

CP Consultation Responses

CP1436 'EAC/AA and NHHDA Applications – Windows Server upgrade'



This CP Consultation was issued on 9 March 2015 as part of CPC00754, with responses invited by 2 April 2015.

Consultation Respondents

Respondent	No. of Parties/Non-Parties Represented	Role(s) Represented
IMServ Europe LTD	0/1	Supplier Agent
TMA Data Management Ltd	0/1	Supplier Agent
ScottishPower	1/0	Supplier
British Gas	1/0	Supplier
RWE npower ltd	9/0	Generator; Supplier; Supplier Agent
SSE	1/0	Supplier; Supplier Agent
EDF Energy	10/0	Generator; Supplier; Non Physical Trader; ECVNA; MVRNA; Supplier Agent
Lowri Beck Services (LBSL)	0/1	Supplier Agent

Summary of Consultation Responses

Respondent	Agree?	Impacted?	Costs?	Impl. Date?
IMServ Europe LTD	✓	✗	✗	✓
TMA Data Management Ltd	✓	✓	✓	✓
ScottishPower	-	✗	✗	-
British Gas	✓	✗	✗	✓
RWE npower ltd	✓	✗	✗	✓
SSE	✓	✗	✗	✓
EDF Energy	✓	✗	✗	✓
Lowri Beck Services (LBSL)	✓	✓	✓	✓

Question 1: Do you agree with the CP1436 proposed solution?

Summary

Yes	No	Neutral/No Comment
7	0	1

Responses

Respondent	Response	Rationale
IMServ Europe LTD	Yes	N.A
TMA Data Management Ltd	Yes	N.A
ScottishPower	Neutral	As ScottishPower operate solely on the Solaris platform and as such is unaffected by this change we have no comment to make at this time.
British Gas	Yes	N.A
RWE npower ltd	Yes	N.A
SSE	Yes	N.A
EDF Energy	Yes	N.A
Lowri Beck Services (LBSL)	Yes	3-Tier architecture using Windows is our preferred choice as this increases the availability and scalability of the solution as there is no single dependency on one server, and no tightly coupled components which can clash and create performance and availability issues.

Question 2: Will CP1436 impact your organisation?

Summary

Yes	No
2	6

Responses

Respondent	Response	Rationale
IMServ Europe LTD	No	We are currently running the NHHDA and EAC/AA systems in the Solaris only configuration and therefore are not directly affected by a Windows Server upgrade. We would request this is a pure environment release with no functional changes and that two versions are supported until functional changes are applied. However, if there are compatibility issues found and software for either system is upgraded as a result, we cannot deploy this without internal regression testing which would incur a cost. If the releases were ring fenced we would not need to upgrade, but this in turn would be a greater cost for AMD and increases software complexity and therefore long term costs.
TMA Data Management Ltd	Yes	We would be impacted for NHHDA and EAC/AA.
ScottishPower	No	N.A
British Gas	No	N.A
RWE npower Ltd	No	N.A
SSE	No	N.A
EDF Energy	No	N.A
Lowri Beck Services (LBSL)	Yes	We will need to test and implement the upgraded Application Server.

Question 3: Will your organisation incur any costs in implementing CP1436?

Summary

Yes	No
2	6

Responses

Respondent	Response	Rationale
IMServ Europe LTD	No	If the upgrade results in new versions of NHHDA and/or EAC/AA we would be required to perform regression testing. This would be a one off cost approximately equating to ½ DBA man days and 1 analyst man day per system. So the total cost could be up to 3 man days. However, if changes from other CPs are included in the release, regression testing would be required anyway and this cost would then be absorbed.
TMA Data Management Ltd	Yes	The costs associated with CP1436 implementation are low to medium.
ScottishPower	No	N.A
British Gas	No	N.A
RWE npower ltd	No	N.A
SSE	No	N.A
EDF Energy	No	N.A
Lowri Beck Services (LBSL)	Yes	We will incur costs to test and implement the upgraded Application Server. These are expected to be one off costs.

Question 4: Do you agree with the proposed implementation approach for CP1436?

Summary

Yes	No	Neutral
7	0	1

Responses

Respondent	Response	Rationale
IMServ Europe LTD	Yes	N.A
TMA Data Management Ltd	Yes	N.A
ScottishPower	Neutral	N.A
British Gas	Yes	N.A
RWE npower ltd	Yes	N.A
SSE	Yes	N.A
EDF Energy	Yes	N.A
Lowri Beck Services (LBSL)	Yes	As support for Windows Server 2003 ends on 14 July 2015, we would prefer this to be implemented as soon as possible. The current target deployment date is November 2015 which means we would be exposed to the risks outlined in the "justification for change" section of the change proposal.

Question 5: Do you have any further comments on CP1436?

Summary

Yes	No
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IMServ Europe LTD	No	N.A
TMA Data Management Ltd	No	N.A
ScottishPower	No	N.A
British Gas	No	N.A
RWE npower ltd	No	N.A
SSE	Yes	We would appreciate Elexon advising whether they are aware of other instances where applications may be running on software that may be less resilient in defending itself to attack due to being unsupported.
EDF Energy	No	N.A
Lowri Beck Services (LBSL)	No	N.A