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Unicom first to reach BAU on Openreach platform

UNICOM is the first UK company to reach 'business as usual' (BAU) on the Openreach Equivalence Management Platform for all three wholesale line rental products.

Unicom operations director Chris Earle said: "Being able to access the full WLR3 product range on Openreach is key to Unicom providing superior service and products to our customers in the fixed line marketplace.

"We're delighted to be the first communications provider to hit this milestone and are grateful to Singularity for helping us achieve this."

Working with Singularity, Unicom achieved BAU levels using the WLR3 solution. This follows the success of Unicom reaching BAU on ISDN30 and PSTN for WLR3 earlier this year.

Singularity is the first third party integrator to have its WLR3 solution run at BAU levels across all three products on the Openreach EMP platform. It was part of a select group asked by Openreach to participate in the launch of the ISDN2 service.

Dr Robert McGarry, director of telecommunications at Singularity, added: "Being the first to go to BAU on WLR3 in its entirety is a huge achievement. We are proud to again be at the front of the pack in adding service capabilities to the WLR3 offering."

Openreach has been established since 2005 and is responsible for the UK's local access network. It provides services to UK communication providers. Independent operators need to link internal ordering systems to Openreach, using a new standard called Wholesale Line Rental 3. This standard enables providers to access standard PSTN, ISDN30 and ISDN2 lines.

Nicola Porter Vaughan, Openreach head of product establishment, said others should follow Unicom's lead, adding: "For any communication providers wishing to migrate across to the new platform, the message is WLR3 on the Equivalence Management Platform is fully open for business. They should begin their migration as soon as possible."

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