

Does your farm generate its own energy?

A new mandatory change is coming – are you ready?

New regulations from National Grid ESO require you to make an important change to your generation assets. This involves updating generator protection relays to make them less sensitive to disturbances on the electricity network.

The goal of this mass upgrade is to boost network resilience, reduce the risk of wide area power cuts and support the transition to a low-carbon energy system.

It is so important that there is funding available to generators who update their system early to cover the cost of the change. This funding is available to all farms and landowners that are generating electricity, and it is available up until **February 2021**.

These regulations affect all non-domestic generation installed before February 2018 and connected to the electricity network that has a capacity between 10kW and 50MW – anything from a medium-sized rooftop solar array to a large-scale commercial wind farm.

If you do not update your system by 01 September 2022 you may be penalised.

Ask yourself ...



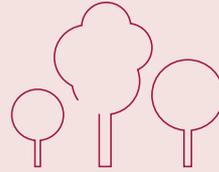
- 1 Does your farm generate electricity? *
- 2 Was your generation installed before February 2018?
- 3 Act now to make sure you meet new regulations

*** Make sure you are ready:** if you have assets such as: a small wind turbine that provides clean energy and a secondary income stream; solar panels on the roof of your cowshed; a small biomass plant generating energy from natural waste.





The funding scheme is called the Accelerated Loss of Mains Change Programme (ALoMCP). You can apply for it through Scottish Power Energy Networks, your regional Distribution Network Operator (DNO), which is responsible for ensuring this change has been carried out.



Energy generation is incredibly common in agriculture. The available land and energy intensive nature of the work makes installing solar or wind generation a no-brainer for many farmers and landowners – you save money on energy bills, earn a second stream of income and support a low-carbon future. By applying for ALoMCP funding now, you can ensure that your generators remain compliant, and that you are playing your part in supporting a cleaner, more resilient energy network.



If you want to know how to apply for the ALoMCP, or for more information about the regulatory change, please get in touch via: G59protectionsettings@spenergynetworks.co.uk