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UK Link Changes

ChMC agenda item 4.2

Agenda item 4.2.1 - Overview of Modifications impacting UK Link Systems

- This agenda item reviews any UNC modifications which have been raised since the last ChMC (Change Management Committee) meeting to assess whether there will be impacts to UK Link as a result
- This is a brief verbal update
- This is covered in more detail in 'Bubbling Under / Horizon Scanning'

Proposal

Is this required or is the more comprehensive discussion during 'bubbling under' of greater benefit?



Agenda item 4.2.2 Implementation Plan / UK Link Modification / Outages

- This section covers the implementation plan; formerly the focus of UKLC (UK Link Committee)
- The rules surrounding UKLC were previously described in Section U of UNC
- These have fallen away



Previous Rules Section U of UNC

- Section U of UNC stated:
 - If a change was being made to UK Link Systems
 - The Transporter must make a summary of the change available, for a 10 day period, for Users to comment upon (representations)
 - The Transporter must serve the following notice <u>from the point of approval</u> by UK Link Committee:
 - Impacts to User systems 6 months notice
 - Impacts to User processes 4 months notice
 - No impacts to Users 0 months notice
 - Changes classified as Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 changes



UKLC expedited process

- Due to the increase in change and requirement for immediate approvals of changes during Nexus the following amendments were made to the UKLC process:
 - Two UKLC meetings were held a month
 - Two change packs were issued a month fortnightly process
 - Representation comments were reduced from 10 days to 9 days
 - Approvals were speeded up



ChMC proposal

- We are proposing, from January 2018 to revert back to the UKLC process from before Nexus:
 - One change pack to be issued the Friday following ChMC
 - Ten business days of representations
 - The CDSP have 5 business days to respond to the representations
 - Representations to be emailed to the distribution list and published on Joint Office website
 - Approval to be sought at ChMC the following week
 - Note the representations will be the Friday before the meeting the following Wednesday – late submission
 - Should there be extensive representation comments submitted approval may be deferred



Example – January - February 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		10 th ChMC		12 th Change Pack issued Representations triggered
15 th SDG to discuss CP*				→
				26 th Representations for Users close out
			→	2 nd Feb Xoserve issue and publish representations
5 th SDG to discuss CP*		7 th ChMC to approve		

Blue = Xoserve Activity, Green = User activity, Black = all



^{*} Subject to change / governance structure

Other Points to Note

- We issue changes as the CDSP therefore we aim to identify all impacted parties
 - All Users are encouraged to validate our assessment
- We classify changes as D or F Documentation or Functional changes
- We aim to retain the notification periods of at least 6 months for a system change, 4 months for a process change, no notification period where there is no impact to Users
- Changes will be subject to ChMC release approach and will be prioritised accordingly therefore no implementation date will be provided, unless known or a rough estimate can be provided



ChMC Considerations

- What works well, what does not work well?
- What could be improved?
- Is there any activity Users would like for early engagement with change?
- Is there a long enough time to respond to change?
- Are Users comfortable to revert to one CP a month?

Feedback welcome to uklink@xoserve.com



^{*}subject to change with a wider review