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# Code Administrator Meeting

## Summary

Workgroup Meeting 8: The introduction of harmonised Applicable Electrical Standards in GB to ensure compliance with the EU Connection Codes

**Date:** 01 September 2025

### Contact Details

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### Key areas of discussion

The aim of Workgroup 8 was to review the timeline, actions, legal text, Workgroup Report, Terms of Reference, and provide an update on Applicable Electrical Standards (AES).

#### Review Legal Text :

The Workgroup agreed to simplify the legal text where possible and ensure that it was clear which standards applied and how changes could be proposed. The NESO representative responded that the amendment of 'User' in the legal text does not provide a restriction and is universal.

There was also a discussion about the transitional period between the Relevant Electrical Standard (RES) and Applicable Electrical Standards (AES) and how to handle legacy arrangements. With a suggestion to define the date of when RES will end.

Several edits were made to the legal text to enhance clarity and consistency regarding numbering and unnecessary text. The word "Only" was added to specific sections to clarify who could activate the Electrical Standard Procedure. They also discussed the need to ensure that the AES and RES governance arrangements were clear and not overly complicated.

#### AES Update and Alignment:

A Workgroup member provided an update, stating that the TOs had addressed technical comments and were working on non-technical comments. The aim is to have the revised document ready in the next couple of weeks. The Workgroup discussed the timeline for the Workgroup Report and the need to ensure that the AES document was ready for Panel review and to align it with Ofgem's decision on GC0103.

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### **Review Draft Workgroup Report:**

The discussion included addressing comments from a Workgroup member provided prior to the meeting. These comments have had the reasoning for changes made within the Workgroup Report. The comments included ensuring compliance with EU Codes and clarifying the use of terms such as "compliance" and "harmonisation." There was a debate on whether to use the term "requirement" or "obligation," with the Proposer preferring "harmonisation requirement".

The Workgroup also discussed the efficiency of System Operators and agreed to use "System Operator" in the singular form to reflect the context of Great Britain.

Typographical errors were amended, and certain text was relocated within the report. The Workgroup removed unnecessary and irrelevant wording.

A Workgroup member asked what stops a Competitively Appointed Transmission Owner (CATO) from demanding their own RES. The NESO representative responded that as part of the CATO drafting, the CATO where that CATO connects to, to either NGET's or SPTs or SHETLs system, then the CATO would need to meet the requirements of the TOs standard or AES going forward. This would be a requirement of their Transmission Owner Construction Agreement in signing up to the STC and through the STC obligations themselves.

A Workgroup member expressed concerns regarding the Industrial Strategy – Clean Energies Industry Plan section, and that it needs to be clear on the scope of maintaining a safe, secure and economic system. The Proposer to add additional wording regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Task Force.

### **Review Terms of Reference**

The Chair reviewed the Terms of Reference with the Workgroup to ensure all items were addressed and to identify any concerns. The Chair asked the Workgroup members to provide additional wording in the Workgroup Report regarding where in the document the Terms of Reference have been addressed.

### **Actions**

Actions 16 and 17 were closed. New actions added to the action log.

### **Next Steps**

- Workgroup members to review Workgroup Report and legal text.
- Workgroup members to provide wording on Terms of Reference within Workgroup Report
- NESO representative to update ECCs.
- Workgroup to hold vote on 08 September

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For the full action log, click [here](#).

Action Number Raised	Workgroup	Owner	Action	Due by	Status
18	WG6	PD/AJ/FK	To look at timelines for GC0103 and AES to make sure they align	WG7	Closed
19	WG6	FA/MW/MS	AES Subgroup to be arranged and to update the AES and review comments	WG7	Closed
20	WG7	FK/AJ	NESO Representatives to review all instances of "Busbar Protection Zone" in the Grid Code and consider updating the terminology to "Interface Protection Zone" or similar as appropriate.	WG8	Open
21	WG7	GG/MK	Redraft the section on legacy plant compliance to clearly explain the requirements and circulate for review.	WG8	Open
22	WG7	CG	Add a footnote with the link to the Ofgem send back letter dated 18th July 2025 in the Workgroup Report	WG8	Open
23	WG7	AJ/GG/FK	NESO representatives to consult with their legal team and subsequently collaborate with the Proposer to finalise the wording of the General Conditions.	WG8	Open
24	WG8	All	Provide wording on how Terms of Reference are addressed within Workgroup Report	WG9	Open

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25	WG8	MS	Review additional paragraph in Industrial Strategy – Clean Energies Industry Plan section	WG9	Open
26	WG8	AJ/FK	NESO representatives to re-baseline legal text	WG9	Open
27	WG8	AJ/FK	NESO representatives to update ECCs	WG9	Open
28	WG8	GG	Add wording regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Task Force	WG9	Open

## Attendees

Name	Initial	Company	Role
Claire Goult	CG	NESO	Chair
Jess Rivalland	JR	NESO	Technical Secretary
Andrew Colley	AC	SSE	Proposer’s Alternate
David Monkhouse	DM	National Grid Ventures	Workgroup Member
Garth Graham	GG	SSE	Proposer
Antony Johnson	AJ	NESO	NESO Representative
Frank Kasibante	FK	NESO	NESO Representative
Graeme Vincent	GV	SP Energy	Workgroup Member
Mark Stockton	MS	SSE	Workgroup Member
Mark Waldron	MW	National Grid	Workgroup Member
Mike Kay	MK	DNO Electricity Northwest	Workgroup Member
Paul Drew	PD	Ofgem	Authority Representative