

Digitalised Whole System Technical Code (dWSTC) Meeting Minutes

Steering Group Meeting 6

Date: 17/05/2022 **Location:** MS Teams
Start: 2:30PM **End:** 4:00PM

Participants

Attendee	Attend/Regrets	Attendee	Attend/Regrets
Jon Wisdom (JW) NGESO - Interim Chairperson	Attend	Jeremy Caplin (JC) Elexon - Wider Industry	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	Regrets
Gareth Evans (GE) ICOSS - Trade Association	Regrets	Daniel De Wijze (DDW) Renewable UK - Trade Association	Attend
Gurpal Singh (GS) - Ofgem	Regrets	Ed Rees (ER) Citizens Advice - Consumer	Regrets
Sean Winchester (SW) - BEIS	Regrets	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
Garth Graham (GG) SSE - Grid Code Party	Attend	Robert Wilson (RW) NGESO - Electricity System Operator	Attend
Vicky Allen (VA) NGESO - Technical Secretary	Regrets	Frank Kasibante (FK) NGESO - Technical Secretary Alternate	Attend

Minutes recipients

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Agenda

1. Approval of 27/04/2022 Meeting Minutes
 2. Agreement to proceed as per recommendation: Training & Guidance Scoping Paper
 3. Agreement to publish Training & Guidance Scoping paper
 4. ASR Workstream Update
 5. Digitalisation Workstream Update
 6. Update on Letters to DCRP, GCRP and Ofgem
 7. Members Comments
 8. Any Other Business
New Member - Garth Graham
Presentation to the next Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF) and Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP)
Meetings until December 2022
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Discussion

The discussions held during the meeting are summarised below:

Approval of 27/04/2022 Meeting Minutes

The updated minutes were approved to be published.

ACTION: AC and the dWSTC project team to discuss comments that were not reflected in an earlier published scoping document.

Agreement to proceed as per recommendation: Training & Guidance Scoping Paper

LP gave a brief update on the Training & Guidance Scoping workstream and responded to comments on the paper that were received from AC and RK. LP also indicated that the scoping paper assumed Distribution Code (DCode) to be in scope, but this would be for the Steering Group to consider. For clarity, it was agreed that the title of the document be amended to 'Training and Guidance'. It was agreed that:

- DCRP will give more input on DCode being in scope of this workstream during the dWSTC presentation at the next DCRP. LP to provide some DCode related examples for consideration.
- Thought and consideration could be given to use of font colour or other identifiers to guide use and understanding of the codes. RW noted that this would be possible as it has no legal bearing but suggested that it might be complicated due to the number of user groupings involved. The digital tool could help to define how much of this accessibility issue could be achieved within the context of training and guidance of users.

Action: LP to provide some DCode related examples.

Agreement to publish Training & Guidance Scoping paper

MD reiterated that the DCode Administrator would be keen to work with NGESO on digitalisation of the DCode, hopefully at the same time, and on a compatible platform as both these points would achieve a better end result. Should consolidation happen in future this would be particularly important. This might also be the case for the Training & Guidance workstream but that would be subject to the presentation by the dWSTC project team to DCRP in June.

The meeting agreed that publication of the Training & Guidance Scoping Paper should wait until after the June DCRP meeting because Distribution Code parties may be included in the scope of the Training & Guidance work.

ACTION: MD & LP to update Steering Group on outcome of the DCRP meeting on Training & Guidance approach.

ASR Workstream Update

FK provided an update and proposed timeline for the ASR workstream and the arrangements to seek volunteers to participate in that piece of work. RW reiterated that outputs of this work stream will not immediately lead to formal modifications which would always have to follow the formal governance route, but would help to define the benefits and complexities.

ACTION: FK to send out an invite to the Steering Group seeking volunteers to the ASR workstream and subsequently to wider industry through the ENA and Grid Code Administrator.

Digitalisation Workstream Update

LP provided a brief update on the Digitalisation workstream. She indicated that the Impact Assessment was complete, and no key messages were received outside what was already known. LP also indicated that verification and validation of user requirements was coming up soon.

ACTION:

1. LP and MD to get in touch to establish how best to continue engagement with users and get their feedback.
 2. LP to engage ENA to align work on digitalisation.
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Update on Letters to DCRP, GCRP and Ofgem

FK provided update on letters and addressed AC's queries raised in the comments provided. AC reiterated that he was not happy for the letters to be shared with the panels in their current form. Some members indicated that the key message of the letters was the most important aspect and that this had been delayed long enough. The meeting agreed that amendments and changes suggested by AC be adopted, and letters can thereafter be forwarded to the panels.

ACTION: NGESO to make suggested changes and forward the letters to the DCRP and GCRP.

Members Comments

The Interim Chairperson sought members' comments on any topic of the day or any topic on the project. No members raised any comments or shared any thoughts.

Any Other Business

New Member - Garth Graham

- GG was introduced to the members and was thanked for his contribution during the discussion.

Presentation to the next Grid Code Development Forum and Distribution Code Review Panel

- FK indicated plans by the project team to present a dWSTC progress update to GCDF and DCRP in the coming weeks. He also indicated that the Steering Group meeting dates for Q3 & Q4 had been confirmed and meeting invites sent out to members.
- RK suggested that maybe ENA might want to send the GCDF invites to Distribution Code circulation lists as a driver for wider Industry engagement.

ACTION: FK and MD to explore ways of contacting Distribution Code users to enable them access dWSTC updates.
