

Title: Response to LS on Addition of test cases to pre-Rel-6 test specifications for existing pre-Rel-6 features

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Release: R99, Rel-4, Rel-5 & Rel-6

Work Item:

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To: TSG CT WG 6

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1. Background

3GPP TSG CT thanks TSG CT WG6 (CT6) for their LS (CT-050165) on addition of test cases to pre-Rel-6 test specifications for existing pre-Rel-6 features. This document was considered at some length along with CT-050172 (a joint company proposal) during the meeting. This LS is a response to the request for CT to provide guidance on the principles that should apply when new test cases to previously frozen core specifications and test specifications are thought necessary by the working groups. It also provides recommendations as to how to deal with the specific issue raised in the CT6 LS as well as how test specifications documentation might be developed in the future.

2. Principles

3GPP TSG CT has identified that the following principles should be applied by CT6 when considering CRs to previously frozen core and test specifications or when expanding the scope of existing test specifications:

- No changes may apply to any pre-Rel-6 core specification unless the proposed changes are considered to be essential and justifiable.
- No changes may apply to any pre-Rel-6 test specifications unless the proposed changes are considered to be essential and justified in so much that they would address specific IOP issues experienced in operational networks and for which no further changes are required to the core specifications.
- In the instances that changes can be justified, they should apply to the earliest release considered practical to match the nature of the proposed changes.

3. Recommendations

To address the specific issues raised by CT6 (in CP-050165), TSG CT has applied the principles expressed above and recommends that:

- The relevant CRs should not apply to R99 and Rel-4 unless further justification is provided.
- The Rel-5 (and above) CRs should be incorporated into the relevant specifications as soon as possible.
- CT6 considers the adoption of a single version document of the test specifications, similar to the approach currently practiced in GERAN and RAN5. Such a document would be based on the latest release applicable but would cover all previous releases and would employ a CT6 prescribed method for identifying which tests apply to which release.

4. Actions

To CT6

CT kindly requests that CT6 observes the principles stated in this LS and implements the recommendations accordingly.

5. Date of Next TSG-CT Meetings

TSG-CT Meeting #29	21 – 23 September 2005	Tallinn, Estonia
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