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## INTRODUCTION

Cities are facing many kinds of potential threats which affect the continuity of city services. There exists, therefore, a great need to establish safe and secure societies in which negative impacts on city services to the citizens are minimized and city services are continuously available to them during a period of emergency. There is no doubt that, in modern cities, electricity plays a critical role in maintaining city services.

This document provides requirements and guidelines to ensure that city services can be sustained when the power supply from the grids is discontinued because of disasters.

The users of this document are assumed to be city developers, city operators, equipment manufacturers, essential service providers and disaster management personnel.

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# SMART CITIES – CITY SERVICE CONTINUITY AGAINST DISASTERS – THE ROLE OF THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY

## 1 Scope

This document establishes concepts and gives guidelines to help sustain a variety of city services on the occasion of a disaster from the perspective of providing electricity. It outlines the basic concepts on how multiple city services can cooperate and continue by electricity continuity plan(s) and electricity continuity system(s). It also specifies methods and means to establish these.

## 2 Normative references

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ISO 22301, *Societal security – Business continuity management systems – Requirements*

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### 3.1

#### **business continuity plan**

BCP

documented procedures that guide organizations to respond, recover, resume, and restore to a pre-defined level of operation following disruption

[SOURCE: ISO 22301:2012, 3.6]

### 3.2

#### **electricity continuity plan**

ECP

documented procedures that guide organizations to ensure continuity of electricity supply to maintain city services in a business continuity plan that addresses disruption caused by a critical event

### 3.3

#### **electricity continuity system**

ECS

system required to ensure reliable and effective implementation of functions which are necessary for ECP



### 3.4 city service

service that is performed for the benefit of the public

Note 1 to entry: In this document, services depend on provision of electricity supply.

### 3.5 city service continuity CSC

status in which, and capability with which, city services (i.e. public, medical, transportation communication services) that are provided to users in normal times, continue to be fully or partly provided, even in a state of emergency in which the normal functions of city infrastructures are interrupted

### 3.6 disaster

rapid or slow onset event that causes significant disruption to one or more city services for an extended period of time

Note 1 to entry: This can include natural disasters, failures of key components or systems whether in hardware or software, physical damage to systems, and cyber attacks.

### 3.7 organization

person or group of people that has its own functions with responsibilities, authorities and relationships to achieve its objectives

Note 1 to entry: The concept of organization includes, but is not limited to, sole-trader, company, corporation, firm, enterprise, authority, partnership, charity or institution, or part or combination thereof, whether incorporated or not, public or private.

Note 2 to entry: For organizations with more than one operating unit, a single operating unit can be defined as an organization.

[SOURCE: ISO 22301:2012, 3.33]

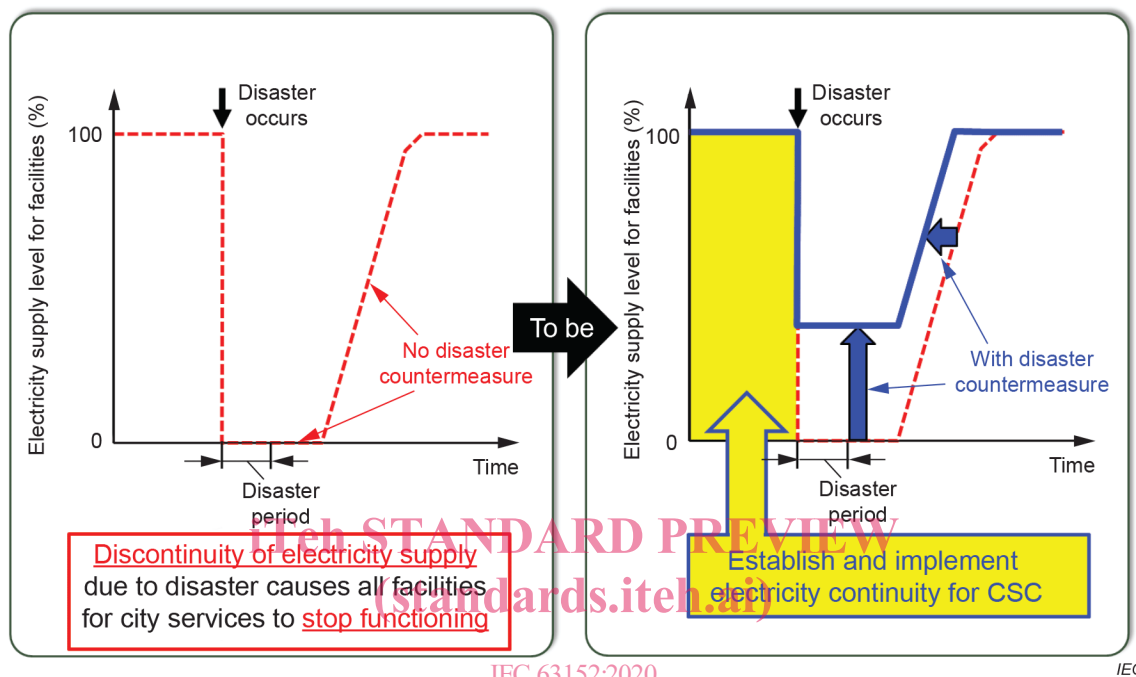
## 4 Concept of city service continuity (CSC) against disasters

Organizations that receive grid electricity supply need to secure back-up power sources in order to be able to continue providing their services when the grid electricity supply is discontinued due to disasters, up until the time when the electricity supply is back to normal.

Activities in a city are supported by the continuous supply of various services (water and sewage, gas, transport, hospitals, communications, logistics, etc.), and such services are supplied through facilities and devices, most of which, in general, need electricity from the grid to operate. Therefore, the loss of the grid electricity supply due to disasters results in the potential impact of a massive loss of such services.

For the city services to recover quickly so that the major loss of services can be minimized when a disaster strikes, organizations should prepare in advance to ensure that they can secure a minimum level of services until electricity supply returns to normal, making arrangements to facilitate full recovery of services at the earliest possible stage as shown in Figure 1. Each organization shall establish a business continuity plan (BCP) in order to address this need.

There are various approaches to develop an effective BCP. Some cities may conduct it in order of their specific priorities for critical and lifeline services while others may start trials in a part of the municipality. It might be implemented in an area where the private sector promotes urban development, or in a commercial zone or a residential area. It is important that the BCP takes into consideration the fact that the discontinuity of grid electricity supply due to disasters may occur in a limited area, not necessarily throughout a whole city, or may occur in a much wider area than the whole city.



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**Figure 1 – Necessity of electricity continuity for CSC**

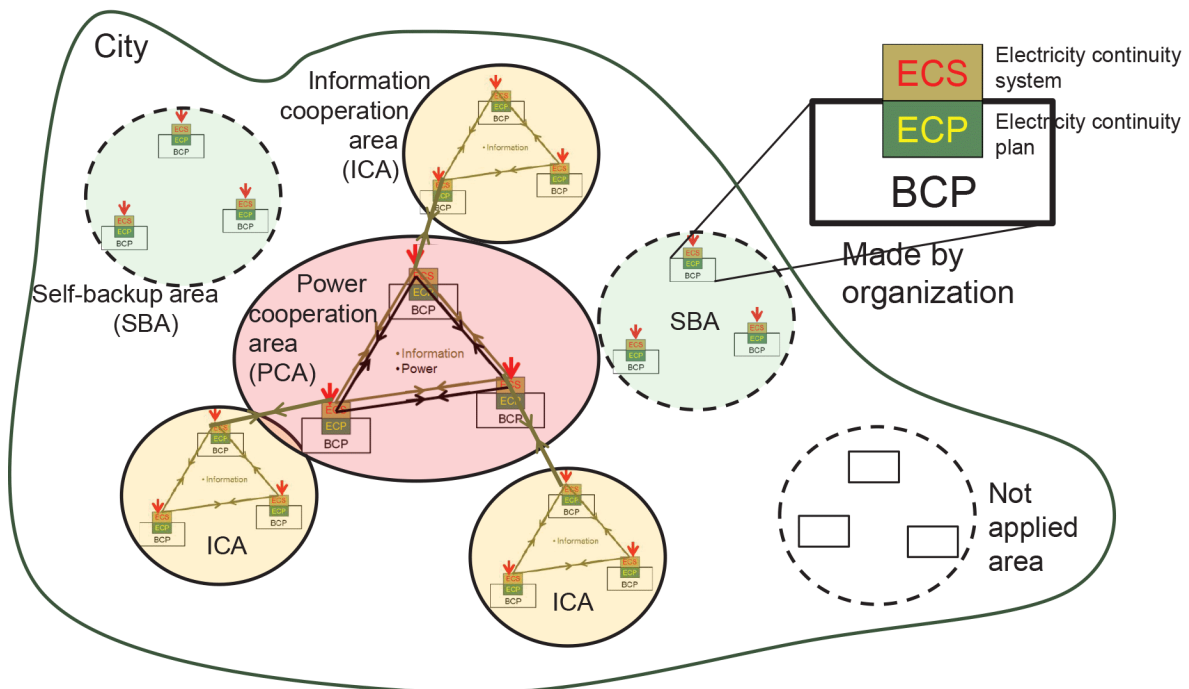
In order to secure services in a city at a minimum level during grid power loss due to disasters, each organization which provides services shall establish a BCP to secure its electricity supplies appropriately. In addition, plans for interactions between organizations should be prepared to support the continuity of services according to the requirements of each city, so that city administrators as well as citizens are able to obtain information on the availability of services, allowing them to make decisions and to take appropriate actions. This is the concept of city service continuity (CSC) as shown in Figure 2.

In order to realize this concept, each organization needs to develop an electricity continuity plan (ECP) focusing on electricity supply in its BCP, while installing an electricity continuity system (ECS) for implementing its ECP.

Uniform service continuity is not necessarily required for every area in the city as shown in Figure 2. Areas may include the following.

- Power cooperation area: In some areas, organizations should sustain prioritized services mainly in critical and lifeline fields by exchanging status information and stabilizing each other's electricity supply to the planned service levels.
- Information cooperation area: In some areas, organizations should exchange status information to provide support, for a situation in hand, such as by provisioning fuel for generators or sending electric vehicles (EVs) to the affected organizations when grid electricity supply is disrupted.
- Self-backup area: In some areas without adequate equipment to cooperate with other areas, organizations should implement backup power to sustain their own planned power level by themselves.

Electricity supply from the power grid is lost in this city



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**Figure 2 – CSC concept image building up system of ECSs**  
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## 5 Requirements and guideline for electricity continuity plan (ECP)

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### 5.1 General

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The ECP is a plan to address critical events caused by disasters, and focuses on the continuity of electricity supply to maintain city services. The ECP is included in a BCP that ensures business continuity during disasters.

The ECP provides procedures and criteria to prepare, plan, introduce and operate readiness options to secure continuous supply on the electricity demand side, as well as identify elements to be reviewed in order to ensure continuity of city services, as a preparation against potential stoppage of electricity supply from the grid.

The ECP can be developed at related organizations in public and private sectors, including the entire city, the town, the neighbourhood, the block, the individual facility, etc. Stakeholders that develop the ECP include municipal governments, community associations, area developers and facility managers of buildings such as hospitals, factories and offices according to criticality.

The ECP includes an emergency plan that helps operators of city services continue to receive the required electricity supply during disasters, instructions on how to work with other ECPs in implementation of the emergency plan, and restoration measures to recover the electricity supply after disasters.

### 5.2 Planning

#### 5.2.1 General

Organizations shall develop the ECP in reference to ISO 22301 and in the following order of content: "Context of the organization," "Leadership," "Planning," "Support," "Operation," "Performance evaluation" and "Improvement".