

MTWG Update: Staggered Approach to Market Trials

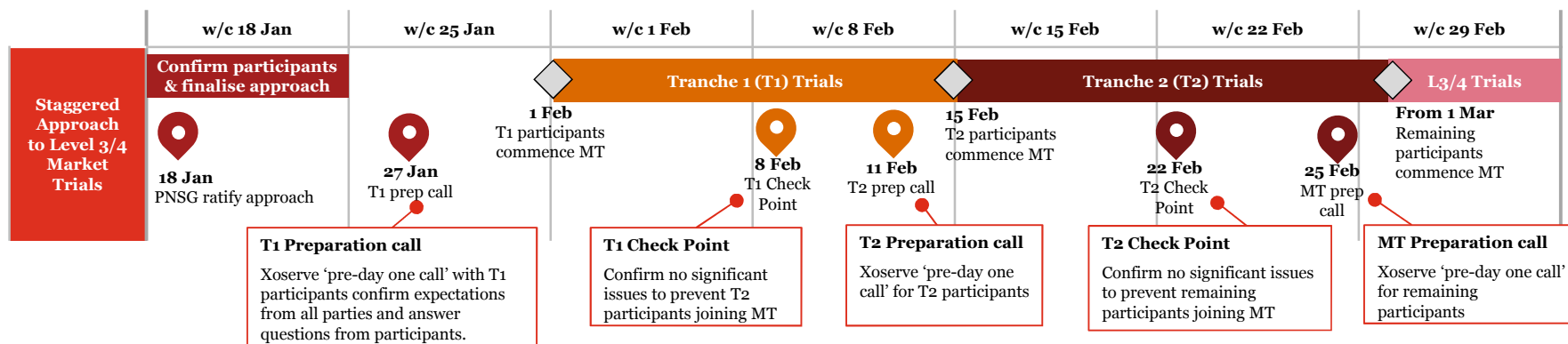
The 8th January 2016 PNSG supported a proposed approach to staggering / phasing entry into Level 3/4 Market Trials. The MTWG were asked to define in more detail how this would operate in practice. This is an update following the meeting on 13th January.

The key objective for the proposed staggered approach is to **build confidence in Market Trials execution and support Xoserve in completing their UAT in parallel.**

The MTWG propose that participants join Market Trials at one of three specified entry points to support the ramp-up of testing. These three tranches aim to allow **a limited number of participants, representative of all market sectors, to test available functionality with data as per the data cut and/or dummy data.** The proposed entry points are as follows:

1. First participant tranche to join Market Trials: **Monday 1st February 2016;**
2. Second tranche to join: **Monday 15th February 2016;** and
3. Remaining participants to join (as per existing L3/L4 MT approach) **from Tuesday 1st March 2016.**

Participants have been asked by their MTWG representatives to commit to the preferred date on which they would be prepared to enter Market Trials. The MTWG will schedule participant entry based on the preferences received. It may be that participants do not get their first preference, as it is intended to have a limited number of participants for Tranche 1 and 2.



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The execution of Market Trials testing within February 2016 will be subject to a number of constraints and dependencies, which have been communicated to participants in the request for their preferred entry point. These are as follows:

#	Key Testing Constraints/Dependencies	Actions
1	MTWG constituent representatives are able to identify a representative spread of organisations to enter L3/L4 trials across the three entry dates.	MTWG to request participants' preference for MT entry.
2	Functionality and data is delivered into trials by Xoserve as planned and participant readiness aligns to available functionality and data.	Monitor UAT progress, data load validation and participant readiness.
3	Partnering may be constrained until all participants have joined Trials. Organisations will have the option to use available partners within each tranche, dummy data or defer transfer of ownership ('TOO') testing until March.	Confirm the TOO options available to each organisation (Partnering, Dummy data or deferral until March).
4	The final set of Meter Points available for trial activity will be communicated by Xoserve on the 22nd January 2016.	Xoserve to provide final position on test data by 22 Jan.