

GE/SES Staff

SES-148-87
31 July 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution

THROUGH: Chief, Advanced Development Division, ESG

FROM: Laird Steinberg
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SUBJECT: Transition ERB Meeting Report

1. A Transition Engineering Review Board was held on 30 July 1987 at 1330. See Attachment A for the list of attendees. See Attachment B for the agenda. See Attachment C for copy of DRs and RFCs.
2. M. Tanigawa opened the meeting and reviewed the enclosed DRs and RFCs.
3. The critical item presented at the last T-ERB, HU-RFC-E-006-87 was addressed. LEC is to provide a cost and schedule impact statement and a technical evaluation to the T-ERB 13 August.
4. The T-ERB discussed nine new DRs.
 - a. *HU-DR-E-003-87, the ATEX Log-On* was presented. LEC will have this DR completed prior to close of business 31 July. The SI is to confirm and formally close the DR.
 - b. *HU-DR-E-004-87, Add a Line to the Selective Directory Menu* was presented. The DR duplicates Action Item no. 300. The ERB decided to close AI 300 and track this discrepancy with the DR. The DR is to be completed by close of business 31 July. The SI is to confirm and formally close the DR.
 - c. *HU-DR-E-005-87, Automatic Spike of Transmitted Items* was presented. The ERB declared this DR closed as non-discrepant. The SI will work with OPS to open a Change Request and set the priority at C.

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d. *HU-DR-E-006-87, Wire Editors Manually Inserting Extra "Quad Lefts"*. The ERB declared this DR closed as non-discrepant. The SI will work with OPS and LEC to obtain additional information and open a Change Request. The priority is C.

e. *HU-DR-E-007-87, the Atex Computer Operator to send 2 copies of Wire Log*. The ERB declared this DR to be non-discrepant. Bill P. and Jeff B. are to work the problem. If they are unable to resolve it, a Change Request will be submitted.

f. *HU-DR-E-008-87, Copies of all Incoming Messages Going to WS Select Queue*. The ERB declared this DR to be non-discrepant. This requirement is a request to change the system spec. This DR will be submitted as an RFC to the CCB.

g. *HU-DR-E-009-87, Read-only Components Lock out Wire Editors From Queue*. The DR is to be returned to the originator for additional information and presented next week. If a problem arises, an emergency T-/ERB will convene.

h. *HU-DR-E-010-87, Transmitting Wire Items Before the Header is Attached*. The SI and the Segment Manager have been tasked to develop a T/I and track this DR with HU-RFC-E-006-87. The RFC may resolve the DR, LEC is to evaluate and report to the T-ERB 13 August.

i. *HU-DR-E-012-87, the Program Scrub Key Should Also Call the Item*. This discrepancy was addressed as Action Item number ADD 401/LEC 292 which was previously closed. A change would require a software change; Atex cannot accommodate this request. The DR is closed.

j. *CO-DR-E-001-87, Multiple Digraphs*. This DR was addressed in an emergency T-ERB meeting held 24 July. The ERB authorized Ed Brewer to make the necessary changes. This DR is to be closed and the documentation is to be updated.

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5. The T-ERB discussed the status of three RFCs presented last week.
 - a. *HU-RFC-E-004-87, Additional Shaftstall Input Device and Model Upgrade.* ESG will have the additional shaftstall purchased by 31 August.
 - b. *HU-RFC-E-010-87, AFP/Reuters Wire Service.* OPS concurs with the request. The T-ERB approved for implementation. This RFC is complete and closed.
 - c. *HU-RFC-E-011-87, AFP/Reuters Wire Service.* OPS concurs with the request. The T-ERB approved for implementation. This RFC is complete and closed.
6. The following four RFCs were reviewed for closure.
 - a. *HU-RFC-E-005-87, Wire Log* was withdrawn by the originator. RFC is closed.
 - b. *HU-RFC-E-007-87, Wire Editor Log-on* was withdrawn by the originator. RFC is closed.
 - c. *HU-RFC-E-008-87, Wire Log Book Codes* was completed by LEC. The change to required documentation needs verification. RFC is closed.
 - d. *CO-RFC-E-001-87, Additional VAX Terminal for Computer Center* has been completed. RFC is closed.
7. Open discussion covered the following topics.
 - a. Additional DRs and RFCs have been submitted. The SI is reviewing them for completeness. If not appearing on the agenda, they are being reviewed. However, if an item is an A priority, notify the SI when submitting the report to insure its addition to the T-ERB agenda.

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b. The Managing Editor, C/DRD, DC/DRD will have their own log-ons. [redacted] has requested their log-ons for 31 July because they are arriving. [redacted] will work with Jeff but desires more than 12 hour notice of these requests in the future.

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8. The next Transition ERB is scheduled for Thursday, 6 August at 1330.

Laird Steinberg

Attachments:

- A. T-ERB Attendees
- B. T-ERB Agenda
- C. DR and RFC Reports

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ATTACHMENT A

T-ERB Attendees

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ATTACHMENT B

TRANSITION ERB

AGENDA

	No. to Review
1) Critical Reports	
Request for Change	1
HU-RFC-E-006-87	
2) Discrepancy Reports	
New DRs	9
HU-DR-E-003-87	
HU-DR-E-004-87	
HU-DR-E-005-87	
HU-DR-E-006-87	
HU-DR-E-007-87	
HU-DR-E-008-87	
HU-DR-E-009-87	
HU-DR-E-010-87	
HU-DR-E-012-87	
DRs proposing install	0
DRs to be closed	1
CO-DR-E-001-87	
3) Requests for Change	
New RFCs	0
RFCs in process	3
HU-RFC-E-004-87	
HU-RFC-E-010-87	
HU-RFC-E-011-87	
RFCs pending closure	4
HU-RFC-E-005-87	
HU-RFC-E-007-87	
HU-RFC-E-008-87	
CO-RFC-E-001-87	
4) Open Discussion	

FBIS OPEN DR STATUS REPORT

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DR No.	Title	Actionee	Status	Due Date
CO-DR -E-001-87	Multiple Digraphs	LEC	T/I	07-26-1987

Description:

London has multiple digraphs. AFS only supports one digraph per OSRI. Messages spill that bear PM, EA, etc. To Process it involves changing accounting line from FBLD to FBPM.

ERB Action:

HU-DR -E-002-87	Bureau Filing Numbers	LEC	T/I	08-06-1987
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Description:

VAX assigns Bureau Filing Numbers (BFN) to outgoing service messages and admin numbers to outgoing administrative messages. Vax created BFNs (11 characters) are in the following form: BFN: WA 202145487WA = HQ digraphxxx =

ERB Action: Assign to LEC for assessment.

HU-DR -E-003-87	Atex Log-On, Steps To Process Outgoing Messages From Data Ct		OPEN	
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Description:

The Data Center was not provided instruction to properly log on the Atex system to process outgoing messages. We do not have a Log-on period.

ERB Action:

HU-DR -E-004-87	Add Line To Selective Directory Menu.		OPEN	
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Description:

WS wants to: 1. Enter the R1 value, 2. select either WSS-RTB or DISCRD-RTB, 3. go to a line, hit execute, and default would be the last two days.

Add a line to the Selective directory menu.

ERB Action:

HU-DR -E-005-87	Automatic Spike Of Transmitted Items.		OPEN	
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Description:

Items transmitted to WS subscribers or autodin remain in the queue. Atex should automatically delete these items.

ERB Action:

HU-DR -E-006-87	Wire Editors Manually Inserting Extra "Quad Lefts".		OPEN	
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Description:

Wire editors must manually insert extra "quad lefts" between headlines,

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DR No.	Title	Actionee	Status	Due Date
	sourcelins, and the body of items to ensure double line spacing. Also, there is no extra line feed at the end of the "Bulletin/Not" field on Transmit menus so			

ERB Action:

HU-DR -E-007-87	Atex Computer Operator Send 2 Copies Of Wire Log.		OPEN	
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Description:

The Atex operator creates and routes only one copy of the FBIS Wire Log to the Select queue and the Wire Slot Editor.

The Atex operator should send two copies of the Wire Log to the Select queue and the Wire Slot Editor. One copy is needed for Bureaus, via Autodin, the other is for consumers over wire.

ERB Action:

HU-DR -E-008-87	Copies Of ALL Incoming Messages Going To WS Select Queue.		OPEN	
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Description:

AFS Wire Service as currently implemented delivers one copy of ALL incoming messages to the Wire Service select queue.

Wire Service Receive messages flagged "ONLY WIRE" and not those flagged "ONLY ---- --".

ERB Action:

HU-DR -E-009-87	Read-Only Components Lock Out Wire Editors From Queue.			
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Description:

Components (DR, PROD, etc.) with read-only capability in the Wire's queues, can lock the Wire editor out, even though they can not change or manipulate an item.

ERB Action:

HU-DR -E-010-87	Transmitting Wire Items Before The Header Is Attached.			
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Description:

If the editor charged with transmitting items updates the selective directory, there is a time when a numbered message can be transmitted before the header is attached to the item.

ERB Action:

DR No.	Title	Actionee	Status	Due Date
HU-DR -E-011-87	Multitake Procedure Can Not Be Handled By The Menu			

Description:

Multitake procedure cannot be handled by the menu (such information placed in the menu will appear above, and not below, the headline). Editors must manually key take information into the proper place.

ERB Action:

HU-DR -E-012-87 Programmed Scrub Key
Should Also Call The
Item.

Description:

Clarification of "select" and "call".

ERB Action:

HU-DR -E-013-87 Add Line To Selective
Directory Menu. Ref
HU-DR-004

OPEN

Description:

In the Wire Service Selective Menu, a line appears on the menu to delimit hours. This line is inoperative. WS would like this capability to specify hours in a Selective Directory Menu.

To implement this menu item.

ERB Action:

HU-DR -E-014-87 Wire Service Admin Queue

Description:

Wire Service Admin Queue currently displays the three digit admin check number. This does not give a wire editor proper information.

Wire Service Admin Queue should display the originator admin identifier and not the check number, ie. AU465 vs. 282.

ERB Action:

HU-DR -E-015-87 Proslugs On Outgoing WSS
Autodin Messages

Description:

On 27 July, WSS generated an outgoing Autodin message with a proslug. Message spilled because the system verification procedures did not allow proslugs.

Proslugs on outgoing messages are valid SOP. Messages created with proslugs should not spill.

ERB Action:

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RFC No.	Title	Actionee	Status	Due Date
CO-RFC-E-001-87	Additional VAX Terminal For Computer Center	LEC	REVIEW	08-06-1987

Description:

An additional VAX terminal is required for C/VAX/COMM. This is needed for Field Bureau Support

Install one VAX ESP 6515 Terminal in room 3N18D. This will be used for field bureau support which requires messages to be originated from files, manuals or responding to messages received that require responses.

ERB Action:

FS-RFC-E-002-87	Update To The Field Bureau Segment		PREPARAT'N	
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Description:

ERB Action:

HU-RFC-E-004-87	Additional Shaftstall Input Device And Model Upgrade.	ESG	APPROVAL	
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Description:

PROD and ESG success in converting ICs to use softcopy (floppy disk) input. The original sizing of one Shaftstall converter will not be sufficient for expected peak load.

Procure an additional Shaftstall and upgrade for existing model 5000 to 5000XT. Update all lower level specs. Install, checkout, and test new and upgraded units. Modify operational procedures as necessary.

ERB Action:

HU-RFC-E-005-87	Wire Log	SI	REVIEW	07-30-1987
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Description:

Request Atex computer operator send two copies of wire log to the wire select queue instead of the review queue.

ERB Action:

HU-RFC-E-006-87	Wire Service Numbering	LEC	REVIEW	07-30-1987
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Description:

Have AFS assign number to outgoing items so that there is no possibility for transmission of WSS items out of sequence.

ERB Action:

HU-RFC-E-007-87	Wire Editor Log-On	SI	REVIEW	07-30-1987
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Description:

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	Request that Wire Slot and Rim log-ons be linked with the select queue instead of the WS-WS1 queue. In other words, both the slot and rim, when they log on, will be in the select queue.			
	ERB Action: -----			
HU-RFC-E-008-87	Wire Log Book Codes	LEC	REVIEW	07-30-1987
	Description: Wire log needs to reflect new Daily Report book codes and geographical breakdowns. It is currently not up to date with the changes made on 1 June.			
	Wire log needs to be compiled according to current 1 June Daily Report geographical breakdowns.			
	ERB Action: -----			
HU-RFC-E-009-87	WSS Header Menu		REJECTED	
	Description: When Wire Header Numbered Message or Unnumbered Message menu is called, another editor can access the edited item. When original editor attempts to put the header on the item, unable to do so. In the case of Numbered Messages, Have the header attach itself to the item while the item is on the editor's screen, without having to go through the menu screen.			
	ERB Action: -----			
HU-RFC-E-010-87	AFP/Reuters Wire Service	Ops	REVIEW	07-30-1987
	Description: Current baseline provides two queues for each wire service, a working queue and a master retention queue. Baseline had WSS either using or deleting items from working queue. In training WSS preferred to not have to delete items			
	Delete working queues for AFP and Reuters and allow WSS editors to fetch copy an AFP or Reuters item from retention queues.			
	ERB Action: -----			
HU-RFC-E-011-87	AFP/Reuters Wire Services	Ops	REVIEW	07-30-1987
	Description: To reduce the time required to scroll to bottom of directory to access the latest item. Queue is FIFO so newest items appear at bottom. Volume running 300 items per day.			
	Reduce storage retention parameter from 5 days to 2 days.			
	ERB Action: -----			
HU-RFC-E-012-87	Wire Log-On Queue	SI/LEC	REVIEW	08-06-1987
	Description: The present log-on procedures puts the users into an empty queue. After			

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 editing, the items are stored in the Log-on queue rather than the original queue. This forces the user to go back to the Log-on queue to transmit the

Program the keys that take us to queues in which we have write privileges in such a way that pressing the keys will not only take us to a given queue but also log us on to that queue.

ERB Action:

HU-RFC-E-013-87	Wire Service Message Header Change		OPEN	
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Description:

remove "To All" line from wss outgoing message header

ERB Action:

HU-RFC-E-014-87	Wire Service Programmed Keys		OPEN	
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Description:

wire service programmed keys -- "scrub" key should also "call" item -- NOTE:
 this appears similar to action item (add401 / lec292) from end-to-end that is now closed. what was resolution???

ERB Action:
