

Digitalised Whole System Technical Code (WSTC) Meeting Minutes

Steering Group Meeting 5

Date: 27/04/2022 **Location:** MS Teams
Start: 02:00PM **End:** 04:00PM

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	Regrets	Steve Cox (SC) ENWL - Distribution Network Operator	Regrets
Ruth Kemsley (RK) EDF Renewables - Grid Code Party	Attend	Frank Martin (FM) SGRE - Grid Code Party	Attend
Mark Dunk (MD) ENA - Distribution Code Administrator	Attend	Gareth Haines (GH) Vattenfall - Independent Distribution Network Operators	Attend
Gareth Evans (GE) ICOSS - Trade Association	Attend	Daniel De Wijze (DDW) Renewable UK - Trade Association	Regrets
Gurpal Singh (GS) - Ofgem	Attend	Ed Rees (ER) Citizens Advice - Consumer	Regrets
Sean Winchester (SW) - BEIS	Attend	Xiao-Ping Zhang (XPZ) Birmingham University - Wider Industry Alternate	Attend
Malcolm Barnacle (MB) SSEN Transmission - Onshore Transmission Owner	Attend	Helen Stack (HS) Centrica - Distribution Code Party	Regrets
Kirsten Shilling (KS) NGESO - Grid Code Administrator	Regrets	Lauren Preston (LP) NGESO - Grid Code Administrator Alternate	Attend
Vicky Allen (VA) NGESO - Technical Secretary	Attend	Robert Wilson (RW) NGESO - Electricity System Operator	Attend
Frank Kasibante (FK) NGESO - Technical Secretary Alternate	Regrets		

Minutes Recipients

Industry - For publication on the WSTC website

Agenda

1. Approval of 16/03/2022 Meeting Minutes
 2. Steering group Go/No-Go Decisions
 3. Digitalisation Scoping paper
 4. Agreement to proceed as per recommendation
 - Code Content Scoping paper
 - Consolidation Paper
 - Digitalisation Scoping paper
 5. Break
 6. Agreement to publish Scoping Papers
 7. Update on Letters to DCRP, GCRP and Ofgem
 8. Members Comments
 9. Any Other Business
 - Steering Group Branding Issue
 - Agreement to publish Voting Statements
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Discussion

The discussions held during the meeting are summarised below:

Approval of 16/03/2022 Meeting Minutes

The updated minutes were approved to be published

Steering Group Go/No-Go Decisions

There remains a difference of opinion between the meaning of the 'Go/No-Go' decision. Many members of the Steering Group understood the 'Go/No-Go' decision to mean that the project has been assessed against its aims and had been deemed worthwhile of starting on its delivery journey. However a few members of the Steering Group thought that the 'Go/No-Go' decision was an indication that the project was authorised to produce Scoping Papers only.

Digitalisation Scoping paper

The slides were presented by LP. The presentation was well received. A question remains unanswered about the order of the digitalisation (i.e. either both at the same time or Grid Code first with Distribution Code following). This is expected to be resolved early in the next phase of the project. It was clarified that ENA is responsible for the digitalisation of the Distribution Code.

Agreement to proceed as per recommendation Code Content Scoping paper

A recommendation was made in the Code Content Scoping Document as follows:

This document proposes that the work within scope should be carried out in a two-step process. The first step is to appoint a project team from across industry who will:

- *identify manageable sections of the Codes,*
 - *produce estimates and a plan to achieve Alignment, Simplification and Rationalisation for*
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each section,

- produce a common understanding of how the work will be done by the production of example clauses that have been aligned, simplified, and rationalised,
- report their results to the Steering Group.

The Steering Group will decide whether to take forward the project teams recommendations.

The second step involves setting up informal workgroups to cover each identified section, undertaking the work identified for it by the project team and then raising any appropriate formal modifications via the usual modification process(es).

A vote was held on whether to proceed as per the recommendation. The votes were: 8 votes for, 0 votes against.

Agreement is therefore given to proceed as per the recommendation.

Consolidation paper

A recommendation was made in the Consolidation paper as follows:

This workstream is recommended to be placed on hold. Once the ECR outcome on code consolidation has been published the Steering Group will be consulted for the next steps for this workstream.

A vote was held on whether to proceed as per the recommendation. The votes were: 8 votes for, 0 votes against.

Agreement is therefore given to proceed as per the recommendation.

Digitalisation Scoping paper

A recommendation was made in the Code Content Scoping Document as follows:

The recommendation is for all requirements to be defined, prioritised and assessed through significant user engagement, followed by technical review to identify the optimal route to solution delivery, i.e., build software in-house or buy from a software provider.

A vote was held on whether to proceed as per the recommendation. The votes were: 8 votes for, 0 votes against.

Agreement is therefore given to proceed as per the recommendation.

Agreement to publish Scoping Papers

It was proposed that the following Scoping Papers: Code Content Scoping Paper, Consolidation Paper and Digitalisation Scoping paper, be published on the project website.

A vote was held on this proposition. The votes were: 7 votes for, 1 vote against.

The member who voted against said this was due to the uncertainty regarding possible future changes to the document leading to wider industry not having certainty in the projects way forward.

Agreement is therefore given to publish the Scoping Papers.

Update on Letters to DCRP, GCRP and Ofgem

Following the action at last month's Steering Group, these two letters have been produced and were sent to GCRP for review. They were also been sent for review in the document pack for this meeting. A request has been made to present these to DCRP.

These will be presented to GCRP at end of May and DCRP in early June.

Minor comments were made on the letters at the meeting.

ACTION: NGESO: Update the Letters with comments received. Then send out for further review to be approved via correspondence before going to GCRP.

Members Comments

Following feedback we have gathered from Steering Group members we have instituted this section in the agenda to ensure that all members have an opportunity to comment on the meetings items. It is a standing agenda item so will appear in each meeting agenda.

Any Other Business**Steering Group Branding Issue**

- It was agreed by the Steering Group that any future letters sent on behalf of the Steering Group will contain no branding although individuals can identify which organisation they work for in their signature.

Agreement to publish Voting Statements

- It was agreed by the Steering Group that the Voting Statement made in February can be published on the dWSTC website.

BEIS Representative

- Mithilia Manage has left the project and will be replaced by Sean Winchester as the primary contact.

Summer Steering Groups

- The Steering Group agreed that no meeting would be held in August.
 - **ACTION:** NGESO: Polls will be sent to agree a suitable time for July and September meetings.
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