

# Digitalised Whole System Technical Code (dWSTC) Meeting Minutes

## Steering Group Meeting 7

**Date:** 17/06/2022      **Location:** MS Teams  
**Start:** 1:00PM      **End:** 3:00PM

## Participants

Attendee	Attend/Regrets	Attendee	Attend/Regrets
Jon Wisdom (JW) NGENSO - Interim Chairperson	Regrets	Jeremy Caplin (JC) Elexon - Wider Industry	Regrets
Alan Creighton (AC) NPg - Distribution Network Operator	Attend	Steve Cox (SC) ENWL - Distribution Network Operator	Regrets
Ruth Kemsley (RK) EDF Renewables - Grid Code Party	Attend	Frank Martin (FM) SGRE - Grid Code Party	Regrets
Mark Dunk (MD) ENA - Distribution Code Administrator	Regrets	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
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	Regrets	Helen Stack (HS) Centrica - Distribution Code Party	Attend
Kirsten Shilling (KS) NGENSO - Grid Code Administrator	Regrets	Lauren Preston (LP) NGENSO - Grid Code Administrator Alternate	Attend
Garth Graham (GG) SSE - Grid Code Party	Attend	Robert Wilson (RW) NGENSO - Electricity System Operator	Attend
Vicky Allen (VA) NGENSO - Technical Secretary	Regrets	Frank Kasibante (FK) NGENSO - Technical Secretary Alternate	Attend

## Minutes recipients

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## Agenda

1. Approval of 17/05/2022 Meeting Minutes
2. dWSTC presentations at DCRP & GCDF - Update
3. Letters to Panels and Ofgem - Update
4. Agreement to proceed as per recommendation:  
Training & Guidance Scoping Paper
5. ASR Workstream Update
6. Digitalisation Workstream Update
7. Members Comments
8. Any Other Business

## Discussion

The discussions held during the meeting are summarised below:

### Approval of 17/05/2022 Meeting Minutes

The updated minutes were approved to be published.

### dWSTC presentations at DCRP & GCDF - Update

FK and LP shared a verbal update following their presentations at Distribution Code Review Panel (DCRP) and at the Grid Code Development Forum (GCDF). They reported good engagement and positive feedback from both audiences.

### Letters to Panels and Ofgem - Update

FK indicated that some GCRP members had sought more information to enable them to understand the context of the Steering Group and stakeholders' request to send letters from the panels to Ofgem. He further indicated that he had shared excerpts from earlier dWSTC engagement sessions following that request. RW reiterated that the Steering Group's role regarding the letters had ended since it was only to communicate stakeholders' wishes through the panels and that the action to progress this as they saw fit now lay with the panels.

### Agreement to proceed as per recommendation:

#### Training & Guidance Scoping Paper

LP indicated that following DCRP, MD indicated that there remains a question of resources and timeliness with regards to considering Training and Guidance as 'in scope' for the Distribution Code. AC suggested that from the DCRP point of view, agreement to proceed as per the recommendation could probably be progressed with a caveat.

A vote was carried out by the Steering Group to get agreement to proceed with Training & Guidance workstream as per recommendation in the Scoping Paper

Proposition	For	Against
Do you agree that we can proceed as per recommendations in the scoping and guidance scoping paper?	6	0

The meeting agreed for the workstream to proceed as per the recommendation subject to any further comments that MD might have.

**ASR Workstream Update**

FK presented a progress update regarding the ASR workstream. AC wondered whether a list of the initial set of volunteers or their organisations could be shared since the ASR workstream is a user facing piece of work. GG wondered whether new members could be added on the team at a later stage. FK confirmed that it would be possible to add members to the ASR workstream and that the initial list of volunteers or their organisations would be shared.

**ACTION:** FK to share a list of volunteers to ASR list when the initial membership of the team is confirmed.

**Digitalisation Workstream Update**

LP gave a verbal update. She indicated that the team were making good progress on a digitalisation prototype, user research activities, engaging focus groups, and 1 on 1 interviews to qualify user requirements. She reiterated that user surveys would go out to Industry via the Grid Code and Distribution Code administrators. GG wondered whether there has been a resolution of the issue of liability regarding the digitalised version. LP committed that the pdf will remain the legally binding version until such a time that the legal liability of the digitalised version of the codes issue was resolved. RW noted that this is a common issue across all industry codes that are going through digitalisation and that the common view is at the moment consistent - that the digitalised version of the code does not yet replace the pdf in terms of legal liabilities.

**Members Comments**

RW informed members that VA had secured another position within the ESO and expressed thanks on behalf of the project team and dWSTC Steering Group to VA for her contribution to the project.

RK thanked the dWSTC project team for the updates. FK confirmed that next meeting was scheduled for 20th July and that material would as usual be sent out the week before.

**Any Other Business**

RK was curious to find out if there had been any feedback from GCDF. FK indicated that constructive feedback and engagement was received from the GCDF audience and that it remained a good forum for Industry to utilise by bringing their ideas and presenting on different topics.

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