

NETA Commercial Systems

Guidance Note in Support of EDT Interface Specification - establishing Participants' EDT DR Services

Background and Scope

National Grid have had a number of enquiries from Balancing Market participants who wish to establish Disaster Recovery (DR) sites for the processes associated with their submission of Physical Notification and Bid/Offer Data – ie Electronic Data Transfer (EDT) services. These participants are seeking some clarification of the “NETA Interface Standards” document issued by National Grid earlier this year.

This document proposes the implementation aspects to meet this need and is intended to be an addendum to the above document to help participants progress their own needs, as appropriate.

Proposed Policy and Method of Connection.

For each Trading Agent who wishes to establish a DR facility which is separate to their main production site the following guidance shall apply:

- The Trading Agent shall apply to National Grid to issue 2 new IP addresses, one to be used for DR Production and one to be used for DR Test. These addresses will be in addition to those already issued to each trading Agent for Main Production and Qualification Testing.
- The physical method for connection and communication to National Grid shall be a single ISDN dial-up connection (ie 1 x 64kbps channel). This link is to be dedicated for DR purposes and should not be shared with other production ISDN links that may have been provided to backup the main production link. National Grid will give you information as to the ISDN number to dial to gain access to our systems.
- Connection to National Grid servers for DR will be via the currently existing accounts and passwords. Each trading agent should currently have one production account and one test account (used for qualification testing)
- **Caution: any data submitted by the trading agent to their production account is liable to be accepted by National Grid for use in the market.** Participants should not rely on National Grid's own security checks to ensure DR test data is not inadvertently submitted to Production eg during a DR test.

Requests should be made via the National Grid helpdesk (0800 –777770). Explaining that this is a “NETA DR” request will ensure your enquiry is directed correctly.