IMPORTANT NOTICE
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LEVEL 3 ACCREDITED SERVICE PROVIDERS

LEVEL 3 ASP SEMINAR QUESTION & ANSWERS

1. Question: The introduction of the 3 way link pillar has carried some confusion as follows:
   a. need standard drawings for all configurations.
   b. terminal blocks too small to have all possible services off the one cable (open point)

   Answer: This issue and others involving pillars has been raised with our standards group and we will be seeking further information to be provided by either a technical bulletin or Important Notice within the month.

2. Question: What earthing design does Endeavour Energy use for designs that the 3E tool is inadequate?

   Answer: The software package that EE users if the 3E tool does not find a solution is CDEGS – refer to link below:

3. **Question:** Endeavour Energy’s regions have different rules for allowing ASPs to access substations, some loan the key and others have supervised access. ASPs need easy access what is Endeavour Energy’s formal process including notice for visits?

**Answer:** Endeavour Energy’s formal process is for ASPs to arrange supervised visits by contacting the relevant Regional Services Manager who will arrange a quote based on AER regulated fees and schedule a supervised visit.

Regional Services Manager – North – 9853 7645
Regional Services Manager – Central – 9853 5604
Regional Services Manager – South – 9853 4604

4. **Question:** Endeavour Energy staff doing contestable work have keys. Is Endeavour Energy going to allow ASPs to have keys?

**Answer:** Endeavour Energy management is aware of ringfencing concerns and the need to provide efficient access to ASPs and has expressed a desire to provide authorised ASPs with keys. This is currently being investigated further with our security section. Further communications regarding progress on this issue will be posted as an “Important Notice” on the ASP website when a final decision has been reached.

5. **Question:** What is being done to get consistency and uniformity in comments that are being provided by CWEs when they are checking designs for certification?

**Answer:** As was presented at the Seminar we will be formalising the provision of comments and getting feedback from ASPs via a comments register. This will allow us to access comments and review feedback in a more structured way. We have recently restructured the Network Connections Branch with more direct supervisory support being given to the CWE’s to allow improvements in such areas. Where issues of contentions arise regarding our interpretation of requirements or the standards our Principle Engineer will also be of assistance in technical advice and communicating the requirements to our staff and ASPs or discussing suggested changes to standards with our Standards Engineers. This is a focus area for us in the next 12 months and we will be seeking your views on outcomes at the end of this year.

6. **Question:** Can Endeavour Energy host some focused 1 or 2 day training sessions on design of earthing systems including the 3E tool and the system it uses?
**Answer:** As we presented at the Seminar there are three webinars on our standards website and we have and will continue to provide short awareness sessions at Seminars. However, given the essential nature of earthing and the interest shown we will be investigating further training opportunities and advise all ASPs via an “Important Notice” when we have developed a way forward.

7. **Question:** Could Endeavour Energy develop and conduct training for ASPs on how to undertake designs for ASP3s on how to undertake designs and documentation for certification using Endeavour Energy Standards, processes and systems including the use of SOPs and GIS.

**Answer:** Yes we will be organising a series of sessions later in the year specific to Distribution Design, Transmission Design and Earthing.

8. **Question:** The Department of Planning has introduced registration of individual designers, what is Endeavour Energy’s position regarding this?

**Answer:** The ASP Scheme rules state that as an ASP needs to be authorised to “work on or near” they need to be registered. Endeavour Energy considers authorisations to be related only to Electrical Safety and does not require ASPs working in Endeavours area to be registered unless they need to work “on or near”. It is necessary from industry interactions that the registration and authorisations of ASPs for the purpose of allowing them to design is a practice promoted by Ausgrid and Essential Energy

9. **Question:** How can ASPs get Endeavour Energy’s written confirmation of competence for a designer if required under criteria 3 of the Scheme Rules in order to become registered.

**Answer:** All three NSW DNSPs have advised the Department of Planning that they will not provide references of competence as a DNSP has insufficient control and overview to do so.

Endeavour Energy has offered a compromise position:

Endeavour Energy will, upon receiving a written request from a designer check if the designer making the claim has been associated as designer for the works being nominated and provide written confirmation. In order to carry out this check the designer would need to list the projects and value of each according to the Asset Valuation Sheet to be used as a reference check and state their involvement in each of the projects.

At this time the Department of Planning has not confirmed if this will be accepted as adequate for registration under the scheme rules.
10. Question: There is an inconsistency in Endeavour’s requirements for earthing details. Which one do ASPs use:
   a. the one shown in EDI100 or
   b. the one shown in SAD0001

   Answer: Thank you for bringing this inconsistency to our attention. Our Standards Engineers are now aware of the issue and will be reviewing our requirements called for in SAD0001 and EDI100 and EEL to make sure that our requirements are consistent across all three.

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