

# Digitalised Whole System Technical Code (dWSTC) Meeting Minutes

## Steering Group Meeting 13

**Date:** 20/02/2023      **Location:** MS Teams  
**Start:** 2:00PM      **End:** 3:00PM

## 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	Regrets
Ruth Kemsley (RK) EDF Renewables - Grid Code Party	Attend	Garth Graham (GG) SSE - Grid Code Party	Attend
Mark Dunk (MD) ENA - Distribution Code Administrator	Attend	Gareth Haines (GH) Vattenfall - Independent Distribution Network Operators	Regrets
Gareth Evans (GE) ICOSS - Trade Association	Attend	Barnaby Wharton (BW) Renewable UK - Trade Association	Regrets
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	Regrets
Malcolm Barnacle (MB) SSEN Transmission - Onshore Transmission Owner	Attend	Helen Stack (HS) Centrica - Distribution Code Party	Regrets
Jamie Webb (JWe) NGESO - Electricity System Operator	Attend	Banke John-Okwesa (BJO) NGESO - Grid Code Administrator	Attend
Frank Kasibante (FK) NGESO - Technical Secretary	Attend	Terri Puddefoot (TP) NGESO - Code Administrator	Attend

## Minutes recipients

Industry - For publication on the WSTC website

## Agenda

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1. Approval of 25/01/2022 Meeting Minutes
  2. Industry Engagement - Update
  3. ASR Workstream Status Update
  4. Digitalisation 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:

### Approval of 25/01/2022 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved subject to incorporating minor corrections provided by **AC**. To be published on the project website.

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

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### Industry Engagement Status Update

**FK** reported that he had a few bilateral engagements with:

1. SSEN Transmission - SSEN Transmission was generally happy with the progress of redrafting OC2 and the idea that any proposed modification would go through standard governance. They also felt most other Transmission Owners (TOs) would share the same view.
  2. EDF Renewables were supportive in discussing the definitions subject.
  3. University of Birmingham provided a feel of how much we've simplified. 12 responses from PhD students were received on how they felt about the improvement in readability of the OC2 Redraft.
  4. Energy Networks Association (ENA) who also provided the contact of the Common information model (CIM) subgroup, were also interested in Digitalisation and definitions question to ensure that we kept aligned with what the ENA is doing in those areas.
  5. **JWe** spoke to Ofgem regarding the overlap between code simplification work and the Energy code reform noting that a lot of this work would have to allow other Industry priorities to proceed ahead of proposing a modification and that he also had a plan to consult with the regulatory team regarding amended timelines.
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### ASR Workstream Status Update

**GG** reminded the meeting what GC0156 was trying to achieve and advised that it would make sense to wait for GC0156 to proceed to a good stage and then use that as the basis on which to proceed with OC2 modification.

**JWe** noted that it made sense to wait, adding that it's where the team was minded to at this stage

**RK** agreed with **GG** and suggested that GC0156 could pick up that structure developed by OC2 redrafting and that way of explaining things rather than just adding more complication.

**AC** agreed with **RR** and **GG**

**RK** noted that the suggested approach would be helpful once GC156 goes through and it would be relatively quick to put a mod in to do OC2 in the new format and it would be a good idea to carry on working on simplification, even if it just turned into a kind of load of plans for what 'needed to be done' after ECR outcome.

**JWe** agreed noting that **FK** is liaising with the GC0156 lead to understand what they're doing and then try and map out timelines noting that the project will continue as planned but with some negotiations with Ofgem's regulatory teams to ensure that it's mapped in the ESO's business plan in the correct way.

**JWe** noted that it was about making a sensible decision about how much could be achieved given the ECR work.

**AC** cautioned that proposals as part of the OC2 redraft to come up with some definitions for use in OC2 would

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potentially be undone by ECR outcomes.

**FK** noted that these including the need to consider a comprehensive definition review were being considered by the ASR teams. and added that the ASR team was happy for engagement with the GCRP to commence.

**RK** presented a few challenges and ideas on how the definitions issues could be resolved noting that working out what's going on with all these definitions was quite hard, there was inconsistent use of some terms as well as unhelpful cross references. She proposed some solutions among which included defining the adjectives used instead of the whole noun with all its different descriptors. She noted that despite the complexity of the task, it was not a trivial one.

**AC** agreed with **RK**, reiterating that there was a lot of work that needed to be done on definitions since once a definition change was made there was need to go through the rest of the code to make sure that the new/combined a definition didn't change the obligations on parties.

**BM** wondered whether grouping things together and using one term to define them as a possible approach.

**JW** thanked **RK** for illustrating some of the work the project was trying to deliver.

**Action: FK**, to put RK's ideas into the pack and make sure that they are fully considered.

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### Digitalisation Workstream Status Update

**BJO** noted that work has started on the solution, reviewing a design draft and a wireframe was most likely going to be ready for the end of March for the steering group to review and feedback. She requested members to look out for the material and share some comments.

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### Guidance and Training Workstream Status Update

**BJO** noted that, following suggestion by **RK** to investigate further additional Associated Grid Code guidance documents on the ESO website, efforts will be made to reach out to the document owners and establish the status of each of them. She explained that this will take some time due to resource availability and that there were currently some major higher priority projects in progress, but by April meeting there may be some tangible updates to share on this. Also, **BJO** appealed to the Steering Group to provide feedback and comments on previous Code Summary documents that were shared in December 2022 so that, if possible, work can be done to improve and upgrade them before moving onto reviewing the associated documents.

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### Members Comments and Any Other Business

There were no AOB items.

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