

Section #: Provision of Meter Data to Customer's Agents

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Issue Statement: What data should be provided to customer's agents and how should they receive the data?

Options Analyzed and Rationale for Recommendation:

The following table shows the key issues that were discussed related to meter data provision. For each decision, options were identified, analyzed and a recommendation provided.

Decision	Options Considered	Recommendation	Rationale
What data should a customer's agent receive?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raw meter data (next day) and billing quality data (as received today) 2. Only billing quantity data (as received today) 	Option 1	<p>Option 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + would allow agents to receive data next day to use for their operations - will require significant increase in infrastructure to support + is in line with the spirit of the Minister's directive <p>Option 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + will require less investment in new systems
How should customer's agents receive the data?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LDC passes data to customer's agents through EBT Hub 2. LDC can pass data to customer's agents directly to retailers using EBT XML format 3. Establish one meter data hub or regional hubs to manage data and pass data on to customer's agents 	Option 1	<p>Option 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + uses established technology (EBT) that retailers have invested in and have existing interfaces to + retailers can receive all their data from LDCs from one source + may be an opportunity for new competitors to enter the EBT Hub business - lack of readiness of EBT hubs could jeopardize project <p>Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + less reliance on existing EBT hubs to be ready on time - increases the number of interfaces that retailers need to build (potentially 90+) <p>Option 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +/- would result in the greatest economies of scale but savings may be offset by new regulatory costs - would require the establishment of a new regulated entity with regulated rates (could jeopardize project timeline)

