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CHANGE PROPOSAL PLAN

R0070 – PROVISION OF ENDURING TEST ENVIRONMENTS

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CHANGE OVERVIEW

This Change Proposal seeks to introduce updates into the REC, to ensure the relevant testing responsibilities are mandated. The introduction seeks to include the provision of enduring test environments and test data for use by REC Parties, when making necessary system changes for REC Change Proposals or internal system updates.

KEY MILESTONES

	FROM	TO
SOLUTION ANALYSIS AND DEVELOPMENT	Completed	Completed
DCC IMPACT ASSESSMENT PERIOD	Completed	Completed
SERVICE PROVIDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT	20/11/2023	03/11/2023
PARTY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	24/11/2023	15/12/2023
PRELIMINARY CHANGE REPORT ISSUED	16/01/2024	16/01/2024
RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE REVIEW	23/01/2024	23/01/2024
CONSULTATION	26/01/2024	09/02/2024

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RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE DECISION	05/03/2024	05/03/2024

1 SCOPE

1.1 IN SCOPE

Within scope of this Change Proposal are the test streams, environments, data and simulators that are required for users of the Central Switching Service (CSS), when REC Change Proposals are being developed or CSS Users wish to test operational changes to their systems.

The table below summarises the outcomes identified to date, which are likely to be affected by the change:

What	Who
Provision of test environments, simulators and data, and supporting documentation	CSS Provider and Switching Operator
Maintenance of test environments, simulators and data	CSS Provider and Switching Operator
Maintain own test environments	Switching Data Service Providers
Deliver outcomes: • SDSP access to simulators • Simulator defect risk managed • (Dis)Connection service requests • Sufficient data sets available	Switching Operator
Request access to environments via service request, for CP testing	CSS Users
Request access to environments via service request, for operational testing	CSS Users

This document details the plan for solution development and impact assessment for this Change Proposal.

1.2 OUT OF SCOPE

Entry process testing for new REC Parties is not in scope of this change; those requirements are already established in Schedule 9 Qualification and Maintenance and Schedule 25 Central Switching Service (for becoming a CSS User).

Specific arrangements for testing of individual Change Proposals, are not in scope of this change – requirements would be determined and arranged as part of the release plan.

Development of any necessary Category 3 documents (e.g., we envisage a Test Data Management Plan, and an Environments Management Plan will be required to be drawn up by the Switching Operator) will be integral to the solution development, and the legal text is expected to refer to them, however, introduction of any Category 3 documents into the REC Baseline Statement will be done via a Category 3 Change Proposal.

2 REQUIRED ACTIVITIES AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

2.1.1 ANALYSIS AND SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT

Discussions on the provisions for enduring testing started under the Switching Programme and have continued since the Programme ended and transitioned under REC management. RECCo, the REC Code Manager and the relevant Service Providers have been collaborating to determine the structure and content of the REC provisions related to testing of both REC Change Proposals and operational changes.

To date the key outcomes have been identified, and a provisional set of legal text changes have been developed and are under review with the Service Providers; this will be finalised during the solution development stage.

Supporting documentation (including that currently envisaged to become Category 3 documents which relate to test environments and test data) has been drafted and is under review against the evolving legal text.

By the end of solution development, the draft legal text will be prepared and aligned with the new Category 3 documents.

2.1.2 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Central Switching Service Switching Operator and Switching Data Service Providers are impacted by this change; therefore, a Service Provider Impact Assessment is needed.

A Party Impact Assessment will be open to non-REC Parties to allow for any relevant responses from these parties to be considered.

An Impact Assessment window has been included in the plan to accommodate all required Impact Assessments.

2.1.3 PRELIMINARY CHANGE REPORT DEVELOPMENT AND CONSULTATION

This plan currently only sets out activity up to and including Impact Assessments. Following completion of solution development, an extended plan will be presented to Change Panel. This will set out all the additional activity including the Preliminary Assessment, consider Impact

Assessment responses and the case for change to develop the Code Manager's recommendation.

2.1.4 FINAL CHANGE REPORT

A Final Assessment will be included as part of the extended plan. The Final Assessment will review consultation responses and assess impacts affecting the Final Change Report and Code Manager's recommendation, prior to publishing the Final Change Report for decision.

2.1.5 RISKS AND ISSUES

No Risks or issues have been identified.

2.1.6 ASSUMPTIONS AND DEPENDENCIES

No Risks or issues have been identified.