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Date:	Mon, 8 Jun 2026 14:00:00 +0000
Subject:	Design review record - reconnect pacing and maintenance templates

Hi all,

Sending this between flights, so forgive any typos. The substance below has been checked.

This is the promised follow-up on reconnect pacing, credential renewal, and the thin maintenance template we saw during IR-2026-017. We're designing the next change form, not reopening the incident or naming a person to blame. Short version of the review: renewal timing and retry throttling both mattered to recovery; neither explains every delay by itself.

Engineering proposes a template check that displays the configured retry interval, the expected recovery period, and the rollback threshold before approval. The check would apply when a scheduled change touches gateway connectivity settings. It would not automatically block every change with a conservative interval. Instead, the approver would record why the interval fits the stated maintenance window and customer impact. The accompanying operations record would retain the UTC window and local receiving team timezone.

Comments by 16:00 UTC Wednesday, please. Riley, can you catch the MEE-26 pieces? Morgan, anything that belongs to the incident review stays with IR-2026-017. I'm boarding in ten minutes but will read replies tonight.

Theo

Avery - 16:31 UTC

Filed as the pilot disposition, not production approval. Open items I heard: Leila tests the handoff wording in CHG-2026-204; Morgan checks the status labels afterward; Theo owns any field-name changes. Riley, I left MEE-26 open on the tracker.

Small correction to my earlier filing note: I wrote "person taking the handoff," but the template says "named recipient." Keeping Theo's wording. It matters when a team, rather than a person, is on the original invite and the shift changes overnight.

Avery - filing note, 14:17 UTC

I've put Theo's note in the design folder and left the incident material where it was. The new fields are a pilot idea; they don't make the first incident theory any more certain. Leila's field point, Riley's project work, Morgan's incident record, and Theo's design proposal all stay under their own authors. If this becomes a production change later, somebody still has to name the configuration, window, impact, and person

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taking the handoff. (I know that sounds fussy. It saves a grim amount of archaeology.)

Leila - 08:31 PDT, from mobile

Replying to Theo; design group, Morgan, Riley, and Avery included.

Yes from Field Services on showing the retry interval and rollback threshold in the template. We also recommend an explicit handoff acknowledgment. In the North Harbor event, the planned UTC window was clear in the release record, but the field handoff did not display the expected recovery period alongside the rollback condition. That made it harder for the shift lead to decide when a slow recovery had crossed the operational threshold.

That's not me arguing with Engineering. The technical note can be right and the shift lead can still be staring at "monitor after change" with no clue when to call it. Please show the values, customer-impact class, and named recipient together. Generic monitor language isn't enough across regions.

Leila

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For MEE-26, I'll put this under Regional Change Windows.
The project charter requires a UTC time, local timezone, organizer, attendee status, and cancellation or recurrence details. I will add the proposed recovery interval and rollback fields as template requirements, subject to the sponsor's approval. The workstream folder will link this thread and the incident review. This thread is about the new form; the review is about what happened in May.

One plea: don't mark the workstream complete when the form exists. We still need the pilot. Avery will tidy references and chase missing links; Theo still owns the design.

Riley

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Team - good to pilot. Engineering will provide labels and validation guidance; Field Services will test the handoff language; Program Delivery will carry it in MEE-26. This doesn't change the IR-2026-017 conclusion, and any deployed configuration change still needs its own approval.

Leila, I used "expected recovery" rather than "normal recovery" after your comment. You're right: "normal" will start an argument at 2 a.m. and help nobody.

Theo