

# Digitalised Whole System Technical Code (dWSTC) Meeting Minutes

## Steering Group Meeting 15

**Date:** 16/05/2023      **Location:** MS Teams  
**Start:** 2:30PM      **End:** 3:30PM

## Participants

Attendee	Attend/Regrets	Attendee	Attend/Regrets
Jon Wisdom (JW) NGESO - Interim Chairperson	Attend	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	Garth Graham (GG) SSE - Grid Code Party	Regrets
Mark Dunk (MD) ENA - Distribution Code Administrator	Regrets	Gareth Haines (GH) Vattenfall - Independent Distribution Network Operators	Regrets
Gareth Evans (GE) ICOSS - Trade Association	Regrets	Barnaby Wharton (BW) Renewable UK - Trade Association	Regrets
Gurpal Singh (GS) - Ofgem	Regrets	Ed Rees (ER) Citizens Advice - Consumer	Regrets
Oana Georgescu (OG) - BEIS/DESNZ	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	Regrets
Jamie Webb (JWb) NGESO - Electricity System Operator	Regrets	Terri Puddefoot (TP) NGESO - Code Administrator	Attend
Frank Kasibante (FK) NGESO - Technical Secretary	Attend	Shelva Navah (SN) NGESO - Guest	Attend

## Minutes recipients

Industry - For publication on the WSTC website

## Agenda

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1. Approval of 17/03/2023 Meeting Minutes
  2. Industry Engagement - Update
  3. Digitalisation Workstream Status Update
  4. ASR Workstream Status Update
  5. Guidance and Training Workstream Status Update
  6. Members Comments and Any Other Business
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## Discussion

The discussions held during the meeting are summarised below:

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### Approval of 17/03/2023 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved. To be published on the project website.

**Action:** FK to arrange for their publication.

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### Digitalisation Workstream Status Update

TP provided an update on the workstream noting that the initial process of tendering for vendors had commenced and work was underway to finalise the Investment paper. She reiterated that next steps would include setting up and engagement with User Groups, finalising a high-level design, reviewing the mini tender responses, and shortlisting vendors for the digitalisation work.

RK wondered why it had been referred to as a mini tender and whether speed was the reason behind this.

TP clarified that the team was currently considering four vendors but was open to alternatives if suitable.

SN added that a bigger tender would take on more vendors. The 'fast tracked/mini' one would consider four vendors/partners who already have an existing partnership with the ESO. All vendors would however receive the same information and the team would be open to all cutting-edge technologies and vending solutions. He reiterated that the key success criteria (included but was not limited to in-depth use case experiences regarding Grid Code and access to new technologies)

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### ASR Workstream Status Update

FK informed the meeting that the ASR workstream team had completed redrafting OC2 and had drafted the Modification Proposal. He also reported that while the ASR workstream team was considering the next section of the Grid Code that could benefit from simplification, they had proposed that more specialist support would be needed while simplifying and rationalising the sections which are more technical.

RK wondered whether the ASR team considered engaging with current inflight modifications are coming to share with them any necessary learnings from the ASR experience.

FK supported RK and committed to engage the ASR workstream team to consider this within the team at their next session.

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### Guidance and Training Workstream Status Update

TP noted that there was no huge amount of progress, but she had engaged document owners to identify which of these fell under the guidance category guidance.

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### Members Comments and Any Other Business

JW reported that XPZ had expressed interest to pick up JC's role as full-time member, thanked XPZ for his commitment and support towards the workstreams.

RK requested TP to provide a bit of detail on digitalisation progress, probably using examples at the subsequent sessions.

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**TP** agreed and added that since the team was at a point of using a vendor, it would become easier to envisage what was happening as the platform developed.

**Action FK** - Engage Steering Group members to encourage more participation on the digitalisation workstream and with GCDF or ENA to gather support for digitalisation user case.

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