

Meeting Minutes

Treatment of SCR082302-01EX (Implementation of Multiple CRs Prior to IMA 12.0) As an Exception to CMP

**September 19, 2002 2 p.m.
Inverness Hotel – Conference Room D**

Meeting Start Time: 10:15 a.m.

NOTE: The meeting began at 10:15 a.m. MT. The meeting took place as an agenda item during the September Monthly Systems CMP Meeting. The Exception component of the meeting was originally scheduled for 2:00 p.m. but was rescheduled to 10:15 a.m. at the request of and without dissent from the CMP meeting attendees.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Exception Meeting was to decide whether to treat SCR082302-01EX (Implementation of Multiple CRs Prior to IMA 12.0) as an exception to the CMP. A vote was planned and noted in the agenda.

ATTACHMENTS

NOTE: Because the exception meeting took place as an agenda item on the Monthly Systems CMP Meeting a full list of CMP Meeting attendees can be found in the meeting attendees list for the September Monthly Systems CMP Meeting.

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Michael Buck/Qwest — Introduced the exception request (SCR082302-01EX) from WorldCom and asked Jeff Thompson/Qwest to do a recap of the request and the analysis done to date.

Jeff Thompson/Qwest — The request seeks to implement two CRs from the IMA 12.0 prioritized list by December 31, 2002. The two CRs are SCR060702-01 (Migrating Customers using the Conversion As Specified Activity Type) and SCR061302-01 (Migrate UNE-P Customers by TN). They were ranked #2 and #19, respectively, during the IMA 12.0 prioritization process.

Qwest has analyzed the CRs and the request to deploy by the end of 2002. The nature of the CRs requires all the functions for CLEC-impacting candidates be done, including: technical specifications, production migrations, testing, training etc. All of these activities are typically done as part of a major release effort. Therefore, implementation of these two specific CRs would require a major release effort. Qwest examined the feasibility of implementing these CRs in the next scheduled major release (in November.) However the November release is too far along at this point for these CRs to be added. There is the IMA 11.1 point release in January. So we could convert those resources and create a new special major release for these two CRs. The new special major release could be delivered in January 2003. Both SATE and IMA could be delivered at the same time. If that's not acceptable to CLECs, SATE could deliver in January with delivery of the IMA special major release in February. The working assumption for the analysis that Qwest has done was that WorldCom's desire to accelerate these CRs would mean implementing these in January. However, for the most part, the implications of early delivery apply regardless of when the special major release would be delivered.

Qwest then looked to determine the work impacted. Implementing a special major release for these CRs in the timeframe noted would require a very aggressive development schedule creating a lot of risk to the release itself. The risk is that there is less time to recover from any issues, known or unknown, which may come up. With a

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normal release schedule, there is time to correct issues. In this case, however, with an accelerated schedule, there would be minimal time for corrections.

Associated functions for documentation and training would also be impacted. Disclosure of technical specifications would probably be missed by about 30 days. Instead of the required 73 days for disclosure of draft technical specifications, Qwest would have to deliver them around 45 days or sometime around then. This leaves less time for CLECs to implement required changes on their side. Such compression of the timeline cascades down from there. Training for 11.0 would have just been completed so there would be back to back training which would affect both Qwest and the CLECs.

To accelerate these two CRs would also require resources to be diverted from the 12.0 development efforts. Qwest would augment the IMA 11.01 point release resources with resources from the IMA 12.0 release. That would result in pulling those resources away from the IMA 12.0 release work. Based on the Levels of Effort (LOE) given today, it is anticipated that about 13,000 hours would need to be pulled from the IMA 12.0 release to get these two CRs done in time. It would appear at this point that, in addition to the two CRs being discussed, another candidate from 12.0 would also need to be dropped. There are currently two CRs tied for #17 and an assessment would need to be made in order to determine which CR would need to be dropped. Jeff reviewed the two CRs that are tied for #17 priority.

In addition to consequences for acceleration and resources, we (Qwest and CLECs) have agreed to the CMP which has established rules for governing how we do business together (i.e. Qwest and CLECs). This exception would break some of those agreements. It would break the agreement of not having major releases 3 less than months apart. Also because these releases are so close together, implementing these two specific CRs early would impact sunset dates. As Bonnie Johnson/Eschelon alluded to before, there are only 3 hardware platforms. Because the special major release would need to be deployed on one of those platforms, other major releases would need to be retired earlier than currently planned. The sunset for IMA 10.0 would be April, possibly March. This is a constraint of Qwest's hardware operating environment.

This acceleration would also overturn the prioritization process by taking CRs #2 and #19 out of order and putting them in an earlier release. This would also result in overturning two previous unanimously approved exception CRs. The CR submitted by Qwest (SCR080502-01EX – Exception to Section 10.2.2 for IMA 12.0 Prioritization) to have 12.0 worked with 50% LOSG candidates and 50% from the prioritized list, and the CR submitted by WorldCom (SCR081402-01EX – Exception to Section 10.2.2 for IMA 12.0 Prioritization) to have 12.0 be 100% from the prioritized list.

In some of the previous dialogue, WorldCom had asked where these candidates were in the development phase. They are currently in definition.

Jeff Thompson/Qwest — That's where we're at. This is an assessment of what it would take to do these two specific CRs in an early special major release. Are there any questions?

Liz Balvin/WorldCom — WorldCom only brought these CRs forward because of an Ex Parte conversation that Qwest had with the FCC. Qwest indicated that Section 16 could allow for expedited treatment outside of a normal planned release. Qwest went on to say that no CLECs had requested these two CRs to be implemented prior to 12.0. Therefore WorldCom felt this was an option that we could pursue. It seems to WorldCom that the exception process does not appear to be an option. I believe there are some restrictions in the CMP document, not only the ones Jeff just referenced – 'three months in-between a major release' – plus it requires having 3 majors a year. Jeff talked about all the things that would have to be changed, but the biggest impact will be on resources which you will always have and that's why this is a unanimous vote. Just to reiterate, these are critical CRs to WorldCom. In Qwest's response, they indicated that they are currently defining the top 19 CRs. If we could get it by April, that would benefit us as well. We would not have pursued this if Qwest had not said this was an option to the FCC.

Judy Schultz/Qwest — I do think the exception process is an option for requests like this. With more lead-time, there may have been more options for this request. It may have been possible to include these CRs in the IMA 11.0 release. I don't want to discourage anyone from considering the exception process. In this case, it really is a timing issue.

Liz Balvin/WorldCom — I think this is a timing issue regardless, it will be impacting to resources throughout the year.

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Judy Schultz/Qwest — There will always be ramifications, but, if the exception CR is submitted early enough, there would be time to work through the issues. Again, in this case, if the request had been submitted earlier, it could potentially have been addressed in the IMA 11.0 release.

Jeff Thompson/Qwest — The ramifications will be different each time, depending on the nature of each exception request. There have been other exception CRs, like the next exception CR, for example, where the ramifications are different. The exceptions need to be treated individually and this forum is where we get to discuss whether we want to head down the path of an exception. This doesn't invalidate the process but demonstrates that the process works.

Liz Balvin/WorldCom — And you won't know what those ramifications are until you submit the CR. WorldCom also doesn't want to discourage anyone from using the exception process. It seems that for getting CRs in prior to a scheduled major release, the only option seems to be the SCRP where you pay for resources and then it wouldn't impact anything.

Jeff Thompson/Qwest — Clearly bringing on additional resources would lessen the constraints. However, the SCRP should not be characterized as the only option.

Mike Buck/Qwest — Asked if there were other comments or questions. No comments.

Mike Buck/Qwest — Reviewed the quorum calculation. The results of the quorum calculation indicate that 7 or more carriers constitute a quorum. Mike also reviewed the list of carriers in attendance at the meeting. Mike reminded everyone that this was a unanimous vote as discussed and agreed to in the ad hoc meeting. He pointed to the notice included in attachment P describing what was meant by "Yes" and "No" votes. He also read from the Wholesale CMP Process document section 16.4.1, which indicated that the vote is "taken only to determine whether the Exception Request will be handled on an exception basis. The requesting party may still pursue its desired change through the established CMP."

Bonnie Johnson/Eschelon — Commented that if you vote "yes" you support going forward with this exception CR if you vote "no" it will not go forward.

Liz Balvin/WorldCom — Reminded everyone that the notification indicated a "yes" vote was a preference for Qwest to allocate the resources to go forward with December date. She indicated that WorldCom chose not to change the date requested for implementation of these CRs to January. She asked to be sure that the e-mailed vote is also read out.

AT&T — No

Covad — Abstain

Eschelon — No

McCleod — No

NC Telcom — Abstain

Popp Communications — Abstain

SeviSense — Yes

Time Warner Telecommunications — Yes

USLink — Yes

Vartec — Yes

WorldCom — Yes

Z-Tel — Yes

Allegiance — No

Qwest — No

Integra — No

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Mike Buck/Qwest — Confirmed that all carriers in room and on call were accounted for. Indicated that the request to treat these two CRs on an exception basis as described was not agreed to by a vote of 6 “No” votes, 6 “Yes” votes, and 3 “Abstain” votes.

Mike Buck/Qwest — Asked if there were any other questions. There were none.