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Dear Brocade Partner,

This letter is a formal notification that Brocade is initiating the End of Life (EOL) process for the Brocade® BigIron® RX Series systems and modules. Pursuant to the terms of your agreement with Brocade, this letter serves as your formal written EOL notification, which will allow for appropriate planning and opportunity for last time purchases. Note that this notice is subject to the non-disclosure agreement (NDA) terms of your agreement.

The recommended replacement product is Brocade VDX® 8770 Switch. The VDX 8770 series switch is Brocade's next generation product line built for mission critical environments. It supports industry leading port density and switching capacity and support for 1G/10G/40G ports, with 100G ports planned for the near future.

Brocade will continue to offer and provide support for the EOL products five (5) years from the last ship date announced below for those customers with a valid support contract.

The objective of the Brocade account management team is to smoothly transition opportunities to the new products by planning to the following milestones:

Brocade BigIron RX Series:

- EOL notification date 11/1/2012
- Last Time Order (LTO) final, non-cancelable, non-returnable order due date (subject to lead-time and availability) 1/18/2013
- EOL Last Customer Ship (LCS) date 3/18/2013
- End of Support (EOS) date 3/18/2018

BI-RX-16-AC	BigIron RX-16 Chassis,1 Management Module,3 Switch Fabric Modules-3,4 AC Power Supplies and Fan assembly
BI-RX-16-DC	BigIron RX-16 Chassis,1 Management Module,3 Switch Fabric Modules-3,4 DC Power Supplies and Fan assembly
BI-RX-4-AC	BigIron RX-4 Chassis,1 Management Module ,2 Switch Fabric Modules-1,1 AC Power Supply and Fan assembly
BI-RX-4-DC	BigIron RX-4 Chassis,1 Management Module ,2 Switch Fabric Modules-1,1 DC Power Supply and Fan assembly
BI-RX-8-AC	BigIron RX-8 Chassis,1 Management Module ,2 Switch Fabric Modules-3,2 AC Power Supplies and Fan assembly
BI-RX-8-DC	BigIron RX-8 Chassis,1 Management Module ,2 Switch Fabric Modules-3,2 DC Power Supplies and Fan assembly
RX-BI-MR	Management Module BigIron RX-Series
RX-BI-SFM1	Switch Fabric for BigIron RX-4 Chassis
RX-BI-SFM3	Switch Fabric for BigIron RX-16 and RX-8 Chassis
RX-BI-2GB-FRU	2GB SIMM Memory Upgrade for RX-BI-MR and RX-BI-32-MR Field Replacement Upgrade. This part is for upgrading the memory on the management module for the BigIron RX from 512MB to 2GM SIMM.

RX-BI-16XG	BigIron RX-Series 16-port 10GigabitEthernet SFP+ Module
RX-BI24C	BigIron RX-Series 24-port 10/100/1000Base-T, RJ45 Module
RX-BI24F	BigIron RX-Series 24-port 1-GigabitEthernet SFP Module
RX-BI24HF	BigIron RX-Series 24-port 100/1000 SFP Module
RX-BI48T	48-port 10/100/1000Base-T, MRJ21 module for BigIron RX-Series.
RX-BI4XG	BigIron RX-Series 4-port 10GigabitEthernet XFP Module
BI-RX-16-FAN-EXH	Big Iron RX-16 Exhaust Fan Assembly Kit, includes two (2) fans
BI-RX-16-FAN-INT	Big Iron RX-16 Intake Fan Assembly
BI-RX-16-S	Spare BigIron RX-16 Chassis with fan assembly, no Power Supply, no switch fabric and no management modules
BI-RX-4-FAN	BigIron RX-4 Fan Assembly
BI-RX-4-S	Spare BigIron RX-4 Chassis with fan assembly, no Power Supply, no switch fabric and no management modules
BI-RX-8-FAN	BigIron RX-8 Fan Assembly
BI-RX-8-S	Spare BigIron RX-8 Chassis with fan assembly, no Power Supply, no switch fabric and no management modules
RX-ACPWR-B-SYS	RX-Series Chassis AC power supply for RX-4
RX-ACPWR-F-SYS	RX-Series Chassis AC power supply for RX-8 and RX-16
RX-BI-IPNL	BigIron RX interface module blank panel
RX-BI-MPNL	BigIron RX management module blank panel
RX-BI-SF1PNL	BigIron RX switch fabric module blank panel for BigIron RX-4
RX-BI-SF3PNL	BigIron RX switch fabric module blank panel for BigIron RX-16 and RX-8
RX-DCPWR-B-SYS	DC Power Supply for BigIron RX-4 chassis
RX-DCPWR-F-SYS	DC Power Supply for BigIron RX-8 and RX-16 chassis
RX-PWR-BPNL	BigIron RX-4 power supply blank panel
RX-PWR-FPNL	BigIron RX-16 and RX-8 power supply blank panel

Recommended Product Replacement:

Brocade EOL Product Part Number	Recommended Product Replacement
Big Iron RX Series Switch family	Brocade VDX 8770 Switch family

Support Pricing

Beginning one (1) year after last customer ship (LCS) date stated above, there will be a 10% annual price increase for end-user service and support.

Please contact your account manager for any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,
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