

Access to DNO electrical distribution system assets to facilitate safe working on Third Party owned public lighting and other street furniture

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) operates in-line with the detail and requirements of ENA Engineering Recommendation (EREC) G39 (Electrical safety in the planning, installation, commissioning and maintenance of public lighting and other street furniture) in regard to providing 'recognised Third Parties' with access to specified SSEN distribution system assets positioned at the interface with Third Party assets and systems.

Respectively in terms of the scope of ENA EREC G39, this relates to Third Party street furniture assets (e.g. a lighting column) and the directly related SSEN electricity supply assets at the interface position between the two systems. In regard to SSEN assets this means the in-series controlling fuse or switch, usually contained within a low voltage 'cut-out' type arrangement.

This arrangement is put in place to facilitate safe working on Third Party owned street furniture with regard to the scope of ENA EREC G39. In practice this means that recognised Third Parties are automatically provided access to operate the SSEN in scope assets, i.e. remove and replace a controlling fuse or switch. Under this arrangement all Third Party operations are to be completed in accordance with the Third Party's operational safety management systems, i.e. rules, procedures, training, authorisations, etc.

In regard to what is meant by the term 'recognised Third Parties' – access to SSEN assets under this arrangement is granted to persons employed and/or contracted by Third Parties to operate on street furniture under the ownership/ control of the respective Third Party. Under this arrangement Third Parties and the persons they employ or contract shall effectively be accredited under a nationally recognised training scheme, such as the Highway Electrical Registration Scheme (HERS).

SSEN reserves the right to audit this arrangement in exercising its duty of care responsibilities towards persons not in SSEN employment. When such audits are completed Third Parties are required to provide unrestricted access to information within the scope of ENA EREC G39 and this arrangement.

Further information regarding this arrangement can be obtained via – Operational.Standards@sse.com.