

Digitalised Whole System Technical Code (dWSTC) Meeting Minutes

Steering Group Meeting 14

Date: 17/03/2023 **Location:** MS Teams
Start: 1:00PM **End:** 2:00PM

Participants

Attendee	Attend/Regrets	Attendee	Attend/Regrets
Jon Wisdom (JW) NGESO - Interim Chairperson	Regrets	Jeremy Caplin (JC) Elexon - Wider Industry	Regrets
Alan Creighton (AC) NPg - Distribution Network Operator	Attend	Steve Cox (SC) ENWL - Distribution Network Operator	Regrets
Ruth Kemsley (RK) EDF Renewables - Grid Code Party	Attend	Garth Graham (GG) SSE - Grid Code Party	Attend
Mark Dunk (MD) ENA - Distribution Code Administrator	Regrets	Gareth Haines (GH) Vattenfall - Independent Distribution Network Operators	Regrets
Gareth Evans (GE) ICOSS - Trade Association	Attend	Barnaby Wharton (BW) Renewable UK - Trade Association	Regrets
Gurpal Singh (GS) - Ofgem	Regrets	Ed Rees (ER) Citizens Advice - Consumer	Regrets
Oana Georgescu (OG) - BEIS/DESNZ	Regrets	Xiao-Ping Zhang (XPZ) Birmingham University - Wider Industry Alternate	Regrets
Malcolm Barnacle (MB) SSEN Transmission - Onshore Transmission Owner	Regrets	Helen Stack (HS) Centrica - Distribution Code Party	Regrets
Jamie Webb (JWb) NGESO - Electricity System Operator	Attend	Jonathan Williams (JoW) NGESO - Guest	Attend
Frank Kasibante (FK) NGESO - Technical Secretary	Attend	Terri Puddefoot (TP) NGESO - Code Administrator	Attend
Shelva Navah (SN) NGESO - Guest	Attend	Imran Arfi (IA) NGESO - Guest	Attend
James Daniels (JD) NGESO - Guest	Attend	Richard Hubbert (RH) NGESO - Guest	Attend

Minutes recipients

Industry - For publication on the WSTC website

Agenda

1. Approval of 20/02/2023 Meeting Minutes
 2. Industry Engagement - Update
 3. Digitalisation Workstream Status Update
 4. ASR Workstream Status Update
 5. Guidance and Training Workstream Status Update
 6. Members Comments and Any Other Business
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Discussion

The discussions held during the meeting are summarised below:

Approval of 20/02/2023 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved. To be published on the project website.

Action: FK to arrange for their publication.

Digitalisation Workstream Status Update

TP provided an update recapping the objectives of the project. She noted that the team were at draft Solutions Design phase which is due to be completed by the end of March. Focus was mainly on User Experience, Search Data, Filter Data, Glossary, User Journeys, Version Control and Code Change Workflow.

AC noted that when considering Version Control solutions thought should be given to the level of detail required. He also expressed that it was important to differentiate between Glossary and Definitions and that there is a need to think about the granularity of how much change will be considered.

JoW provided a broader view of the architectural digitalisation work noting that the intention was to create a seamless process for users to navigate the digitalised code. He emphasised that a functional architecture that prioritised the needs of the different user personas and how features of the digitalised version will be interacting was under consideration. He added that the technology solution would depend on the holistic need but was currently technology agnostic adding that the journey towards the minimum viable product (MVP) would take an agile approach.

TP laid out the next steps, which will involve stakeholder engagement and feedback on user experience. The team will be getting approvals on technology options, vendor research and updating requirements, selecting technology partners, complete low-level design and finalising a detailed design based on user group feedback.

JWb advised **TP** to share the material she had presented to the Steering Group.

ASR Workstream Status Update

FK noted that engagement with industry had taken place:

1. at the OC2 Forum (7th March) - Feedback related to potential impacts on Users' documentation which related to change in numbering that was done during redrafting OC2
2. with Ofgem's Regulation team (13th March) - Ofgem was happy with the process taken and welcomed a further discussion on amending ASR timelines since they would be affected by GC0156 rollout and
3. at the ASR workgroup session (14th March) - The workgroup agreed to take on board the recommendations from the steering group regarding pausing the proposal of a modification and the Steering Group's proposed definitions approach.

In terms of next steps, **FK** indicated that further work to refine the OC2 Redraft was ongoing to prepare for when a modification could be raised, an assessment of the next area of the Grid Code that would benefit from simplification was ongoing and that consideration of definitions framework was under consideration.

He also reiterated that collaboration with the Distribution Code Administrator on definitions alignment was planned.

GG noted that he was keen to hear feedback from the engagement planned with GCRP, DCRP and INAETSC

Guidance and Training Workstream Status Update

TP noted that she will be covering this workstream going forward. Working through a list of thirty-three (33) documents. Some of them were deemed no longer relevant. She indicated that she was working towards identifying which ones were currently relevant and would seek input from steering group members soon.

Members Comments and Any Other Business

AC raised his concerns regarding the low turn up on non ESO members at the meeting indicating that external participant numbers were low.

GE wondered whether members knew where the critical areas of engagement were adding that were it to be the case, that could help members to prioritise the meetings and a shorter meeting duration could help.

JWb agreed and with **AC** and **GE** indicating that the engagement challenge was a longstanding one and suggestions made would be taken on board.

GG highlighted the clash in meeting timings and other Work Group sessions led by the Code Administrator, often making the choice between Grid Code related work difficult.

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