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Dear Brocade Partner or Customer,

In order to better serve our customers and partners, we are initiating the End of Availability (EOA) management process for Fabric OS (FOS) firmware release v6.4.x. For EOA details on Fabric OS firmware releases, please see the "End of Availability Notice" section under "All Available Resources" on the Brocade corporate web site's Resource Center at:

<http://www.brocade.com/data-center-best-practices/resource-center/>

EOA Schedule

The firmware EOA transition period is from January 21, 2014 until July 23, 2014. During the transition period, this firmware release will be supported as per existing customer support agreements.

Important dates relating to this process are:

- 1/21/2014 – Partner and Customer End of Availability Notification
- 7/23/2014 – After this date, Brocade will no longer provide scheduled maintenance or patch releases for Fabric OS v6.4.x. This includes all FOS v6.4.x versions of firmware. Critical customer issues reported during or after this period may still be addressed with patch releases on FOS 6.4.x as required.

Affected Hardware Platforms

- Brocade 4100, 4900, 5000, 7500/7500E, 7600, and 48000 are supported by FOS v6.4.x but not v7.x. These platforms are affected.

Compatibility

- Brocade may elect to discontinue compatibility testing on Fabric OS versions that have reached End of Availability. As such, we do not guarantee compatibility when operated with products using later versions of FOS.
- There will be no fixes made on any software applications or APIs for issues found in the FOS versions that have reached End of Availability.

Migration Path

We encourage customers to migrate to the latest Fabric OS versions available from Brocade equipment providers. This migration is free, and no firmware licenses are required. If you have questions or comments regarding this notice, please contact your Brocade sales representative.

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