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I0278 – ESTABLISHING THE SAFE ISOLATION PROVIDER (SIP) AS A STANDALONE REC PARTY

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide industry Parties with a short background on REC Issue I0278 – Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Party and questions which will be discussed during the Working Group to help frame the solution development of this Issue and help define the scope of SIPs as a new standalone Party in the REC.

2 BACKGROUND

REC Issue I0278 – Establishing the Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) as a Standalone REC Party has been raised to formally recognise the SIP as a standalone REC Party to align with Ofgem's Strategic Direction Statement, enabling easier access to certified SIPs, meeting market demand and ensuring safety standards. Parties determined to ensure that high safety standards through a robust training, vigorous qualifications and a strong audit process are implemented within this new framework.

3 QUESTIONS FOR THE WG

In advance of the Working Group session on 18 August 2026, Working Group attendees are invited to think about the following questions:

1. What form of sealing methodology should be utilised by the SIP?
   a) Existing system
   b) Separate system for standalone SIPs
2. What risks do you foresee depending on the form of methodology chosen?
3. Should standalone SIPs be shown the standard type of set up they should work on or should they be shown specific types of tamper?
4. If a tamper or interference is identified, what should a standalone SIP do?

5. If a standalone SIP should report a tamper, who should they report it to?
6. Depending on where the damage is, what should a standalone SIP do?
    a) If the cutout is damaged, we believe SIPs should report it to DNOs. Do you agree?
    b) If damage has been done to the supplier's equipment, we believe SIPs should report it to the supplier. Do you agree?
    c) If damage has been done to the Consumer equipment, we believe there should be a contractual discussion between the Consumer and the operative. Do you agree?
7. Are there any other points, or any other types of damage that need clarification on?
8. What should a standalone SIP do to remain safe on site when they identify an issue?