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Subject: Ovation External Parallel Testing (EPT) Now Open

External Parallel Testing (EPT) of the Ovation platform opened today, September 21, 2026 and will run through January 2027. Market Participants will see first-hand what OCC has been experiencing over the past year with Internal Parallel Testing: a side-by-side view of daily processing of ENCORE data in Ovation's future production environment. Participants will have view-only access at first to review and confirm outputs and will have one week in November in which they can do direct transaction entry.

At the close of EPT, all Market Participants will be required to complete a formal attestation confirming readiness for go-live which is still projected for the first half of 2027. A full listing of available functionality, connectivity details (SFTP/MQ), and training resources is available to market participants on MyOCC.com.

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