

WNPO/WTSC Overland Park, Ks

Monday, May 5-7

On behalf of the WTSC I wish to thank Sprint for the excellent accommodations that were provided for this meeting. Sprint is to be commended on its beautiful campus and we thank them for hosting this session. Also, once the tornados and hail storms left the area, the weather was quite nice.

Joint meeting – WNPO / WTSC:

A brief joint session was held with WNPO, with a report on WTSC activities scheduled for this session and recap of the ICP Test Scripts review calls held with representatives of WTSC and OBF to identify modifications to the Test Scripts necessary to support the WICIS 2.0 release.

WTSC welcomed several new attendees to this meeting:

Attendees:

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Jason Kempson	Telecordia		
Debbie Chuilli	SBC		

Discussion:

We reviewed and finalized the definitions of the different testing categories constructed at the previous session. These definitions will ensure that expectations and understanding is consistent across all members.

SOA/ICP Testing and Systems Testing will be combined as SOA/ICP Testing with the note that using back office systems is optional. This is consistent with the broadest base of understanding of what “SOA/ICP Testing” has come to represent..

E2E Testing will be changed to E2E Testing(verification): The scope of this phase of testing is to execute a subset of the inter-carrier test plan to verify primary operations of the various aspects of the life-cycle porting process. As such, selected ICP Test Cases and Network Test Cases will be executed in the production environment , as determined by testing partners. E2E verifications are not likely to be executed until after SOA/ICP testing have eliminated the risk of production problems.

The definition of Round Robin will remain unchanged from the April review.

Final definitions of the testing categories follows:



Test Phases and
Definitions

The Inter-Carrier Test Schedule was updated. Per policy the version on the NPAC website is being updated with the most recent enhancements, but included here for your convenience.

New WTSC Co-chair:

With Mr. Joe Charles ending his 1 year of service as Co-chair, Susan Sill from AWS will be the new Co-chair effective in July. We are grateful that Susan is willing to perform this function. Her involvement in and contributions to the WTSC is well known and her experience will help ensure no loss of continuity with Joe’s departure. Joe well deserves our gratitude for all of the time he has spent serving as Co-chair for the past year. Excellent job!

InterCarrier Test Plan:



WTSC ICT Test
Schedules

1. WTSC has recommended/agreed that the lengthy test plan will be replaced with the condensed version.
2. The flows from the original version will be added to the condensed version.
3. Glossary from original plan will also be updated and added to condensed version.
4. Susan Sill (AWS) Janet Bishop (AWS) and Tracey Patterson (USC) will collaborate to refine the condensed version, to enable retirement of the lengthy test plan document.

Lessons Learned:

USC/Verizon/AWS – Raleigh

1. NPAC stability proved to be an issue.
2. NPAC Filters – ensure that each carrier has their filters set correctly at the NPAC level
3. Testing between AWS, VZW and USC will be re-executed due to multiple issues. Carriers agreed that current test results are not acceptable and overall test would be a “fail”. Too many workarounds had to be implemented in order to finish test cases, and not all cases were able to be executed.
4. May be a need for the WTSC to form a letter requesting that more attention be given to NPAC test bed reliability.

New Issues:

1. New schedule has been loaded to the NPAC website under Wireless: WTSC ICT Test Schedule.
2. Time will be set aside during the June meeting to discuss the first ICP fax test between RCA and USC.
3. Providers black out periods should be noted on test calendar – especially those in the September, October, and November.
 - a. Many carriers usually have a blackout time during the November-January timeframe due to retail season. Late entries into testing may have difficulty finding test partners during that time.
4. The WTSC will issue a statement to the WNPO to include possible black out dates for retail season, approximately 11/1/03 through 1/30/04. Each carrier can make their own exceptions. During black out periods no Inter-Carrier Testing will be conducted.
5. The Network testing schedule format and content has been revised and will be reviewed and updated. Attempt to identify all remaining markets that carriers wish to test in.
6. Sprint Contribution submission - Discuss a contingency plan to be used for managing the influx of carriers anticipated to participate in Industry Testing at the last minute prior to 11/24/03
 - a. It was determined that each carrier will take this issue on internally.
7. Construct team to combine ICT documents (main & condensed)
8. 911 Testing: WTSC has expressed their concern that 911 testing to date has been inadequate. Further testing is needed to encompass all phases of the 911 rollout.

Standardized Templates:

The ICP Test Scripts Section 4.0 was thoroughly reviewed /revised during the meeting in preparation for final review by OBF/WNPO. Please review and provide any questions or suggestions you may have to Gary Eads. This will be submitted to the OBF and WNPO for their final review prior to the June meeting.



WLNP_IC_Test_Template (Draft) for WIC

Round Robin Testing

Plans for Round Robin testing were developed utilizing the Network red robin testing plan as a model. This plan includes identification of the tests that will be executed, MDNs used, carriers involved and sequence of ports along with expected results. Further work on this will be done at the June meeting. Round Robin testing is scheduled for September.

Future Meeting Logistics:

June 9-10 WTSC meeting New York - host AT&T - 32 Avenue of the Americas (a.k.a. 6th Avenue), New York 10013. The AT&T building is located one block south of Canal St. This is a secure facility and they will need a list of attendees (name & company) in advance of the meeting. So, please confirm with Gary.Eads@uscellular.com as your attendance is determined. As for the airports, any one of the three major ones (JFK, La Guardia and Newark airports will require a taxi or bus service.

Per the show of hands at the May WTSC meeting the following representatives will be attending the NYC meetings:

Joe Charles, Susan Sill, Janet Bishop, Gary Eads, Dave Alexander, Jason Kempson, Julie Groenen, Darren Paffenroth, Mike VanBoven, Tracey Patterson