

## **OFGEM – Trade Testing Updates**

### **Scottish Power**

- Requires trade testing to be carried out on a 'one off' basis in relation to cable jointing works only. This is standard practice in their area and the test takes one day to complete
- SP suggests that it is their responsibility to ensure that on an individual or project basis that assets that it is to adopt are constructed appropriately
- Ofgem has discussed SP's position with them and they are considering their policy

### **EDFE**

- Fully supports NERS and do not require separate trade testing for ICPs that work on networks that it will eventually adopt
- Has identified issues with the passport scheme – i.e some ICPs not holding a passport that is valid, for example, it is out of date. EDFE have raised this matter with NERS
- EDFE is due commence live jointing trials in due course and it may trade test parties that progress these schemes.

### **SSE Distribution**

- Accepts the assessment and approvals process provided by Lloyds – accepts that responsibility for competency and duty of care rests with Lloyds

### **CE Electric**

- Supports and follows NERS. Reserves the right to trade test if dissatisfied with a person's CV, training records. If Trade test is required this would be undertaken in the field rather than in a training centre

### **ENW**

- For contestable works – all dead works require no trade test or authorisation of the staff carrying out the works – responsibility for quality assurance rests with the ICP
- Live jointing – ICPs are treated in the same way as UUES staff – requiring an ENW operational authorisation to allow them to work on the network. May result in a familiarisation course if the candidate does not have sufficient experience. UUES staff are required to undertake a refresher course every three years.

### **CN**

- No longer requires ICPs to undertake an in house Trade test. Accepts the NERS arrangements and the ICP operates under their own Safety Management System (SMS)

### **WPD**

- Supportive of NERS arrangements and operates in accordance with NERS