

BESC and NSI30

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Background

At the Sept 2010 GCRP meeting several issues remained unaddressed, namely:

- There is no mechanism of recognition for a User's own safety training schemes as an equivalent to BESC
- Whilst it was agreed a user can work under its own safety rules, it was thought that BESC would have to be undertaken to gain access to the substation itself
- It had not been made clear how a User can work under its own safety rules

NG Site Access by Third Parties

- G3/09 Procedure allows third parties to access and work on their assets at a National Grid substation
- Users safety rules, training and procedure must be audited by NG to ensure minimum safety standards
 - Not expected to be an issue
- Site access keys are issued to named and authorised individuals after site induction
- User's staff (SAPs) or UKES would issue permits and supervise work

Moving assets under User's safety rules

- Parties should assess option with their local staff
 - E.g. familiarity with HV Switchgear
- Site Responsibility Schedule (SRS) requires amendment
 - Multi-User Switching (MUS) agreement would allow single parties to perform one
- National Grid should be contacted to discuss on site specific basis

Competency Accord

- The National Skills Academy and ENA have been working with power industry parties to develop an industry wide competency management system
- Would allow accreditation between companies
- At the start of the process although support and commitment across industry will facilitate progress
- Mainly DNOs although GenCos also involved
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