

Code of Practice 640

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Reducing the Impact of Supply Interruptions due to Planned Work





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1 Foreword

Provision of electricity by means other than the normal operation of the distribution system and where unavoidable the interruption of the electricity supply, are requirements for execution of work on the electricity distribution system.

Notification to customers about a planned interruption of electricity supply is required under Regulation 12 of the Electricity (Standards of Performance) Regulations 2015. The required period of notice shall be as described in Schedule 2 part 1 of the Electricity Standards of Performance regulations 2015, under Regulation 12 parts 4,5 & 6.

Managing alternative means of continuity and managing planned interruptions of electricity supply are therefore essential and critical business processes.

2 Scope

This Code of Practice describes the policy, rules, guidance and procedures for the management of the planned interruption of supply where alternative means of continuity are not practicable.

The purpose of this Code of Practice is to ensure compliance with all the Electricity Standards of performance that are relevant to these processes.

This Code of Practice is to be applied by all persons, irrespective of employer, who plan work that will disrupt the normal means of electricity supply to customers connected to the electricity system of Electricity North West Limited, hereinafter referred to as Electricity North West.

3 Definitions

The following definitions are used within this document. Other terms and definitions used in this Code of Practice are as defined by the Distribution Electricity Safety Rules and Codes of Practice.

Carding Section	The part of Data Management, Hartington Road, responsible for producing carding packs.
CCC/Jeopardy	Customer Contact Centre and Escalation Team.
HUB	Network Management Hub, Linley House.
HV	A voltage exceeding 1000 volts.
Interruption Organiser	Suitably authorised person responsible for the organisation and success of the planned interruption of supply.
LV	A voltage not exceeding 1000 volts.
NAFIRS	National Fault and Interruption Reporting Scheme.



Person carrying out the switching	The authorised or senior authorised person who carries out the switching which executes the planned interruption of supply.
PSI WORKBOOK Planned Supply Interruption Control sheet	Excel workbook comprising of embedded control sheet, checklist, generator calculator, customer list, 'warn off' and general support information. This workbook to be used to progress the proposed interruption from planning to execution.
Carding Pack	Produced documents and records including Outage control sheet, schematic/geographic diagrams, polygon data, customer lists and associated processed documents in preparation of a planned supply interruption. All documents are embedded within the PSI Workbook
Pro-active check	Certain mandatory checks associated with system switching which must be carried out prior to commencement of work.
TMS	Trouble Management System.
Welfare Team	Team in CCC to deliver support for vulnerable customers.
Outage control sheet	Planning engineers document to record all requirements of the PSI including date, times, location, system voltage, customer impacted. This is provided to the Carding Section to produce the carding pack. The Outage control sheet is also edited by the Carding section as part of the carding pack production to show approvals and overall customer numbers impacted.
MPAN	Meter point administration number also known as Supply Number or S Number
CRMS	Control Room Management System – to be succeeded by NMS
NMS	Network Management System
Planned Supply Interruption Process	A supplementary business process document to aid in planning of interruptions. Devised and updated by Customer Directorate

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4 Policy

4.1 Continuity

Work on the electricity distribution system must be carried out with minimum disruption to customers' electricity supply. This requires that where possible all work shall be planned and executed in a manner which fully utilises one of the following methods before disconnection of supplies is considered:

- (a) Switched alternative supplies.
- (b) Approved live working techniques (in compliance with the Distribution Electricity Safety Rules, Policies and Codes of Practice, being mindful of the requirements to comply with Regulation 14 of The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989).
- (c) Use of mobile generators in accordance with current policy.
- (d) Preliminary work with the system live to establish back feed or generator connection.
- (e) With consideration of guidance within the Planned supply interruptions customer guide (Planned supply Policy)

4.2 Justification

Work which is planned to cause an interruption to a customer's electricity supply must be fully justified as essential and unavoidable. Alternative means of maintaining continuity must be shown to be impractical or uneconomic in the circumstances governing the work.

The work must be planned to minimise the number and length of interruptions and the number of customers affected.

4.3 Co-ordination

Work which is planned to cause an interruption must be combined with work by other sections, where practicable.

Interruption Organisers should pro activity co-ordinate works across known programme synergies, e.g. Tree cutting & OHL Capital Maintenance to minimise customer outages.

The Outage Engineer shall carry out the co-ordination role and they shall prioritise the work against other planned work requiring an interruption. They will require whatever advanced notice becomes necessary to manage interruptions within the requirements of the Electricity (standards of Performance) Regulations.

4.4 Execution

All those who are involved in the execution of a planned supply interruption must be fully conversant with the procedure for 'notification and execution' (refer to <u>Section 7</u>). Those who deliver notification must be trained in its use and authorised to that effect.

The HUB must be provided with the Outage Control Sheet at least 2 working days before the outage is due to take place. This information will enable the HUB to:



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- (a) Update TMS/CRMS/NMS.
- (b) Input correct details to NAFIRS.

4.5 Pro-active Check

The person carrying out the switching must check that the extent of the actual disconnection corresponds to the notified area.

4.6 Failure Escalation Prevention

All those who are responsible for the execution of a planned supply interruption must be fully conversant with the procedure for reported failure to notify (refer to Section 9.2).

The person carrying out the switching must have (on site) a duplicate copy of the Carding plan, which includes customers immediately outside the notified area, in order that 'failure to notify' can be quickly assessed and that an explanation and an apology can be offered immediately.

Immediately on realisation by either the person carrying out the switching or the interruption organiser that a failure has occurred, the HUB and the Carding Section must be notified of the possible extent of the failure and the HUB will contact the Jeopardy Team in the CCC.

The Carding Section has responsibility to carry out permanent amendment of data records to correct 'failure to notify' events for future planned supply interruptions

5 Responsibilities

5.1 Interruption Organiser

Interruption Organiser is responsible for:

- (a) Ensuring compliance with the planning and justification criteria.
- (b) Managing alternative means of continuity.
- (c) Ensure all necessary resources, plant, land access and any other necessary planning to complete the works are in place before any requests are made.
- (d) Ensuring that all involved in the execution of a planned supply interruption are fully conversant with the procedure for 'notification and execution'.
- (e) Quality of information and instructions given to Data Management for preparation of Carding Pack.
- (f) Keeping the Hub informed at all stage before started, 2 hours before estimated time of restoration, on restoration
- (g) Ensuring that the person switching understands the requirement for pro-active check and escalation limitation actions.
- (h) Organisation, in the event of a 'failure to notify', of the resolving of customer problems. This may include the supply of generators. It is not the responsibility of HUB to arrange generators.



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(j) The wellbeing of any vulnerable customers which may be identified on address list, in the pack (Sensitive Code) See Appendix B.

5.2 The Person Carrying out with Switching

The person carrying out the switching is responsible for carrying out the pro-active checks and any escalation limitation actions required.

5.3 Carding Section

The Carding Section is responsible for:

- (a) Preparation of the Carding Pack to the instructions and satisfaction of the Interruption Organiser. The plans should be marked up and letters produced in accordance with the Data Management internal guidelines as amended from time to time.
- (b) Updating GIS/CRMS/NMS as a result of feedback from the Interruption Organiser or any other relevant information source.
- (c) Update "WarnOff" to include any new unmanned sites or customers who request notification via email.
- (d) Carry out permanent amendment of data records to correct 'failure to notify' events for future planned supply interruptions.

5.4 Customer Contact Centre

Customer Contact Centre is responsible for:

- (a) Arranging any necessary pro-active failure, goodwill or ex gratia payments following a "failure to notify".
- (b) Reports to OFGEM of any Guaranteed Standards Failures due to a failure to notify.

CCC/Jeopardy are responsible for:

- (c) Providing a contact point for telephone queries from customers on behalf of the Interruption Organiser about a proposed, cancelled, in progress or completed interruption. The overall responsibility for dealing with customers lies with CCC/Jeopardy and they must handle all escalated calls.
- (d) Welfare Team

Help with the management of vulnerable customers during the planning & execution stage of the PSI.

5.5 Managers

Managers are responsible for:

(a) Training of all the staff they employ, including Contractors, as part of this process.



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- (b) Investigation of 'failure to notify', cancellation of interruption or customer complaint associated with an interruption. (Responsibility for these investigations will normally lie with the Manager of the work unit responsible for the work requiring the supply interruption.)
- (c) Approval all PSI ensuring the comply with all policy.

6 Planning and Approval

This section addresses the sequence of actions necessary to complete the Planned Supply Interruption Control Sheet (refer to Appendix A).

6.1 Justifying and Planning the Supply Interruption

Before deciding upon an interruption, all possible alternatives must have been considered (refer to <u>Section</u> 4.1 (a) to (d)), including the option of not doing the work at all.

Once the decision has been reached that an interruption to electricity supplies is necessary, the work must be fully justified as essential and unavoidable.

The work must be planned to minimise the number and length of interruptions and the number of customers affected.

The Interruption Organiser shall:

- (a) Leave the TMS number box blank, so that the Carding Section can assign a TMS number to the interruption.
- (b) Complete the PSI workbook and send via email the excel sheet including network diagram through to the Carding Section in Preston.

6.2 Assessment of Number of Customers Affected

The Carding Section must ascertain accurate numbers of customers who will be affected by the interruption (including those where the supply is planned to be maintained by generator(s)). The number of customers affected by an interruption must be a count of the MPANS that will be interrupted. In order to achieve the accuracy required these customer numbers must be sourced from MPANS/GIS.

7 Seasonal Rules that Apply to Planned Supply Interruptions

7.1 Summer Banding (1st March to 30th November)

Where possible, supply interruptions shall be planned for the summer season so that customers have the benefit of more daylight and warmer temperatures. The standard planned supply interruption should be no greater than 8 hours, between 9.00am and 5pm.

Any variations require Area SLT approval (or their nominated Deputy)

7.2 Winter Banding (1st December to 28th February)

When it is necessary to plan supply interruptions for the winter season:



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- The hours of darkness shall be avoided.
- The standard planned supply interruption should be no greater than 6.5 hours, between 9.00am and 3.30pm.
- Where possible, the commencement time for the PSI shall be 9.00am.
- No planned supply interruptions are permitted on ANY Friday in December.
- Each customer shall be subjected to no more than one planned supply interruption during the winter banding.
- Any variations require Area SLT Approval (or their nominated Deputy)

7.3 Additional Rule for the Christmas Holiday Period

NOTE: that the Christmas holiday period extends to the first normal working day after 1st January.

Planned supply interruptions during this period shall only proceed if ALL customer impacted have agreed to be shutdown.

Area SLT approval is required for any outage in this period

8 Procedure for Notification and Execution of a Planned Electricity Supply Interruption

This section addresses the sequence of actions necessary to complete the PSI workbook (refer to Appendix A).

8.1 Preparation of the Carding Pack

The Interruption Organiser shall prepare information for the Carding Pack (it is the responsibility of the Interruption Organiser preparing this information for the Carding Pack to ensure that information/drawings are up to date).

- (a) Prepare an HV operational diagram and an LV diagram, circling the substations/cables and the open points involved in the proposed planned interruption.
- (b) Ensure that Carding Section staff have all the information and sufficient time they need for preparation of the Carding Pack, this is a minimum of 21 days.
- (c) Complete the PSI workbook initial sheet which will populate the PSI control sheet, to complete the check list and indicate that he/she is attaching the diagrams in the relevant tab on the initial sheet and include generator information if applicable.
- (d) Ensure all relevant levels of authorisation are obtained before sending carding pack.
- (e) Complete all appropriate sections of the Workbook, then send it with the diagrams imbedded to the Carding Section at Preston via email.



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On receipt of the above information pack, Carding Section staff shall:

- (e) Confirm there is sufficient time to produce the Carding Pack and allow the delivery within the preferred ten, mandatory two days warning period.
- (f) Record all relevant details of the planned supply interruption in the Database. Populate TMS with the interruption details.
- (g) Create a Carding Pack by utilisation of the Workbook for the planned supply interruption. The pack must include a geographic plan of the area(s) affected by the supply interruption, a list of addresses produced using MPANS and OS maps, the warning cards and any relevant details of unmanned sites in the locality. Copies of the Workbook are emailed to Outage Planning and one included in the pack for use by the Switching Engineer. Retain copy for reference.
- (h) Enter the numbers of those definitely affected and those who may be affected in the appropriate boxes on the control sheet in the Workbook.
- (j) Ratify check by completing name of preparer and date boxes in the appropriate section of the Planned Supply Interruption Control Sheet embedded in the Workbook.
- (k) Dispatch via email the Carding Pack Workbook to Interruption Organiser and on request discuss the contents and limitations of the pack.
- (m) Where appropriate, send out warning notices to the owners of unmanned sites via email or telephone.
- (n) Prepare cards (Appendix C) for posting.

8.2 Check and Approval of Carding Pack and Confirmation of Delivery

On receipt of the Carding Pack, the Interruption Organiser shall:

 Review the pack for accuracy and return the Carding Pack back to the Carding Section if any inaccuracies found.

8.3 Communications with the Hub/Customer Contact Centre during the Interruption (Including Escalation Prevention)

The person carrying out the switching shall verify the following pro-active checks (should any of these checks prove negative the operator must act to prevent escalation before issuing documents or proceeding with the work):

- (a) Verify the operating conditions of the system on the day of the planned interruption. (In conjunction with the control engineer.)
- (b) Verify that actual area corresponds to notified area immediately the switching is concluded.

The person carrying out the switching shall then:

- (c) Ensure that those carrying out the work are clear regarding restoration times.
- (d) After restoration of the interruption, notify Hub of actual off and on times.



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On the day of the planned interruption Hub shall:

- (e) Input the number of customers affected and the times of the planned interruption.
- (f) Input the restoration time in the ETR field.
- (g) Update TMS throughout the day as required.
- (h) On completion of the shutdown, close down TMS without NAFIRS.
- (j) The HUB input the LV NAFIRS information either on an ongoing basis or at the end of every month.

On the day of the interruption the Hub shall:

- (k) Keep a record of interruption and restoration times in accordance with operational policy
- (m) Input the HV NAFIRS information either on an ongoing basis or at the end of every month.

8.4 Data Management Update

Carding Section staff shall:

- (a) When informed by the relevant parties, update/amend GIS and MPANS to reflect any errors found on network.
- (b) Store the duplicate Carding Pack either digitally or paper based for a minimum of three months.

9 Cancellation, Failures and Complaints

9.1 Cancellation of Notified Supply Interruption

Cancellation must not be treated lightly, customers will have made consequential arrangements and cancellation may well lead to an OFGEM complaint and / or compensation claim, especially from business customers.

Customers must be notified by Customer Contact Centre about the cancellation as soon as the decision is made and at the latest on the day that the interruption was notified to take place.

Hub/CCC/Jeopardy must be kept fully informed. Customer Contact Centre and Carding Section must be informed immediately during normal working hours or at the start of the next working day if the cancellation takes place outside normal working hours.

The carding section will record any cancellations informed of and will produce cancellation or postponement cards for any PSI to take place if given more than 48 hours notice of the PSI date. If adequate notice is not received Jeopardy will be informed to notify customer via other means.

9.2 Failure to Notify Customers about a Planned Supply Interruption

It is likely that information on failures to warn customers about a planned supply interruption will be received, either direct from the customer or via Customer Contact Centre as a no supply call.



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Where the Dispatcher who receives a 'no supply' call believes it to be associated with a planned supply interruption, they shall check with the person who is responsible for the planned supply interruption to determine whether a warning notice has been delivered to the property. The address list will be checked, and customer will be informed if letter was sent, or if the Carding plan is clearly marked (i.e. the address is ticked) then the customer shall be informed of the findings. (This applies for jobs which were hand carded.)

The person carrying out the switching will be informed of the suspected failure/s as soon as switching is completed (pro-active check – refer to Section 8.3 (a) and (b)). They must decide whether to proceed or cancel on the basis of damage limitation. This decision must be approved by a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

9.3 Duration Failure (Interruption Period Outside Times Given to Customer)

Consideration shall be given to the person carrying out the switching (or someone else on site) visiting the customers affected to offer an explanation and apology. Where customer numbers are manageable this shall be carried out by the field team carrying out the interruption.

Where appropriate, the Line Manager shall undertake an investigation into the failure. Where a customer requests an ex-gratia payment, the Interruption Organiser or their Line Manager must arrange for the payment with Customer Contact Centre.

9.4 Complaints

All complaints shall be handled by CCC/Jeopardy.

10 Jointly Agreed Supply Interruptions with Single Customers

A modified outline procedure may be followed if the interruption involves only one customer and is being arranged by joint agreement either at Electricity North West's or the customer's request:

Should records be found to be incorrect by the interruption organiser, it will be his/her responsibility to inform Data Management and ensure correction.

11 Performance Reporting

Three failure modes of performance are recorded:

- (a) Failure to comply with the procedure.
- (b) Failure of a Standard of Performance.
- (c) Escalation to an OFGEM complaint.

Reports are produced in accordance with the Electricity North West Network Restoration Centre ISO 9001 Procedures Manual (QP10 Guaranteed Standards Recording Procedure).



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12 Documents Referenced

DOCUMENTS REFERENCED			
The Electrical Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002			
The Electricity (Standards of Performance) Regulations 2015			
The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989			

13 Keywords

Customer; Interruption; Notice.

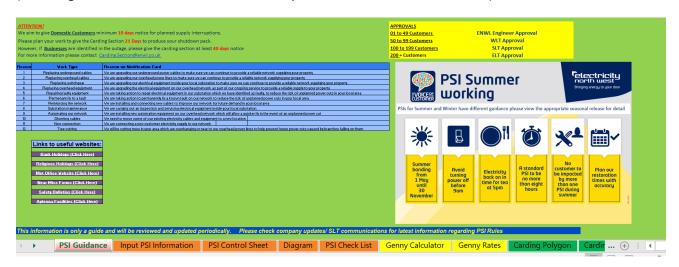


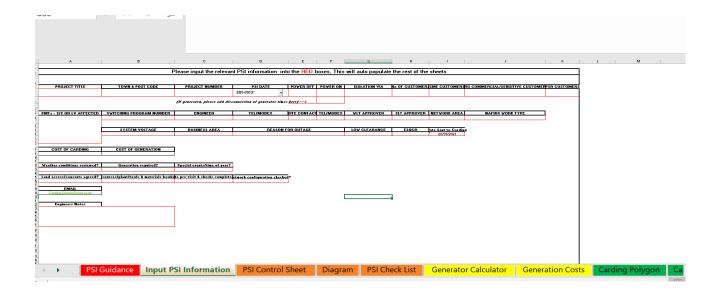
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Appendix A – Workbook

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(Including detail of embedded Planned interruption control sheet and check list)

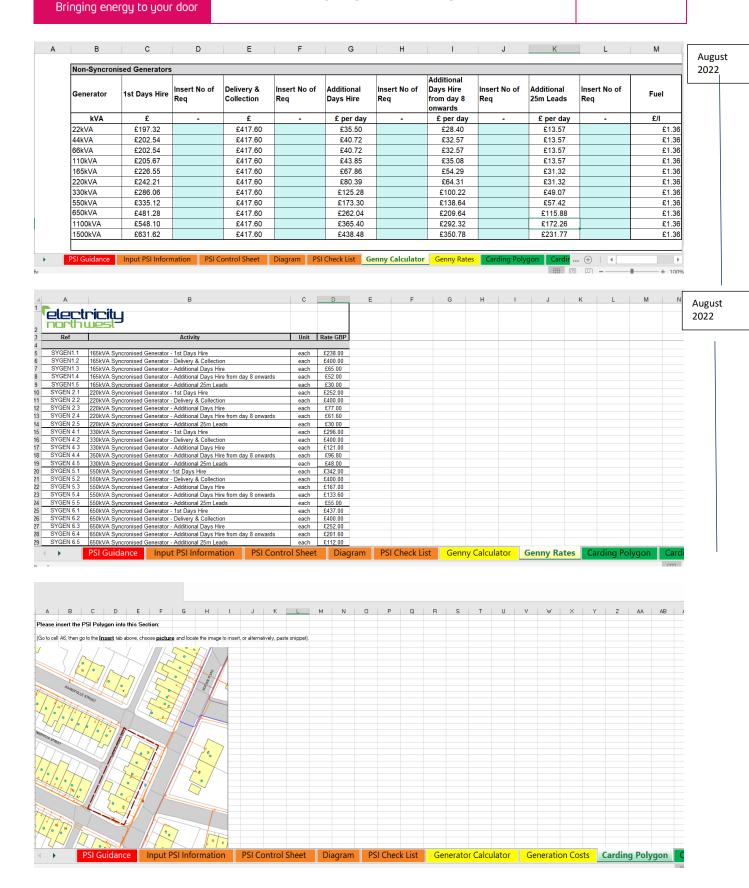




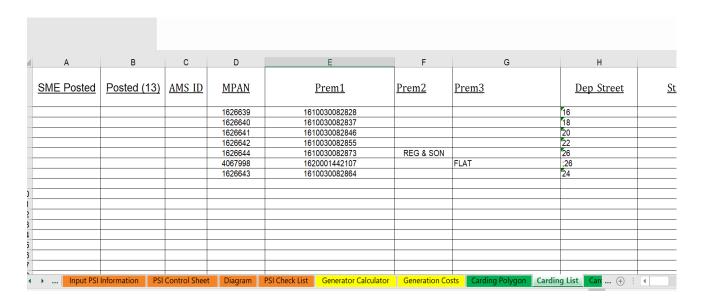


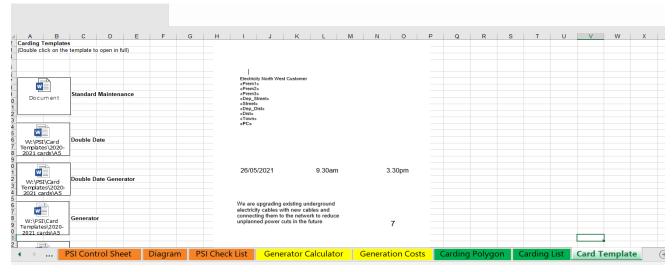
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% of PSR customers #DIV/0! 0	x PSR customers						
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Planned Supply Interruption Sheet

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PSI CHECKLIST	Please input the relevant PSI information into the RED boxes				
Owner	WLT Approver		SLT Approver		
Location					
	.				
Checks	Yes/No/%	Details	- including contact details		
Weather conditions reviewed	Yes				
% of PSR customers	5.00%	5	x PSR customers		
Generation required	No				
Large commercial/sensitive customers	0.00%	0	x large commercial/sensitive customers		
SME customers requiring 30 days notice	YES	10	x SME customers		
Special events/time of year	No				
Total No of customers on PSI			100		
Land access/consents agreed?	Yes				
Resources/plant/tools & materials booked	Yes				
Site pre-visit & checks completed	Yes				
Network configuration checked	Yes				
Date of PSI			Date of form completion		

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Appendix B – Vulnerability Categories

Description	Severity	
Nebuliser and Apnoea Monitor	High	
Heart, Lung & Ventilator	High	
Dialysis, feeding pump & automated medication	High	
Oxygen Concentrator	High	
Stair lift, Hoist, Electric Bed	High	
Chronic/Serious Illness	High	
Medically dependent showering/bathing	High	
Careline/telecare system	High	
Medicine Refrigeration	High	
Water dependant	High	
Blind	Medium	
Partial Sighted	Medium	
Physical Impairment	Medium	
Unable to communicate in English	Medium	
Unable to answer the door	Medium	
Dementia(s)/Cognitive Impairment	Medium	
Oxygen Use	Medium	
Restricted hand movement	Medium	
Families with young children 5 or under	Medium	
Mental Health	Medium	
Temporary - Post hospital recovery	Medium	
Hearing impairment (inc Deaf)	Medium	
Speech impairment	Medium	
Pensionable Age	Low	
Developmental Condition	Low	
Poor sense of smell/taste	Low	
Additional presence preferred	Low	
Temporary - Life Changes	Low	
Temporary - Young Adult householder	Low	



Appendix C – Planned Supply Interruption Cards

C1 Tree Cutting







C2 Maintenance





C3 Postponed



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Appendix D – Planned Supply Interruption Process



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Planned Supply Interruptions

Purpose

To provide guidance in planning supply interruptions that affect customers, to ensure that various categorisation of customer needs are built into the program.

Contents

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- 4. Vulnerable Matrix of PSR Codes
- 5. Planned Interruption Generator Policy Insert
- 6. Flow Chart & Check list
- 7. SLT Service Offerings
- Customer Journey
- 9. Golden Rules

Scope

The process will provide a flow of the interactions of customer to ensure customer engagement is built into the design process and provide supporting information of the generator policy and Priority Service categorizations.

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Planned Supply Interruptions

1. Background

When planning a supply interruption for any work for Electricity North West the process is to ensure that an Electricity North West single owner ensures we deliver the customer service our customers expect.

The learning's from our customer feedback are generated from the Customer Voice, which incorporates feedback from our CSAT survey through Ofgem, external research, complaints and general enquiries.

Planned Interruptions are a necessity to complete works on our network and there is a balance between using generation as the cost of the job needs to be efficient. The generator policy has been released in 2016 to ensure that the application of generation reduces the cost of the works. For additional guidance on how to apply the costs weighting to make the decision

Ref: Electricity Policy Document 613

As a company the focus on affordability for the customers of the North West is a commitment we drive, and increased generator costs would result in affecting the prices our customers pay.

As a business we aim to do our works and plan with the customer in mind and we can deliver great service. This process will ensure that there is an appointed Electricity North West Customer Owner for any escalated customer complaints and compliance monitoring associated to planned interruptions either carried out by direct employees or third-party contractors.

2. Guidance Note

When planning the interruption, the first element is to ensure that there is an appointed Electricity North West Owner who owns the customer for the job. This ownership may be directly dealing with the customers themselves or that they have responsibility for the people and processes being followed when interacting with our customers as an audit and approval process.

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On commencement of planning an interruption it is the responsibility of the PSI Owner to:

- 1. To plan in line with the COP 640
- 2. Plan to provide supply if possible and keep customer impacted numbers low.
- Consider the time of year and avoid or ensure minimal disruption associated to events that may be due such as:
 - a. Christmas
 - b. School Holidays
 - c. Religious Festivals
- 4. The first step is to confirm, through the Priority Service Register data on share point by location, the volume of registered customers affected. This will determine the need to consider mobile generation if the thresholds are met in the Planned Interruption Generator Policy (see section 5 below).
 - a. If generation is provided, then notification through the data management system is required with 21 <u>days notice</u> to allow all customers to receive 10 days notification regarding the temporary loss of supply to connect/disconnect the generation.
 - b. If generation is not a viable option, then individual arrangements and discussions should take place with the High PSR customers and again consider the duration of the interruption or if individual generation can be connected.
- The next customer group to engage with are any large commercial or sensitive customers to ensure that we co-ordinate our works with their situation e.g.
 - a. Factories
 - b. Medical centre, doctor's surgery etc.
 - c. Retail units
 - d. Churches / Charities such as animal sanctuaries
 - e. Milk producing farms
- The final group of customers to understand relates to SME (small, medium enterprises)
 identified via the SME/Commercial dashboard then notification through the data
 management system is required with 40 days <u>advance notice</u> to allow all customers to
 receive 30 days notification
- 7. Once a date and duration has been agreed with all commercial customers then the resources must be booked to carry out the work. It is essential to ensure that standby commitments, sickness absence risk etc. are managed such that we meet the commitment of the agreed power interruption.
- 8. If the volume of customers does not meet the threshold for Priority Service Register numbers or the individual PSR customer properties are being generated rather than the substation, there will still be a need for a full interruption; then all small business customers should be highlighted, and early notification provided with at least 20 workings days notice.
 - a. This information will be available through an SME SharePoint -

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NB whilst this is not available the alternative is to ensure all current SME's who we know are on the early notification system, to extend the notice period, or by best endeavors to detect and the PSI owner notify them.

SME Customers – proposal currently is to either directly contact the SME of confirm Company name and address to Data Management on Check List or attach a list.

Multiple SME's on one Street - if we have a high street the engineer should arrange engagement face to face by walking the street and letting the customer know.

- 9. Once all customers who require prior engagement have been notified then
 - a. PSI Owner must submit PSI with the project checklist into the ENW SLT with confirmation of customer interactions for approval
 - Issue the pack to data management for the standard 21-day notification process (if it includes SME Customers = 40 days)
- The data management process will then commence to achieve the golden rules on notification to customers
- This will then instigate the PSR 6 day and 1-day reminder service within the contact centre

N.B. At any point on the above scenarios the PSI Owner requires support due to complications in planning with Electricity North West customers they are required to raise with the relevant SLT

3. On the day Approval for Changes

On the day of the works any changes to plan that impact the Golden Rules require approval from the PSI Owner and notification to the HUB for onward communication with our customers:

- 1. Starting later than 1 hour from the planned off time
- 2. Proposal to cancel the works
- 3. Overrunning the works

This action must be completed as early as possible and if approved, arrangements must be made to notify customers of such changes wherever possible/practicable. The Customer Contact Centre will support these activities where operational circumstances allow.

Supporting Information

Planned Supply Interruptions are a promise to our customers – we must keep our
promises. Our customers rightly believe that we are experts at what we do and expect
us to plan jobs accurately. Therefore, be realistic with your interruption times and
ensure the accuracy of these times through forward planning e.g. confirming access
arrangements to land, coordinating resources and any other issues that may have
caused you delays in the past.

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- Don't build too much contingency into the interruption times plan for the job to go
 well rather than planning to encounter problems.
- ALWAYS restore customers as early as possible. NEVER leave customers off supply just
 to meet the interruption times originally planned. Even the best planned jobs can go
 better than expected. Early restoration is an opportunity for us to delight our customers
 as long as we communicate with the customers who are affected. Leaving customers off
 supply when work is complete is a sure-fire way to annoy our customers. If there are a
 small number of customers and you can easily speak to them on site, then have this
 personal interaction and turn the early restoration into a positive experience. Once you
 have spoken to the customers please ring the PSI line to confirm the early restoration and they will
 ensure that customers are updated.
- Conversely, there are occasions when even the best planned jobs take longer than anticipated. Whilst this will be disappointing to our customers, they understand that occasionally things go wrong. The key in these situations is to let our customers know as soon as this becomes apparent and to provide them with a revised time. It is poor customer service if an extended restoration time is provided minutes before they are expecting to have their power restored. As above, if there are a small of customers and you can easily speak to them on site then have this personal interaction and explain the reason for the delay. Once you have spoken to the customers please ring the PSI line to confirm the delay and the revised restoration time. For larger interruptions ring the PSI line to confirm the delay, the reason for it and the revised restoration time and they will ensure that customers are updated.
- Take every opportunity to effectively communicate with our customers what are we doing, where and why. Take opportunities to let customers know the value of the work we are doing to them. Simple examples might be "We're cutting the trees along Smith Lane, Anytown, as they are close to our overhead line. This will minimisereduce the possibility of you losing supply from these trees touching the wires." Or "We're maintaining the substation on the corner of Smith St, Anytown. We do this every XX years to improve the reliability of our electricity supply to XXX customers in your local area, including the supply to your property/home/business".

The PSI line number is internal 33431 and external 0843 311 3431. Please add this number to your phone.

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4. Vulnerable Matrix Codes

The categories of High / Medium and Low are shown below based on the impact of people lives as of August 2017 the table below reflects the volume as per Ofgem needs codes.

Vulnerabilities					
High Category	Medium Category	Low Category			
Physical Impairment (High, medium or low)	Physical Impairment (High, medium or low)	Physical Impairment (High, medium or low)			
Unable to answer door/ restricted movement (High, medium or Low)	Unable to answer door/ restricted movement (High, medium or Low)	Unable to answer door/ restricted movement (High, medium or Low)			
Dementia (High, medium or low)	Dementia (High, medium or low)	Dementia (High, medium or low)			
Nebuliser	Oxygen use	Poor sense of smell			
Heart, lung and ventilator	Families with young children or under 5	Restricted hand movement			
Dialysis, feeding pump and automated medication	Mental health	Additional presence preferred			
Oxygen concentrator	Temporary - Post hospital recovery	Temporary - Life changes			
Ventilator	Stair lift, hoist, electric bed	Temporary - Young adult householder			
Apnoea monitor		Developmental condition			
Other medical dependency on electricity		Blind			
Chronic/ serious illness		Partial sighted			
MDE Electric showering		Pensionable age			
Care line/ telecare system		Unable to communicate in English			
Medicine refrigeration					
Hearing impaired		i i			
Hearing/speech difficulties					

5. Planned Interruption Generator Policy Insert

Use on Planned work (Maintenance and Construction).

There may be efficiency on some construction work by allowing more work to be done in an outage where supplies are maintained by generators as opposed to a series of planned interruptions. In this case the construction efficiency would need to be sufficiently large to fund the full generator cost.

In all circumstances where a customer is subjected to more than one PSI in a year then they need to be provided with additional information on the reasons for the PSI sequence or prevent the further interruption

NB while this information is not available we should use local knowledge and best endeavors. There are IT solutions being developed to improve this process under the CSAT Roadmap as multiple interruptions. Don't forget the outage planning tool is available for information.

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For example, planned maintenance or capital works replacement.

Usage of generators on the above class of work should only be allowed under the following circumstances:

- Where use would limit the number of PSI experienced by an affected customer in a year to a maximum of two.
- If the weather is likely to be particularly cold (<2C) in line with the matrix below.
- In circumstances where the PSI would cause <u>particular hardship</u> such as a nursing home.
 These should be individually approved by the appropriate PSI Owner.
- Where the total cost (direct and carding) of the work would be higher if generators were not used.
- Where the number of vulnerable or Highly Vulnerable customers impacted is excessive in line with the matrix below.

	Spring Summer Autumn Or seasonal Temperature > 5C		Winter or seasonal temperature <sc< th=""><th>Extreme weather < 2C</th></sc<>		Extreme weather < 2C
	Duration < 5 Hours	Duration >5 Hours	Duration < 4 Hours	Duration >4 <7.5 Hours	Any Duration
More than 10% of customer subject to PSI are Highly Vulnerable*	Allow PSI	Use generator or individual generators for specific customers	Allow PSI	Use generator or individual generators for specific customers	Use generator
More than 20% of customers subject to PSI are Vulnerable classified as High & Medium inclusive	Allow PSI	Use generator or individual generators for specific customers	Allow PSI	Use generator or individual generators for specific customers	Use generator
If 40% of the interruptions are pensionable age	Allow PSI	Allow PSI	Allow PSI	Use generator	Use generator

The temperatures should be based on a daily average for the time of year at planning or in relation to any weather forecasts within the 6-week plan

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If a PSI cannot be carried out in line with the policy, then generation should be applied so i.e. a winter interruption in December to be between 8.00 am and 5 pm due to the length or work then generation must be used as this will mean customers are in the dark and cold. This requires SLT approval

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Summer Banding (1st March to 30th November)

Supply interruptions shall be planned for the summer season so that customers have the benefit of more daylight and warmer temperatures. The standard planned supply interruption should be no greater than 8 hours, between 9.00am and 5pm, but can be extended to 8.30-5pm. This requires SLT approval

Winter Banding (1st December to 28th February)

When it is necessary to plan supply interruptions for the winter season:

- The hours of darkness shall be avoided.
- The standard planned supply interruption should be no greater than 7 hours, between 9.00am and 3.30pm.
- No planned supply interruptions are permitted on ANY Friday in December.
- Each customer shall be subjected to no more than one planned supply interruption during the winter season.
- If in doubt seek advice from an SLT Area Operations Manager

Additional Rule for the Christmas Holiday Period

Note that the Christmas holiday period extends to the first normal working day after 1st January.

Planned supplies interruptions during this period shall only precede if ALL customers impacted have agreed to be shutdown.

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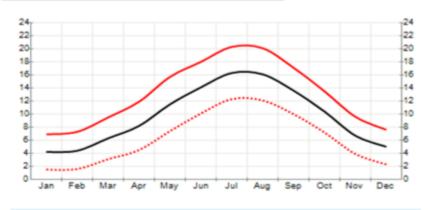


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Monthly Average Temperatures for the North West of England



Dotted line minimum Black line average Red line high

Based in this graph the requirement for generation under 5 degrees would be during the winter months of December, January and February for interruptions. Excluding exceptional weather events.

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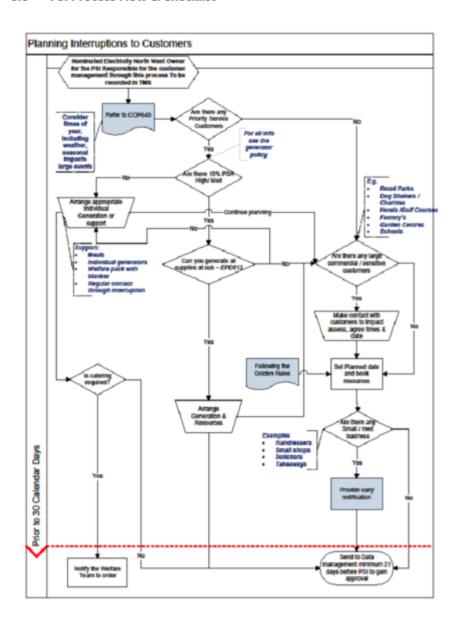




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6.0 **PSI Process Flow & Checklist**



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PSI Checklist					
Owner	WL	T Approver			SLT Approver
Location					
Checks		Yes / NO/%	Details	– incl	luding contact details
Weather conditions review	ved				
Percentage of high/mediu	m				
PSR customers included in	PSI				
Generation required					
Generation required					
Large commercial/sensitive	e				
customers included					
SME customers included 3					
days notification requirem	ent				
Special events/time of yea					
considerations	r				
Total number of customers	s on				
PSI					
Land access/consents agre	ed				
Resources/plant/tools &					
materials booked					
Site pre-visit & checks completed					
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7.0 SLT ADDITIONAL SERVICE OFFERINGS

During the planning of the work there may be some challenges agreeing a date for the interruption to take place with some commercial customers if the original PSI owner cannot resolve these through conventional interactions then these must be escalated to the SLT.

The SLT can then assess the situation considering the following factors to ensure they make a rationale service offering that does not set precedents to affect large customer numbers:

- The level of disruption for the customer within the last 12 18 months i.e. has the
 customer been impacted by multiple interruptions or faults causing the customer
 excessive costs or damage to their business?
- Other customers affected to ensure fairness of application any services offered for support.
- 3. The ENW business need for completing the works and whether this is time sensitive?
- Knowledge of any future works and would the intervention be setting a precedent to this customer or others

Additional Offerings:

- · Weekend or evening working (cost to the customer may apply)
- · Up to 50% towards the cost of a generator
- Connect a customer's generation for them
- · Delaying the programme to achieve the customer needs
- Catering for the site
- · Offer the goodwill payment to the customer

NB. EGS 4 commercial customer payments for failure to notify or not provide enough notice is £60 we would recommend a £100 to no more than £500 – paid by the operational cost centre and with stands challenge from other customers

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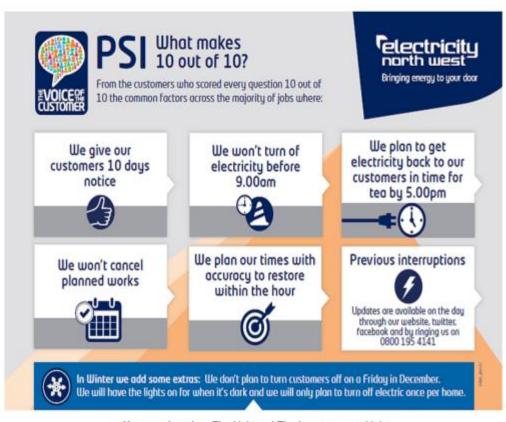




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8.0 Customer Journey



Keep updated on The Volt and The Improvement Hub

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9.0 Golden Rules



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10.0 Winter Working Rules



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11.0 Summer Working Rules



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