

EQR Software Refresh
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EQR is designed to meet the FPA's requirement that rates be on file in a convenient form for public inspection

EQR Data Base

- Currently uses Visual FoxPro
- Designed for a relatively limited number of lines of data
- Currently about 14 million lines of data each quarter submitted
- Microsoft support has been critical to keeping the data base operable

Visual FoxPro

- Disadvantages
 - Microsoft, the Visual FoxPro vendor, no longer sells or issues new versions of Visual FoxPro
 - Microsoft will no not support Visual FoxPro after 2015
 - Visual FoxPro data tables sizes are limited
 - The current EQR software application is outmoded, it is ineffective, and unsustainable

Goals of EQR Refresh

- Minimize impact on the industry
- Provide options so filers can choose what works best for them
- Ensure an ongoing, reliable mechanism for filing EQR data

First Option

- Builds on current automated systems
- Uses a web interface that resembles the look and feel of today's system
- Allows data entry by hand or by importing the data in comma-delimited text files (CSV files)
- Does not require software download
- No need to use Windows-based computer

Second Option

- XML-formatted files
- XML schema would be developed using the current data requirements which are well defined
- “Sand Box” for data testing

Company Registration System

- “PIN” no longer used
- PIN is replaced by Company Identifiers used in the Company Registration System for eTariffs
 - Ability to designate Agent
 - Agent must eRegister

Error Checks and Accessibility

- Under Option One
 - Error checks used will be made available
- Ability to “park” work in multiple sessions
- Historical EQR data continues to be accessible

Questions

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