

Service Announcement

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TO: WaTech Network Customers

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SUBJECT: Seattle 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 the Lacey Node site decommissioning in late 2013, the Vancouver Node site in May 2015, the Yakima Node site in May 2016, and is currently decommissioning the Spokane Node site with an estimated completion date of August 2016.

This notice is intended to communicate our plans to begin work related to the decommissioning of the Seattle Node site. Our current target date for completion is July 31, 2017.

WaTech will begin working with our service providers to identify options to re-route the 11 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 Seattle Node site. The changes to re-route existing circuits must be completed by April 28, 2017.

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 September 2016.

WaTech contacts:

If you have additional questions or would like more information, please contact Mike Lilly at 360-407-9091 mike.lilly@watech.wa.gov, the WaTech Service Desk at 360-753-2454 or 888-241-7597, or ServiceDesk@watech.wa.gov.

The following agencies will be impacted by the Seattle Node site decommissioning:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Circuits Affected</u>
Department of Commerce	2
Department of Social and Health Services	5
Health Care Authority	1
King County	1
City of Seattle	1
City of Edmonds	1