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Nature of Issue
On 14 June 2019, the Authority approved the Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) DCRP/18/03 – ‘Revision of Engineering Recommendation ¹ (EREC) P2 – Security of Supply’. The modification changes the Energy Networks Association (ENA) Engineering Recommendation (ER) P2/6 and consequential changes to the Distribution Code. The changes proposed to ER P2/6 formally incorporate Distributed Energy Resources and allow the contribution of

¹ <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/dcrp1803-revision-engineering-recommendation-erec-p2-security-supply>

these resources to be considered in the assessment of group demand and therefore the security of supply arrangements. The changes mean that the ER number will be updated to ER P2/7 with associated changes to the Distribution Code where it references ER P2/6.

However, it should be noted that DCRP/MP/19/02 - EREP 130 Issue 3 'Revision of Engineering Report (ERE) 130 -² Guidance on the application of P2, Security of Supply' has also been approved by the Authority. EREP 130 is a guidance document which details how the requirements of EREC P2 planning standard shall be met. As a result of the change to EREC P2, EREP 130 has been rewritten to recognise changes in resources connected to distribution networks and align with EREC P2/7. This new revision is EREP 130 Issue 3. EREP 130 is an Annex 2 document to the Distribution Code, which does not require Authority approval for it to be amended but Authority approval is required for any consequential changes to the Distribution Code, which was the intent of DCRP/MP/19/02.

This does have flow on impacts for DCUSA as ER P2/6 is referenced within the document. It may also have far wider impacts considering the intent is for EREC P2 to become the standard defining the security of supply that is to be achieved, whilst EREP 130 should be a document describing how that security of supply should be achieved. The emphasis of the new document is focused on how to assess the demand that needs to be secured and the security contribution offered by Distributed Generation (DG), Demand Side Response (DSR), and Electricity Storage (ES) when making a conformance assessment against the EREC P2/7 security of supply standard. The main changes in this revision are to:

- Align EREP 130 with EREC P2/7;
- Provide new guidance on assessing the contribution to security from, and the latent demand associated with, Distributed Generation, Demand Side Response schemes and Electricity Storage;
- Update the F factors for assessing the contribution to security from Distributed Generation, using recent data from DG, based on work carried out for ENA by Imperial College London as detailed in Appendix 4;
- Differentiate between the contribution to security from DG, DSR and ES which is contracted with a Distribution Network Operator (DNO) and that which is not; and
- Restructure the document to improve the flow of the guidance, based on a revised step-by-step flow diagram (see Figure 1 EREP 130 Issue 3, Appendix 2).

The DCUSA has a number of references to P2/6 and a change proposal that is currently with Ofgem (DCP 313 'Eligibility Criteria for EDCM Generation Credits') awaiting their consent which also has references to P2/6. The change however is not a straightforward one. It is not as simple as changing the reference from P2/6 to P2/7. P2/7 is a slimmed down version of P2/6 with some of the information potentially moving to the Engineering Report 130 (ERE) 130, previously known as ETR 130).

Solution Overview – If Known

Solution Description	TBC
Lead Time For Implementation	TBC

² <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/dcrpmp1902-revision-engineering-report-erep-130-guidance-application-p2-security-supply>