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System Operator for Northern Ireland

Moyle Interconnector Trading System (MITS)

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- **MITs Audit**
- **Support Arrangements**
- **Enhancements**
- **Wish List**

MITs Audit

- **Commissioned with PWC**
- **Objective – to identify any significant operational or commercial risks associated with the operation of MITs**
- **Scope**
 - 1. Review of controls over input, processing and output of data & adequacy of audit trails**
 - 2. Security Penetration testing by security experts**
 - 3. Review of SLA between SONI & RTÉ**



MITs Audit

Main Findings:-

- **Levels of security controls deployed to protect the web servers needed increased**
- **Administration of security and passwords had some weaknesses**
- **MITs Audit trail required more timely review and any MITs activities outside of the system required to be logged**



MITs Audit

Action:- System Security

- **Session variables stored in the MITs database (instead of in ‘cookies’ on the client) to prevent user manipulation of session variables**
- **All user requests validated against sessions in the MITs database to reduce the risk of unauthorised use of the MITs**
- **Expire sessions that have been inactive for a period**



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Action: System Security

- **Password changes are now enforced by the system (change required every 90 days)**
- **Capture of tcp/ip login address and user lockout after a number of failed login attempts**
- **User passwords and PINs encrypted on MITs database**
- **Password History maintained**
- **Dictionary of banned passwords maintained**
- **Physical security of server room tightened**



MITS Audit

Action: Audit Controls

- **MITS Operational procedures changed to ensure authorisation and logging of MITS database activity**
- **Audit trail logs on MITS checked regularly**
- **A new ‘User Change Form’ has been drawn up for additions/deletions and changes to users. (This is available on our website www.soni.ltd.uk)**



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Action: SLA

- **Backup/Recovery procedures at RTel updated**
- **Disaster Recovery Plan drawn up by RTel**
- **Cover of the system outside office hours to be investigated**

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Current arrangements - SONI have an SLA with RTTEL covering office hours. All parties must contact SONI personnel with faults & not RTTEL directly.

However, users have a responsibility for ensuring their own continued access to MITS e.g. Maintain their tcp/ip addresses which are registered on the MITS.

To date fault levels low:-

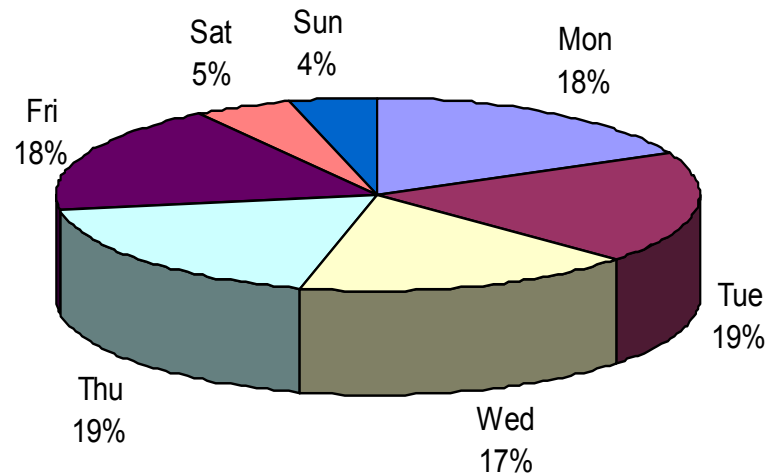
Emergency Fall-back position - Email nominations only when called upon by SONI



Support Arrangements

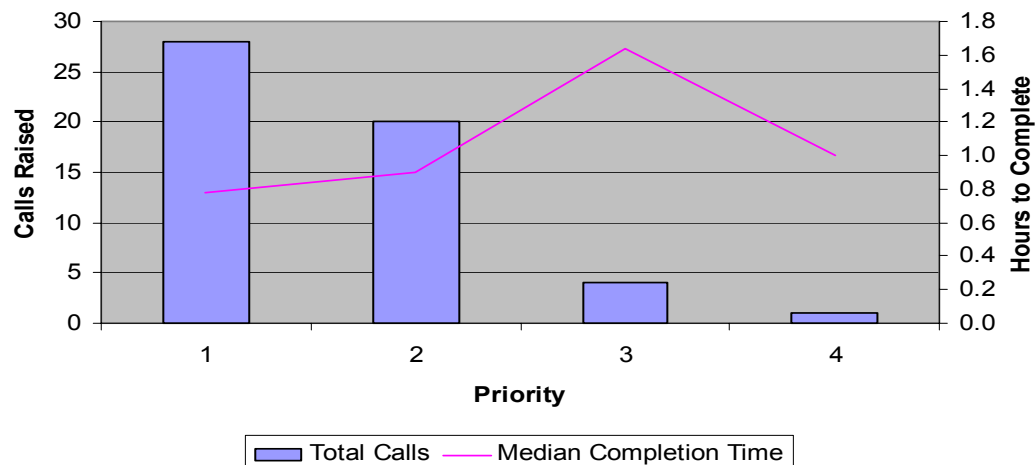
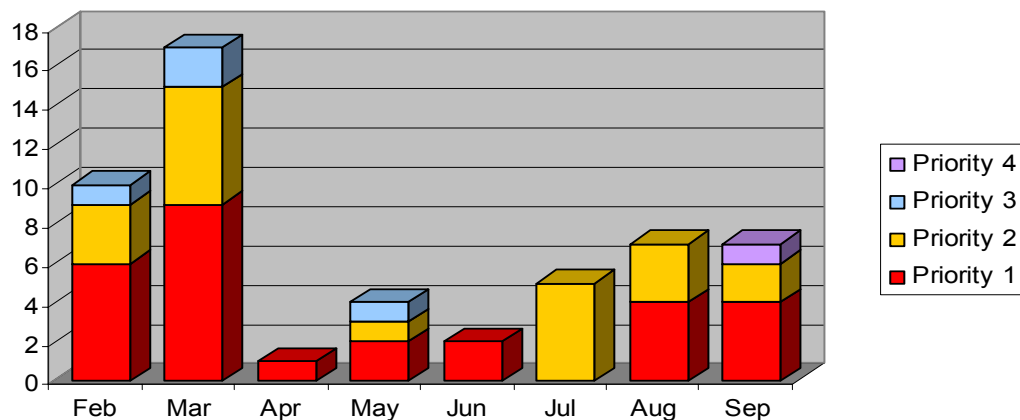
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Logins By Day of Week



Support Arrangements Statistics

Support Calls Raised



Support Arrangements

Options:-

- 1. Keep current arrangements: weekend and bank holiday nominations should be entered as far in advance as possible.**
- 2. Provide cover 8:00am – 12:00noon for weekends and public holidays – RTEL contract and SONI standby engineer required.**
- 3. Provide 24x7 cover – Support contract is managed by SONI.**
- 4. Upgrade system to be fully redundant**

Considerations :- **Costs of MITS changes, RTEL Contract, SONI managed service**



Enhancements

- 1. Security – version installed 04/09/02**
- 2. Next Version to allow:-**
 - SONI user to set up energy contracts between a MICH and MIU, so that a MICH may have more than one energy contract with a particular MIU.**
 - Will allow an automatic Email to be sent to all registered MICHs on change of ATC**
 - Changes to the User Interface**



Enhancements

3. Coming Up next:-

- **Calculation of actual energy allocations, incorporating ramp rates – export for settlement and display for users**



‘Wish List’ –

- **Export data to clipboard**
- **Print web page**
- **Import data from client (e.g. import energy noms)**
- **Enter/display Long-term ATC**
- **Provide feedback/contact us facility**
- **Short-term energy trading**
- **Integration with N-S trading**



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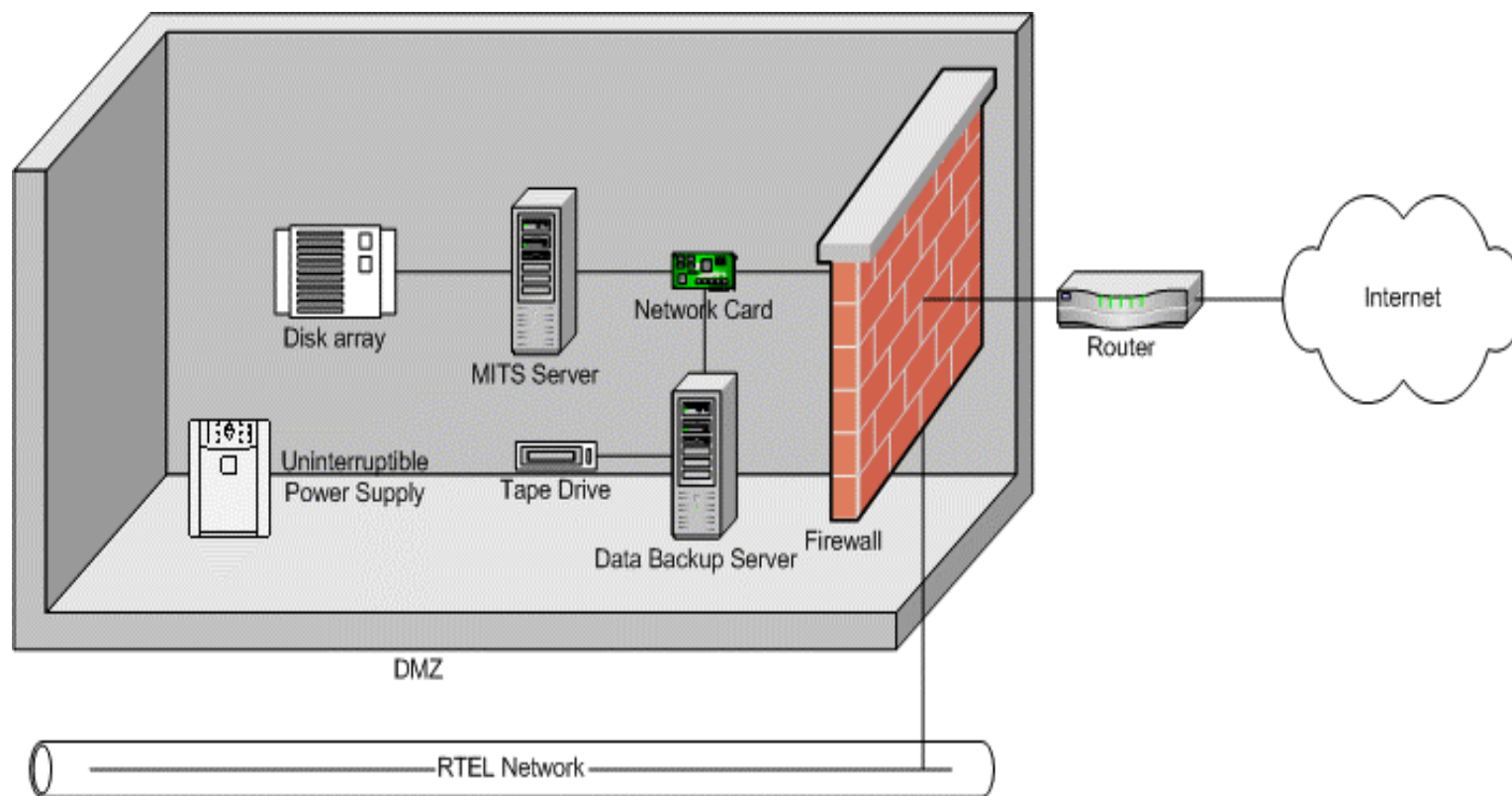
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All forms of payment accepted !



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Figure 2.1 - MITS Hardware Infrastructure

