

Digitalised Whole System Technical Code (WSTC) Meeting Minutes

Draft Consultation Stakeholder Engagement Session 3

Date: 16/09/2021 **Location:** MS Teams
Start: 10:00 **End:** 11:00

Participants

Attendee	Attend/Regrets	Attendee	Attend/Regrets
Paul Fidler (PF) – Threepwood Consulting	Attend	Joseph Nolan (JN) – GTC	Attend
Chloe Harradine (CH) - Orsted	Attend	Stacey Brentnall (SB) – ENSEK	Attend
Lukasz Bochinski (LB) – UK Power Networks	Attend	Catalina Guillen-Rozo (CGR) – OVO Energy	Attend
Paul Bedford (PB) – Drax	Attend	Kirsten Shilling (KS) - NGESO	Attend
Frank Kasibante (FK) - NGESO	Attend	Vicky Allen (VA) - NGESO	Attend
Laetitia Wamala (LW) - NGESO	Attend		

Minutes Recipients

Industry - Published on the WSTC website

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. WSTC Presentation (September)
3. Feedback Session
4. Any Other Business

Discussion

The discussions held during the presentation are summarised below:

1. **Introductions**
Introductions were done as recorded above.

2. **WSTC Presentation (September)**

NGESO presented the WSTC Presentation (September) slides. The slides can be viewed [here](#).

3. **Feedback Session**

The feedback given by the attendees and the associated NGESO responses are summarised below:

- 3.1. JN:** Are we looking to cover the code modification process after the WSTC is implemented?
NGESO: No, this consultation is looking at consolidation. Governance will be covered by the ongoing Energy Codes Reform (ECR) being run by BEIS/Ofgem.
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- 3.2. SB:** Have you heard about the Retail Energy Code (REC) Version 2 digitalisation project? It has just issued a lot of feedback that they received from their stakeholders which indicates that the digitalisation has not been well received by industry e.g. segmenting everything has made things a lot harder, some long-standing parties are unable to download PDF versions of the REC. I suggest having a look at any learning points from it.
PB: I echo SB's comment about REC. There are lots of different issues with the digitalised REC and it has delivered very little benefit. I recommend contacting Jonathan Hawkins at Gemserv to obtain more information.
NGESO: We have contacted the REC already so will investigate the problems experienced for any learning points.
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- 3.3. SB:** Is the scope going to just be Grid Code and Distribution Code? Have you discussed a broader scope with Ofgem?
NGESO: This ambition has been approved by Ofgem as part of the NGESO's RII0-2 business plan. We met with Ofgem at the beginning of the project where they committed to provide resource. This resource will sit on the steering group to ensure we remain aligned with their ECR. This work will feed into the ECR and following engagement (with industry) it will be a representation of how industry would like to see these codes consolidated.
SB: Your approach of engaging with industry is great and will save time when it comes to undertaking the code consolidation.
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- 3.4. NGESO:** NGESO is relying on industry to deliver this project as members of the workgroups and the steering group. How can we get industry stakeholders to commit to this project?
SB: Most people already have this on their horizon (given the efficiencies that it will bring) so commitment will not be difficult to attain from industry. It would be useful to reach out further by including the I&C Shippers and Suppliers (ICoSS) Group in your engagements.
NGESO: Noted. We will get in touch upon receipt of the contact details.
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- 3.5. PF:** Ensure that all trade associations are involved as this is an ambitious project. They are also another way of obtaining consensus from all the membership of the respective trade associations.
It involves both transmission & distribution with different challenges and therefore it will be important to have suitable resources assigned from both areas (Transmission & Distribution). Once a month may be too difficult to get consistent attendance.
NGESO: The current proposal is to meet once a month which is subject to change from the consultation responses. To address your concern, the team will include for an alternate for meeting attendance.
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- 3.6. JN:** The Independent Network Association (INA) should be involved too. All IDNOs are members of this association.
NGESO: Noted. We will get in touch upon receipt of the contact details.
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- 3.7. NGESO:** What are your thoughts on aligning the compliance process?
SB: Harmonisation is a massive piece of work that is coming. This approach brings the industry along the journey by allowing people to be involved.
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- 3.8. PF:** There are some beneficial things that could bring quick wins such as system security and power characteristics across transmission and distribution. These could potentially resolve the resource issues mentioned in 3.5.
NGESO: Could you send us some information on system security and power characteristics?
PF: Yes – We will send some information across to you next week.
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3.9. **SB:** It would also be helpful to concentrate harmonising code areas where there are currently no changes planned. These should not be prioritised in the early days. The approach helps to give a clear scope.

4. **Any Other Business**

4.1. LW to circulate the draft consultation to all attendees. Comments to be provided by close of play today; 16/09/21.

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

PB: Energy UK

JN: Distribution Code Administrator (ENA)

PF: Colleague Richard Parke (colleague received it via Distribution Code Administrator (ENA))
