

EREC G81 Working Group

MINUTES

Meeting – Wednesday 26th June 2024, 10:00 – 11:30 MS Teams Meeting

ATTENDEES	INITIAL	COMPANY
Nataliia Myrhorodska	NM	ENA
Alan Creighton	AC	NPg
Paul Dynes	PD	SPEN
Saad Khan	sĸ	GTC
Seth Treasure	ST	NGED
Leon Ford	LF	UKPN
Peter Twomey	PT	ENW
Richard Parke	RP	Threepwood
Les Vaughan	LV	Threepwood
Rhys Thomas	RT	Threepwood
APOLOGIES		
Luke Hughes	LH	UKPN

MEETING NOTES AND ACTIONS

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Agenda item 1. Welcome and acceptance of agenda		NM
Members were welcomed to the meeting, and the agenda was agreed.		
Actions	None	

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Agenda item 2. Confirm minutes of the previous meeting 07th May 2024		ALL
Previous actions were discussed during the meeting.		
Action	None	ALL
Agenda item 3. Approval of the EREC G81 scope		ALL

Threepwood has developed EREC G81 Parts 1 – 7 Scope of Works which was circulated among the members. AC has provided comments on the scope of works.

It was agreed that new version of EREC G81 should to be prepared under the authority of the ENA Head of Engineering and should to be approved for publication by the Distribution Code Review Panel.

The WG clarified by whom EREC G81 is intended to be used. The document is intended to be used by Independent Connection Providers (ICPs) and by Network Operators (DNOs / IDNOs). AC suggested that the document will assist ICPs when they are looking to make connections under the Ofgem Competition in Connections regime and Network Operators will use the document to guide the ICPs through the connections process.

The WG expressed its concern about the definitions in the EREC G81. Members discussed which document is best to use for "Terms and definitions" clause. The WG members had a different views on this and did not reach the consensus. The main point which members agreed that EREC G81 should use consistent terminology with other standards. The issue needs further discussion.

RP noted that scope of the work for the EREC G81 set up a minimum requirement which are broad and need be simplified. The WG agreed that the G81 it is a place to have fundamental statement for all interested parties. The document should take into account requirements for licence conditions and ICP. Also, it should consider the DCode requirements.

Action 1.1	To think which document will be better to use for "Terms and definitions" clause. Next meeting	ALL
Agenda item	4. Update from Threepwood on reformat an existing EREC G81 part 1-7 document	ALL

LV provided a quick update on reformatting existing parts of EREC G81 into one document. LV is intending on completing a draft version by 15th July to circulate to the G81 Working Group for comments. The members of the WG believes that in this way it will be easier to determine the scope of work and identify where the gap is.

It was discussed how the document should be changed. ST advised to summarise the generic information and after provide recommendations according to voltage level as agreed at the first G81 meeting. During the EREC G81 development it is necessary take into account 10 year perspective. The WG agreed that reviving of the collated document is a good way to identify places where we should make changes.

It was agreed to make changes to the EREC G81 Parts 1 – 7 scope of works based on the discussions. In the future, the scope of works is planned to be improved.

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Actions 1.3	To change the EREC G81 Parts 1 – 7 scope of works 15.07.2024	LV/RP/NM
Agenda item 5. GTC position regarding taking responsibilities for new connections adoption		SK

SK provided the GTC position regarding taking responsibilities for new connections adoption. The GTC believes that the new edition of EREC G81 should provide general design requirements for contestable connections.

AC paid attention that EREC G81 defines the arrangements between an ICP and the relevant NO. Also, G81 focused on the adoption of assets by NO that are being provided by another party. The arrangements between DNO and IDNO refers to EREC G88 - Principles for the planning, connection and operation of electricity distribution networks at the interface between distribution network operators (DNOs) and independent distribution network operators (IDNOs).

The WG discussed issues which arise when the NO adopted new connections. Network overload may be one of the biggest problems in the future, in this regard, it is necessary to plan the network design taking into account the perspective of 10 years.

Action	None	
Agenda item 6. Next steps		ALL
See item 4.		
Action	None	
Agenda item 7. AOB		СМ
None raised.		
Action	None	
Agenda item 8. Next meeting		NM
The next meeting is expected in early September. NM circulates a poll to determine the date of the next meeting.		
Action 1.4	To organize the next meeting.	NM

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