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SUBJECT: Industry Test Group (ITG) Application for Membership

Purpose of this Bulletin is to formally launch our Industry Test Groups, sharing the Terms of Reference and inviting membership of test groups.

Any interested parties need to review the Terms of Reference to ensure you meet the criteria and complete a short form **to apply for membership by Friday 21 July 2023.**

TOTSCo was requested by industry to play a role in coordinating the approach to One Touch Switch (OTS) testing, with the ultimate goal of achieving the OTS go-live. In delivering a test programme TOTSCo aims to bring industry together to design testing, share test cases and discuss approach.

To that end we are announcing the creation of Industry Test Groups (ITGs) to co-ordinate the industry approach to OTS testing.

To provide maximum opportunity for Industry engagement, we propose to **establish four test groups** for CPs and a separate test group for Managed Access Providers.

The four CP groups are based around scale and/or type of CP in anticipation that this might provide commonality in topics of interest and experience. The Groups are organised by large CPs, medium CPs (50k-500k), and two groups for smaller CPs (<50K customers) and Altnets.   We appreciate that there may be some overlap so please apply for the group that best represents your organisation. If we do not have sufficient applications then we may combine some Groups.

The Managed Access Provider group will be specific to providers who are developing Managed Access solutions that will allow CPs to indirectly connect to the TOTSCo Hub. To facilitate industry wide CP to CP testing we expect cross fertilisation and testing between the CP groups and the Managed Access Group.

Our dedicated Industry Test Lead, Anand Sundaram, will co-ordinate these groups

In summary, the role of the ITGs is to design and contribute to the test approach. CPs unable to participate in the groups will not be disadvantaged. We will keep everyone up to date, including information of how you can buddy-up with other CPs during testing phases through our usual channels. Our usual protocols will apply with full transparency in sharing minutes and recordings of meetings held.

As the terms of reference describes, the role of the working group is to:

- Contribute to the suggested Industry Test Approach (to be co-ordinated by the OTS Industry Testing Lead) which will lay down the strategy/approach and timelines for the end-to-end testing of OTS.

- Collaborate to design the test cases and test data, improving them with the learnings acquired during the test definition and execution phase.

- Propose and implement modifications to the Industry Test Approach based on industry consensus.

- Agree on the modus operandi for conducting buddy to buddy testing where appropriate.

- Meet regularly to review the test plan and outputs with a view to continually challenge and improve testing processes.

- Work collaboratively, supported by TOTSCo, to plan and co-ordinate industry OTS tests based upon the scope, dependencies, risks, and issues provided by the CPs and required by the target outcomes.

We expect the Groups to be fortnightly with additional or extended sessions if necessary.

To apply for membership

If you would like to apply for membership of the Test Group for Small CPs or Altnets please review the Terms of Reference and complete a short form to apply for membership **by 21 July 2023.** If you have any questions, please contact us on enquiries@totsco.org.uk.

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