# **VPN** Briefing

What you need to know 07/10/2012

## Currently...

- EBN VPNs have been in use since 2006
  - Published pricing
- Start ups and small CUs
  - > Four currently on system
  - Requires indemnification agreement
  - > Pricing case by case
- CU\*NW has been using VPNs (supported by WESCO Net) for over 5 years
- Free, automatic VPN backups to MPLS
  - > ~ 90% penetration

# Why VPN?

- Potential for lower cost
  - Remote areas
  - > Typically faster (download) bandwidth at lower costs
- Agility
  - Can typically provision faster
- Carrier independent; CU provisions themselves
- CUs must have Internet strategy
  - Our Internet apps require more and more bandwidth
  - Vault access routed over Internet where possible
  - Many CUs using VPNs for their WAN

## What is our solution?

- An extension of what we already do with VPN backup today
  - Cisco™ router (2911, same as today)
  - Internet connection
    - Must be provided by CU
    - Should be redundant. We recommend different carriers.
    - Requires static IP address
    - Recommend "business class" offering from ISP
- Modem for router
  - Modem? Seriously?
    - Yes: for out of band management/support (not for redundancy)

## What is our solution?

- Standard phone line (POTS)
  - For out of band management modem
  - Provided by CU
- Network Services router management
  - Covers 8x5xNBD hardware replacement through Cisco™
  - Cisco™ software updates
  - Security patching
  - 24x7 monitoring and alerting
  - Automated backups

# Some Disadvantages of VPN

- We can't control network end-to-end
  - May be "slow" (i.e. uncontrollable "latency")
  - > CU activities on the Internet may affect GOLD
    - Everything shares "one pipe" (Facebook™, YouTube™, etc.)
- Reliability
  - Consumer grade Internet access may not be as reliable as MPLS (our network data confirm this)
  - > Time to repair may be longer
    - CU responsible for coordinating repairs
  - > (USE REDUNDANT CONNECTIONS!)
- Other "Internet hazards"
  - Denial of service attack could affect DP connection

## Firewall

- All CUs must have a firewall
- Our router is not a firewall, but will be secured
- Remember to present Network Services' managed firewall services
  - > Strongly recommended. Can offer more support in "line down" situations.
  - Improved troubleshooting: full visibility into connection
  - More advanced routing/improved business continuity options for branch offices

## How much is it?

- VPN has the following cost components:
  - > Standard router maintenance/management
    - \$149/mo for single router
    - \$99/mo for two or more routers (this is a pricing decrease)
    - This charge will <u>NOT</u> be optional for VPN clients
  - > VPN Connection Fee
    - \$64/mo per site
    - NOT optional
      - (This cost has been proposed to management. Might go down. Safe to quote.)
    - Actually includes three different VPN "connections"
      - Connection to PROD
      - 2. Connection to HA
      - 3. Connection to DR (currently IBM™ BCRS) *coming*

# Pricing Examples (MPLS vs. VPN)

Client	Routers	MPLS cost/mo	, ŭ.	Router Mgt (total)	Total Comm. Cost
Client A	1	\$460	\$0	\$0	\$460

Client	Routers	VPN cost/mo	Router Mgt. (ea.)	_	Total Comm. Cost
Client A	1	\$64	\$149	\$149	\$213

Total savings with VPN strategy: \$247/mo.

This DOES NOT include:

- •Firewall management
- •Internet connection costs (should be redundant Internet)
- Cost for POTS telephone line for Modem

Under \$215/CU Anywhere Fixed!

# Pricing Examples (MPLS vs. VPN)

Client	Routers	MPLS cost/mo			Total Comm. Cost
Client B	2	\$1160	\$149	\$298	\$1,458

Client	Routers	VPN cost/mo (ea. site)	cost/mo	Router Mgt. (ea.)	Router Mgt (total)	
Client B	2	\$64	\$128	\$99	\$198	\$326

Total savings with VPN strategy: \$1,132/mo.

This DOES NOT include:

- •Firewall management
- •Internet connection costs (should be redundant Internet)
- Cost for POTS telephone line for Modem

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## VPN Hardware: NEW Conversion

## Equipment required for NEW CLIENT

QTY	Item	Resell
1	Cisco™ 2911	\$2,416.15
1	USR Modem	\$92
1	USR Cable	<u>\$28.75</u>
		\$2,536.90

#### **NOTES:**

- •VPN router is less than MPLS router (MPLS card not required)
- •Modem is new requirement
- •CU MUST PROVIDE a POTS (telephone) line for the Modem
- •DO NOT FORGET to propose Firewall Management!

## VPN Hardware: EXISTING Client

 Equipment required if existing MPLS client wants to migrate to VPN

Resell	Item	QTY
\$92	USR Modem	1
<u>\$28.75</u>	USR Cable	1
\$120.75		

#### **NOTES:**

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- •CU MUST PROVIDE a POTS (telephone) line for the Modem
- •Router management will be REQUIRED for all VPN connections
- •DO NOT FORGET to propose Firewall Management!

# What will happen with MPLS?

- MPLS will continue to be primary strategy at least until 10/2012
- Let's get the Open Beta "under our belts"
- Start quoting VPN now

# Would we stay on MPLS for some clients?

### Depends

- Some clients may refuse to migrate to VPN
- We may decide to offer services that require end to end control and guaranteed low latency
  - I.e. hosted phone systems
- Clients remaining on MPLS may see rate increases (we may lose volume discounts)
- > Other factors
- We will determine this as we move along to the future

# What happened to CU\*NextNET?

- Our VPN strategy is part of our CU\*NextNET concept
- The marketing term will live on even through the addition of VPN

## Disaster Recovery

- Same as with MPLS
- VPN connections from each CU will go to:
  - Production Facility (now)
  - High Availability Facility (now)
  - > IBM™ BCRS (target 8/12)
    - Contract negotiations with IBM™ BCRS for "always on" Internet

# How long to install?

- VPN Typical Installation Time:
  - We need 4-6 weeks to provision a new VPN
- MPLS Typical Installation Time:
  - > MPLS requires 12 week lead time

## Small CUs?

- The small credit union strategy is TBD (but likely isn't VPN)
  - > Recommending Virtual Branch<sup>sM</sup> as preferred solution
  - Simpler/faster for <5 users than VPN</p>
  - Custom virtual desktop delivered over SSL VPN
    - Includes limited set of applications: CU\*BASE™, MS
      Office™, eDOC™, Web Browser
    - Access from any Internet connected PC/Laptop
    - Supports locally attached peripherals (printers, sig capture, scanner)
    - No "messy" onsite technology to coordinate/support