

Service Announcement

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TO: WaTech Telecommunication Network Customers

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SUBJECT: Yakima Network Node site decommissioning

Regionally located network aggregation node sites have historically been used to connect Washington Technology Solutions (WaTech) customer circuits to the state network(s). Technology and design changes have greatly reduced the state's need for these "node" sites. As a result, WaTech is decommissioning several network node sites over the next several years.

WaTech completed decommissioning the Lacey Node site in late 2013, the Vancouver Node site in May 2015, and is currently in the planning stage of decommissioning the Yakima Node. The Spokane Node is also being considered for decommissioning.

This notice is intended to communicate our plans to begin work related to the decommissioning of the Yakima Node site. Our current target date for the decommission of the Yakima Node Site is June 30, 2016.

WaTech will be working with our service providers to identify options to re-route the 29 existing circuits to other locations on the WaTech network, primarily the State Data Center. WaTech will collaborate with each affected customer throughout this process to make changes to re-route the existing circuits that currently terminate in the Yakima Node Site. The changes to re-route existing circuits must be completed by February 29, 2016.

Impacts may vary on a case by case basis, but are likely to include a coordinated, scheduled and brief outage to re-connect services for each customer site.

We plan to provide each affected agency with specific details by November 1, 2015.

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The following agencies will be impacted by the Yakima Node decommission:

Agency	Count of Circuits
Department of Corrections	2
Department of Licensing	8
Department of Social and Health Services	7
Department of Ecology	2
Labor and Industries	1
Yakima County	3
Parks and Rec	1
Employment Security	5