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Subj: RE: JCU and UCQ downtimes

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>cckba@marlin.jcu.edu.au (Kent Adams) writes:

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>>Bob Allen from Scitec is coming to install new AARNet equipment
>>on Wednesday 13th November. Our AARNet link will be down from
>>1000 on that day for up to 5 hours.

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>The University of Central Queensland will also be upgrading to Megalink
>equipment on Monday the 11th of October. Expect a downtime of several hours
>from 4.00pm on that day.

I would honestly appreciate some clarification as to what is happening with these links.

As you may recall when the link to QUT was upgraded, AARNet was paying for an unconnected 48K link for some 6 months due to a basic lack of coordination. When this was pointed out to the QUESTNET management committee the chairman, Alan Coulter assured the AVCC that this would not be repeated, and that further activity would be coordinated with all concerned.

This notice of intended downtime of the link is the first I have been told that the AARNet links are to be shifted over to Megalink bearers with Scitec multiplexors as circuit termination equipment.

I'd like to see explicit answers to at least the following before the changes are implemented to AARnet circuits:

Are Megalink circuits going in, or is this just installation of Scitec equipment?

Do the sites concerned wish AARNet to route AARnet traffic over these megalink/Scitec circuits rather than existing 48K DDS circuits?

If so what arrangements are in place to do the cutover and who has taken on board the task of liasing with AARnet staff?

Obviously there are a number of additional queries which are less critical right now in terms of coordination of activity. I suppose my major problem is that after repeated reassurances of detailed coordination of activity from the Qld regional management group it appears that we are seeing at the operational level an exact repeat of an exercise which proved to be unnecessarily costly the last time around due to a distinct lack of such coordination and provision of advice.

Could someone please describe exactly what is happening with these links this afternoon.

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