

Ofgem Testing Workgroup – Tuesday 2nd July

Xoserve Attendees

Chan Dabare – Programme Test Manager

Emma Lyndon – Engagement Manager

Jo Galloway – Industry Testing lead

Amerjeet Bharj – SIT and functional Test lead

Sajad Husain – Test PMO Project Manager

Helder Figuera – Performance and NFR Lead

The objective of this workgroup was to discuss comments raised on the CSSIA document issued by the SI on the 26th June 2019

Summary

Review of the CSSIA Testing Document raised a number of questions by parties attending the meeting. The main discussion points included the sequence of test phases, environment provision and roles and responsibilities.

Key discussion areas

E2E test:

As Xoserve does not initiate many E2E processes; Xoserve queried and requested more clarity on SIs expectations of E2E testing. The SI advised “Whilst most processes are initiated in other systems, ESPs are expected to execute those elements of the scenario that reside within their systems. This includes validation of inputs and outputs e.g. messages to/from CSS or downstream systems, and checking of updates to systems”. We discussed this point at length during the meeting and concluded that the SI will provide more detailed information enabling us to plan these activities more efficiently. The SI also made clear that they would require considerable assistance in developing and writing test scenarios and scripts from ESPs – not only for E2E but all aspects of testing.

Environment Management:

There was nervousness with regards to how multi-faceted release and change management will impact volume and performance test phase and its coordination and alignment of test environments. During the discussion the SI took an action to review both Release and Change management approaches and align them.

SIT:

There was a concern raised by a participant as to how much collaboration with other parties is expected during SIT. SI agreed to amend the CSSIA to be more specific and confirm parties involved with specific test phases.

- It was also made clear that all consequential change testing should be completed before the start of SI E2E test.
- There was considerable concern raised regarding roles and responsibilities across all test phases - from a test management and an environment management perspective. The SI agreed to make the document(s) more specific across all areas and for any future documentation
- We feel that objectives of smoke testing is misunderstood hence SI is discussing “glide path readiness” instead of typical smoke test activities.
- There is an intention to re baseline the overall testing plan (SI)
- Questions were raised regarding potential clashes regarding the availability of test environment and responsibility for the provision of test data. Specifically the availability of pre-production test environments during smoke testing. Detailed workshops will be held to clarify these issues.

Planned meetings for week commencing 8th July 2019

DCC Switching Summit – 9th July 2019

Xoserve extraordinary CSSC DSG – 11th July 2019