 is out of scope as this should already be compliant. Similarly, any generation comprising type-tested inverters commissioned on or after 01 July 2018 is out of scope.

9 What will happen if non-compliant sites do not wish to engage and do not make the necessary changes to become compliant?

These sites will be subject to the DNOs' enforcement process from 01 September 2022.

It would be helpful if contractors could provide details of these sites, to allow WPD to try to engage or re-engage with the site owners and avoid the need for enforcement activities. Details (e.g. site name, MPANs, owner name) can be emailed to alomcp@westernpower.co.uk

10 What if a generator is compliant but wishes to not go through the declaration process?

These sites are likely to be subject to the DNOs' enforcement process from 01 September 2022, where they will be asked then to demonstrate compliance or again risk enforcement action by the DNO.

11 What if contractors do not have the capacity to engage with the scheme?

There is no requirement for contractors to engage – it is a purely voluntary activity.

12 When does the Contractor Incentive Scheme end?

The scheme could end at any time depending on the level of engagement; the scheme runs at the DNO's discretion. However, at initiation it is expected that it will run up to and including 31 August 2022.

13 Is the process different to the current declaration of compliance process?

It is essentially the same process as making a declaration of compliance in the portal – but all information must be submitted for the DNO to count it as a valid submission. In other words contractors should assume that all fields in the portal are mandatory in addition to submitting photographic evidence and test sheets etc. (again by uploading into the portal).

14 Why are some DNOs not supporting the incentive?

DNOs are separate and independent companies. Each DNO is free to decide the right balance of activities to undertake on behalf of its customers.

15 Are Compliance Declarations Subject to Audit or Review?

WPD are administering the CIS on behalf of the ENA and NG. The ENA and NG will check the accuracy and completeness of compliance declarations on a "sample basis" using the "sample site visit" (SSV) method already in use for ALoMCP funding applications. If a site is selected for a SSV, WPD will contact the site owner to arrange a suitable date/time to complete the SSV. The SSV will be held via WhatsApp with the site owner. There is no requirement for the contractor who completed the compliance declaration to take part in the SSV.