

Service Announcement

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TO: WaTech Telecommunication Customers

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SUBJECT: Remote PBX Consolidation

In an effort to adopt emerging technology, simplify service and offer more features, WaTech Telephony Services is moving to a unified platform by consolidating phone systems (PBXs) to the State Data Center (SDC).

This notice is to communicate our plans to begin work on that effort by moving the connectivity of remote PBX systems in Western Washington from the Tacoma PBX to the PBX at the SDC. This effort will start in December 2017. The conversion process is expected to last 2 months.

WaTech Telephony Services will be working with our customers and business partners to re-route locations to the unified system. To minimize service disruption, WaTech Telephony Services will collaborate with each customer throughout this process and ensure concerns are addressed prior to implementation.

Impacts will be identified on a case-by-case basis, although, each implementation will require a brief coordinated outage to re-connect services for each customer site. The chief difference on the new system will be the need for users at the converted locations to dial 9+10 digits for all calls, i.e., area code and 7-digit phone number, when placing a call or calling between sites. The project implementation team will be on-point for each conversion to assist with questions and concerns.

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List of customer agencies involved with the Tacoma remote PBX consolidation:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Locations</u>
Department of Social and Health Services	7
Office of Administrative Hearings	2
Department of Corrections	3

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