Consultation on EMR data flows

We invite you to respond to the questions on this form. Please submit responses entitled 'Consultation on EMR data flows' to emr@elexon.co.uk by 5pm on 7 March 2014.

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Role of stakeholder represented	*Please state the role of the stakeholder/stakeholders on whose behalf you are responding (delete as applicable):* ***CfD*** *CfD supplier* ***Capacity Market*** *CM Supplier*
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Consultation questions

Option 1: Sending files as email attachments	
Question 1.1	Do you agree that sending and receiving electronic data files as email attachments is an appropriate mechanism for parties who wish to minimise their investment in IT systems? If not, what alternative would you propose?
MA Energy Ltd feel that all electronic data files should be transferred through the existing process in place for exchanging existing data flows. We feel that the proposed exchange via email would not be as effective in the long term and that this process should be as automated as possible.	
Question 1.2	Would you be likely to use this mechanism yourself? If so, would you see this as a permanent solution, or a temporary workaround?
If this proposal is implemented then we see this as a temporary workaround and would expect a long term solution to be implemented by ELEXON.	
Question 1.3	Do you agree that XML is an appropriate open standard to use for the data files attached to these emails? If not, what alternative would you propose?
MA Energy believe that XML is an appropriate standard, however if emails were used, then we would attempt to feed these files into a system to extract the information – therefore would hope that these attachments would take this into consideration.	
Question 1.4	Do you agree with our proposal that the settlement systems should also attach human-readable versions of each file (in PDF format) to outgoing emails?
Yes we agree.	
Option 2: Other potential mechanisms for sending and receiving data	
Question 2.1	What do you see as the pros and cons of the options outlined above? Which option(s) do you see as most appropriate?
As stated, we feel that the above proposal is a short term solution and MA Energy would prefer a long term solution to be implemented instead, allowing for us to minimise the workload involved in implementing a long term solution after *a short term solution has been implemented.*	
Question 2.2	Are there any other options that we should be considering?
No.	
Option 3: Possible use of existing industry networks to exchange data	
Question 3.1	Do you agree that the DTN is the appropriate mechanism for HHDAs to provide data to the settlement systems (provided that the obligation to do so is in the BSC)?
We agree strongly with this option.	

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Question 3.2	Do you believe it is appropriate to allow existing networks (i.e. DTN and/or CVA network) to be used for other EMR purposes (unrelated to the BSC or other existing industry codes)? Please provide your rationale.
MA Energy would be happy with this.	
Question 3.3	Do you agree that the costs incurred in using networks in this way should be recovered from parties who choose to make use of this option? If so, should this apply to all such costs (including for example the costs of including appropriate functionality in the settlement systems.)? Or should it apply only to those costs directly attributable to individual data recipients (e.g. DTN data transfer charges)?
MA Energy disagree that the cost should be incurred by a party who chooses to accept the information in this way.	
Question 3.4	What changes would be needed to existing codes or Licenses to allow the DTN and/or CVA network to be used in this way?
N/A	

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