

# Digitalised Whole System Technical Code (dWSTC) Meeting Minutes

## Steering Group Meeting 17

**Date:** 20/09/2023      **Location:** MS Teams  
**Start:** 1:30PM      **End:** 2:30PM

## Participants

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Attend/Regrets</b>	<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Attend/Regrets</b>
Jon Wisdom (JW) NGESO - Interim Chairperson	Regrets	Sarah Carter (SC) NGESO - Code Administrator	Attend
Alan Creighton (AC) NPg - Distribution Network Operator	Attend	Graeme Vincent (GC) SPEN - 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	Attend
Gareth Evans (GE) ICOSS - Trade Association	Regrets	Barnaby Wharton (BW) Renewable UK - Trade Association	Regrets
Gurpal Singh (GS) - Ofgem	Attend	Ed Rees (ER) Citizens Advice - Consumer	Regrets
Oana Georgescu (OG) - BEIS/DESNZ	Regrets	Xiao-Ping Zhang (XPZ) Birmingham University - Wider Industry Alternate	Regrets
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	Teri Puddefoot (TP) NGESO - Code Administrator	Attend
Frank Kasibante (FK) NGESO - Technical Secretary	Attend	Frank Martin (FM) Siemens	Regrets

## Minutes recipients

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## Agenda

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1. Approval of 21/07/2023 Meeting Minutes
  2. ASR Workstream Status Update
  3. Digitalisation Workstream Status Update
  4. Members Comments and Any Other Business
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## Discussion

The discussions held during the meeting are summarised below:

### Approval of 21.07.2023 Meeting Minutes

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

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

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### ASR Workstream (ASRW) Status Update

FK provided an update on the Operating Code No.2 (OC2) ASRW. FK noted that work had been ongoing with the legal text and that the workstream team was ready to present the OC2 Redraft to the Grid Code Review Panel (GCRP) and to propose a modification. FK noted that the workstream team, as part of its project report, would propose that Industry considers developing a protocol that aids the development of legal text that is simple whilst remaining legally robust.

AC questioned the meaning of developing a protocol.

FK confirmed that this was to provide a standardised mechanism that enables development of simple legal text and definitions development. This could be undertaken by all interested stakeholders.

RK suggested that the ASRW should capture what has been learnt through the process that they have been through and need to capture the detail of the problem. The issue should be stated and reported clearly and document how the legal text was developed.

GV expressed concern that all code parties are ought to be involved to ensure that meaning of definitions are not confused when the meaning differs across codes.

FK confirmed that the ASR Workstream team had considered this.

AC suggested that consideration should be given enormity on the scaling task versus the benefits and how simplification could be improved by digitalisation of the Grid Code.

FK agreed that this would help along with the outputs of the Guidance and Training in the Use of Codes Workstream. He also provided the next steps to the Steering Group namely, proposing a Grid Code modification to OC2 and consideration of other areas of the Grid Code that could benefit from simplification.

GS suggested that consideration should be given to other factors such as industry resource, possible code consolidation and Energy Code Reform (ECR).

FK noted that Steering Group had a role to play in the determination of the priorities on this.

Steering Group discussed how the benefits of simplification could be captured and suggested that this may be captured in man hours or queries from new entrants.

**Action** - FK agreed to discuss this with the Code Admin team to get a view of code user interactions.

GV questioned if the new definitions coming out of OC2 would replace all areas in the Grid Code.

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**FK** confirmed that this would not be the case and that the ASRW would seek guidance on the best options on definitions, but they were proposing that they run in parallel with the OC2 Redraft.

**AC** suggested that it was for the Panel to take a view on this and expressed concern that this could be harder for users if there was not a plan on how this would be updated later.

**RK** suggested that the Steering Group should push for this definitions area to happen next as part of the workstream.

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### **Digitalisation Workstream Status Update**

**TP** updated the group that the Digitalisation Project had selected two vendors and that further sessions had taken place with each to gain more information on the products that they are offering. This was to ensure that critical functionality could be met along with look and feel for end users.

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### **Members Comments and Any Other Business**

**RK** asked for an update on the Guidance and Training. **TP** informed the Steering Group the documents had been reviewed to ensure the most up to date version was available and that consideration would be given to the Distribution Code interactions.

**AC** identified that the two main documents that interact with the Distribution code are Distribution Code Summary Document (which is undergoing a redraft) and DG Connection Code.

The Steering Group went back to discuss further points on OC2.

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