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Dear Brocade Partner,

This letter is a formal notification that Brocade is initiating the End of Availability (EOA) process for the Brocade® Data Center Fabric Manager (DCFM) and the host-based, EOS & FOS SMI agents associated with this product.

Brocade has already introduced Brocade Network Advisor (BNA), the next generation network management application. Brocade Network Advisor is the industry's first unified network management platform for SAN, IP networking, and converged network. It is an easy-to-use, comprehensive tool for configuring, managing, monitoring, and reporting on Brocade's network solutions.

All key functionality from DCFM has been migrated and enhanced in Brocade Network Advisor. In addition, all configuration settings, data and license key information are automatically migrated during the DCFM to BNA upgrade process. During the EOA transition period, DCFM will be supported as per existing customer support agreements.

The objective of the Brocade account management team is to smoothly transition to Brocade Network Advisor by planning to the following milestones:

Brocade Data Center Fabric Manager

- EOA notification date September 28th, 2012
- Last Time Order (LTO) final, non-cancelable, non-returnable March 28th, 2013
- End of Support (EOS) Date March 28th, 2018

Brocade Part Number	Product Description
BR-DCFM-ENT	DCFM ENTERPRISE Management Software (Serialized), Version 10.x
BR-DCFM-PLU	DCFM PROFESSIONAL PLUS Management Software (Serialized), Version 10.x
BR-DCFM-ENT-UPG	DCFM Enterprise Management Software (Serialized), Version 10.x, for existing customers with valid EFCM or Fabric Manager software licenses ONLY
BR-DCFM-PLU-UPG	DCFM PROFESSIONAL PLUS UPGRADE TO ENTERPRISE

Recommended Product Replacement:

EOA Part Number	Replacement Part Number
BR-DCFM-ENT	BR-NTWADV-SAN-ENT
BR-DCFM-PLU	BR-NTWADV-SAN-PLU
BR-DCFM-ENT-UPG	none
BR-DCFM-PLU-UPG	BR-NTWADV-SAN-PLU-UPG

Support Pricing

Beginning one (1) year after last ship date, [date], and until the EOS date, [date], there will be a 10% annual price increase for end-user service and support.

Affected Hardware Platforms

- All hardware platforms are now supported by the new network management application, Brocade Network Advisor.

Brocade may elect to discontinue compatibility testing on DCFM versions that have reached EOA. As such, we do not guarantee DCFM compatibility with newer network devices or firmware versions.

After the end of availability date (EOA date) Brocade will no longer provide scheduled maintenance or patch releases for DCFM and the host-based, EOS & FOS, SMI agents. Critical customer issues reported during or after this period may still be addressed with patch releases on version 10.4 as required. There will be no fixes made on any software applications or APIs for issues found in the Brocade's DCFM versions that have reached end of availability.

We encourage customers to migrate to Brocade Network Advisor. Please contact your Brocade account manager for any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,
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