

Digitalised Whole System Technical Code (WSTC) Meeting Minutes

Draft Consultation Stakeholder Engagement Session 2

Date: 08/09/2021 **Location:** MS Teams
Start: 10:00 **End:** 11:00

Participants

Attendee	Attend/Regrets	Attendee	Attend/Regrets
Richard Parke (RP) – Threepwood Consulting	Attend	Reena Hirani (RH) – UK Power Networks	Attend
Christian Hjelm (CH) - WPD	Attend	Trevor David (TD) – JBA Engineering	Attend
Kirsten Shilling (KS) - NGESO	Attend	Vicky Allen (VA) - NGESO	Attend
Frank Kasibante (FK) - NGESO	Attend	Laetitia Wamala (LW) - NGESO	Attend

Minutes Recipients

Industry - Published on the WSTC website

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Feedback Session
3. Any Other Business

Discussion

1. Introductions

Introductions were done as recorded above. NGESO advised that the 1st session on the draft consultation was held at GCDF on 07/09/21. The summarised notes can be viewed [here](#).

2. Feedback Session

Attendees confirmed that they had reviewed the draft consultation prior to the meeting and thus the meeting proceeded with a feedback session. The feedback given by the attendees and the associated NGESO responses are summarised below:

- 2.1. **RP:** The document reads well. The concepts of code consolidation (1 set of the truth) and simplification (being written in plain English) are good.

However, I couldn't visualise what it would look like or how it would be used. Is it possible to give an indication of what it would look like for example on an iPad, or any other interface?

2.2. CH: I agree with Richard. The document looks better than it was at the beginning of the project. Although keen for the consolidation to happen, we should not underestimate the amount of work needed to reach the end status.

The overarching option might be a good way of phasing out the project.

2.3. RH: I agree with Richard's comment. Digitalisation should be done in such a way that parties can have the codes side by side so that similarities and/or differences can be easily viewed.

2.4. TD: Useful to have some harmonisation especially at the boundaries between transmission and distribution. There is currently no clear line of sight on the impact of DERs on the transmission network.

There are so many Engineering Recommendations that are constantly changing. How can one know if they are compliant?

I am also not clear on how the digitalisation is going to work. What are the timescales? When there are updates, how will they filter through?

I like the idea of Artificial Intelligence (AI) but I don't know how it's going to work.

2.5. RP: Is the end product a consumer interface, true AI style with all requirements in, instead of navigating through documents? Is the idea one point of truth? The solutions page is the most thought provoking.

Thank you for the engagement with industry approach.

NGESO: There is no solution defined yet. Industry will define scope through their consultation responses.

2.6. CH: Options seem to converge on Single WSTC. Please add a bit more information to the document regarding the other options.

Phasing seems to be a good solution.

Overarching and the Single WSTC options seem a bit similar.

NGESO: Solutions are the subject of discussion by industry in defining the scope of work.

2.7. CH: Examples on options are good to help people share their ideas. Could you get input from the ENA and others before issuing examples? Could include an open question about ideas for solutions.

NGESO: ENA has been engaged and they proposed the steering group which is part of the consultation. The project team will hand over decision and direction setting responsibilities to the steering group when it is formed.

2.8. TD: How are the changes going to be linked? What are the timescales? Digitalisation is the best option to point users to relevant sections.

Undertake SWOT analysis on digitalisation and narrow down to two potential solutions. Parties then get a better view on challenges versus risks and thus can better evaluate the solutions.

If it is a 'Rolls Royce' solution, then deliver it in stages.

NGESO responded seeking a framing of a question in the consultation on the matter.

Question formed: 'which level of digitalisation would give you most value'

2.9. RP: Regarding the potential workgroup, it would be good to ask the question 'do you favour a workgroup to devise the solution and present it to you?'

NGESO: Noted

3. Any Other Business

3.1. *How did you hear about the WSTC project?*

All Attendees - communications from the Distribution Code administrator as are part of their mailing list

3.2. *How can we engage better?*

RP: Would recommend the use of LinkedIn and other social media to engage stakeholders better.

A good option for engaging the DNO community could be the ENA's [Energy Networks Innovation Conference](#) They will be meeting in mid-October. It would be worth attending.