



PRJ-5907 Fax Replacement within ESO
Grid Code Development Forum – Update
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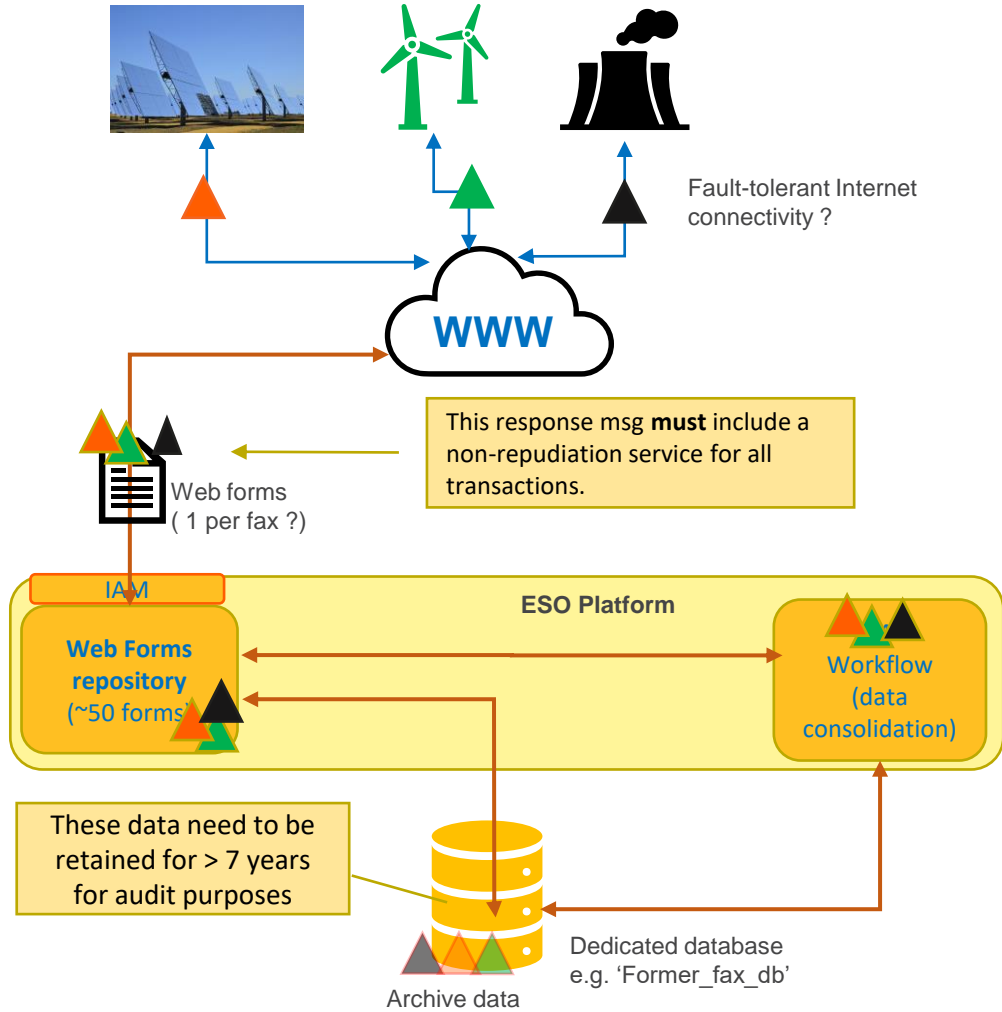
- **Phase 1 : Agreed approach and solution chosen for fax replacement**
 - Azure-based platform
 - Funding secured and the project team is being assigned
 - Standards-based architecture
 - Encryption at rest and in-transit
 - No licence costs for market participants (ease of access)
 - Initial deployment will be focussed on replicating the original fax data submissions (but in a digital form)
- **Phase 2 : (post 2025)**
 - Integration with OBP when interface capabilities are available
 - Increased automation of processes (for both market participants and ESO / NESO)
- **Phase 1 Considerations for Market Participants**
 - Need for MPs to have resilient WAN links to ensure availability of Internet connectivity
 - Need for MPs to use a single channel to communicate 'fax' data with ESO (use of new online portal instead of faxes or emails / phone calls)
 - Time allocated to onboarding and training for use of the new online platform

A question for Market Participants : How best do we communicate the move to a digital portal and the retirement of the fax machines, so we ensure everyone who needs to be is aware of the timescales and indicate an interest?

Proposed Solution

Triangles denote 'fax data' from market participants

All MPs (BMU / Non-BMU)



Solution summary : Phase 1

- **All** faxes are eliminated and replaced by web forms to gather data
- Data capture for Phase 1 is via a web 'form' which enables *all* participants to use digitised data
- Lowest risk / fewest dependencies on other programmes / platforms
- Any email channels in use will be replaced by this e-platform solution

