

# Digitalised Whole System Technical Code (WSTC) Meeting Minutes

## Steering Group Meeting 2

**Date:** 20/01/2022      **Location:** MS Teams  
**Start:** 03:00PM      **End:** 05:00PM

## Participants

Attendee	Attend/Regrets	Attendee	Attend/Regrets
Jon Wisdom (JW) NGESO - Interim Chairperson	Attend		
Alan Creighton (AC) NPg - Distribution Network Operator	Attend	Steve Cox (SC) ENWL - Distribution Network Operator	Attend
Ruth Kemsley (RK) EDF Renewables - Grid Code Party	Attend	Frank Martin (FM) SGRE - Grid Code Party	Regrets
Mark Dunk (MD) ENA - Distribution Code Administrator	Attend	Gareth Haines (GH) Vattenfall - Independent Distribution Network Operators	Attend
Gareth Evans (GE) ICOSS - Trade Association	Regrets	Daniel De Wijze (DDW) Renewable UK - Trade Association	Attend
Sarah Honan (SH) The ADE - Trade Association Alternate	Regrets	Ed Rees (ER) Citizens Advice - Consumer	Regrets
Jeremy Caplin (JC) Elexon - Wider Industry	Regrets	Prof. Xiao-Ping Zhang (XPZ) Birmingham University - Wider Industry Alternate	Attend
Sean Winchester (SW) - BEIS	Attend	Gurpal Singh (GS) - Ofgem	Attend
Malcolm Barnacle (MB) SSEN Transmission - Onshore Transmission Owner	Attend	Helen Stack (HS) Centrica - Distribution Code Party	Attend
Kirsten Shilling (KS) NGESO - Grid Code Administrator	Regrets	Lauren Preston (LP) NGESO - Grid Code Administrator Alternate	Attend
Laetitia Wamala (LW) NGESO - Electricity System Operator	Attend	Robert Wilson (RW) NGESO - Electricity System Operator Alternate	Attend
Frank Kasibante (FK) NGESO - Technical Secretary Alternate	Attend	Vicky Allen (VA) NGESO - Technical Secretary	Attend

## Minutes Recipients

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## Agenda

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1. Introductions
  2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
  3. Terms of Reference approval
  4. Revised Project Timelines
  5. Responses Analysis Document review
  6. Any Other Business
    - Meetings for Q2 2022
    - Review of collaborative Ways of Working (Emails / SharePoint)
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## Discussion

The discussions held during the meeting are summarised below:

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### Introductions

New members LP, RK and XPZ introduced themselves to the group

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### Approval of minutes from previous meetings

It was agreed to publish the meeting minutes following minor updates that were discussed at the meeting.

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### Terms of Reference approval

It was recommended that the Terms of Reference should be sent to the Code Panels prior to final approval. Consider including further details on the background of the project.

#### ACTIONS:

1. **NGESO:** To send Terms of Reference including further details on the background of the project to Code Panels.
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### Revised Project Timelines

This document will be circulated to members after the meeting and there will be 5 working days to return comments.

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### Responses Analysis Document review

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Some members wished to see a wider variety of recommendations based on the issues being experienced. Asking broad questions in the consultation was considered reasonable but to define a scope we will need to narrow down and prioritise.

It was noted that there were not, in the opinion of some members, many responses which means that some issues did not have large numbers in support, despite having the greatest number of responses in favour (or against).

It was suggested that the terms consolidation, alignment, and digitalisation should be better defined in the document.

It was noted that including the SQSS in the Grid Code was not favoured by the respondents, although the report noted that it may be worth exploring combing the governance processes. Some members were uncertain of the value in this approach. The BEIS representative confirmed that this is an area being looked at in the ECR.

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It was also confirmed by the BEIS representative that the ECR is considering the following:

- Moving away from panels to code managers,
- Possible role for a Future System Operator (FSO)
- Possible options for code consolidation are.

The responses to the ECR consultation are currently being processed. The ambition is to come back in Q1 2022. This will be aligned with the decision on the FSO with legislation possibly as early as 2023.

**ACTIONS:**

2. **NGESO:** To update the consultation responses analysis document incorporating what was agreed by Steering Group.
3. **NGESO:** To define the terms consolidation, alignment, and digitalisation and incorporate them in the analysis document.
4. **NGESO:** To provide more information on the inclusion of the SQSS in the Grid Code.

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**Any Other Business**

- Polls will be sent to members to request the best dates for the meetings for Q2 2022.
- Members are reminded that the consultation responses sent to them are private and confidential unless published on the project website.

**ACTIONS:**

1. **FK:** To send out polls to members to request the best dates for the meetings for Q2 2022.
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