# FMS Connectivity & HROC to KROC Transition

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### **Topics**

- ◆ Agency Connectivity to KROC
- Transition of Payments from HROC to KROC
- Build out of PROC
- Decommission of HROC

#### Reasons for Connectivity Changes

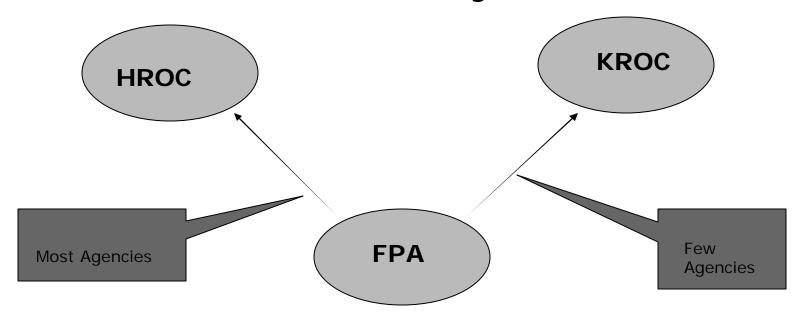
- ◆ Agency ability to deliver files to KROC for contingency if HROC is down.
- ◆ PAM will process all payments on KROC. Processing will be implemented in releases between 2008 and 2011.
- FMS changes to processing sites.
  - Transition to KROC as primary site for payments
  - Build out of PROC for payment contingency
  - Decommission of HROC site in Sept 2009

### Connectivity

- Currently the majority of payment processing is done on HROC (with the exception of SSA/SSI Monthly payments which process on KROC).
- Traditionally customer agencies transmitting bulk files have used a dedicated line or Frame Relay connection to HROC.
- Several customer agencies have dedicated lines or Frame Relay connections to both HROC and KROC (for contingency).

## **Traditional Connectivity**

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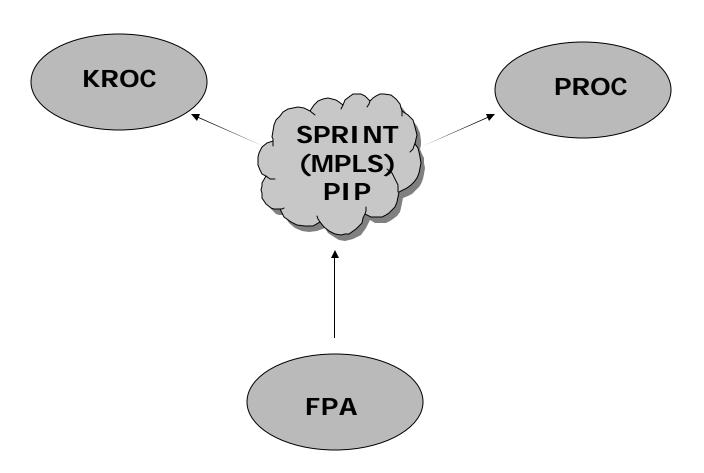


## Preferred Connectivity Method

- ◆ The Preferred method of implementation is IP over Sprint's MPLS Private Internet Protocol (PIP).
  - Note: Sprint will be discontinuing Frame Relay.
- ◆ This method provides connectivity to HROC and KROC now and KROC and PROC in the future.

## What's Coming

◆ Future Connectivity



#### Benefits of MPLS

- Reduces Network Connections
  - Only requires one line from the agency to Sprint.
- Better Contingency Management
  - Connectivity to the contingency site eliminates the need for cartridge or CD use if the primary site is down.
- Switchover in a contingency is transparent to the Agency

### Connectivity Process

- Connectivity process:
  - FMS Network Engineering supported:
    - Agency contacts FMS (Joe Mendez) with connectivity request
    - FMS provides the Agency with a Network Proposal
    - Agency reviews and approves proposal
    - ◆ FMS gets Change Control Board (CCB) approval
    - Agency facilitates line installation
    - Connectivity test performed by Agency and FMS (Curtis Thomas)
  - KFC supported:
    - Agency works with KFC on security access if node name or ACID are changing
    - Agency tests file transmits with KFC
  - Refer to FMS External Network Connections document for detailed information

## Connectivity Status

- ◆ Initial connectivity review in Nov 2006
  - Documented current Agency connectivity
  - Notified Agencies of upcoming HROC closure and need for connectivity changes.
- ◆ KFC Connectivity Statistics (April 2008):
  - 42 Total KFC Bulk Agencies
    - ◆ 10 Agencies establishing MPLS PIP connection
    - ◆ 13 Existing connectivity to KROC (frame relay or IP)
    - ◆ 19 Agencies with no KROC connection

#### HROC to KROC Transition

- Payment processing
  - Production payment processing (Payments & TOP/TCS) will transition to KROC
  - Development / Test payment processing will remain on HROC
  - PAM production payment processing is on KROC
- ◆ Target for transition is September or October 2008.
- RFCs and IR are currently developing a transition plan.

#### HROC to KROC Transition

- Transition plan will address agency concerns:
  - System configuration to handle routing of production files from HROC to KROC until the agency has KROC connectivity.
  - Retain current connectivity parameters (node, IP addresses, etc) so that no agency transmit changes are required.
  - Continue to transmit outputs back through the HROC connection until the agency has KROC connectivity.

#### HROC to PROC

- PROC build out is underway and to be completed by January 2009
- Applications begin testing and move to PROC (PACER, TCIS, STAR, etc)
  - PROC Primary for all Non-Payment and Non-TOP/TCS applications
  - PROC Backup for all payment and TOP/TCS applications (including PAM)
- PROC transition expected to complete by December 2009

#### Decommission of HROC

 HROC scheduled for decommission by December 2009

- Agency considerations:
  - FMS to determine timeframe for HROC ability to pass payment files through to KROC.
  - Agencies to establish connectivity to FMS (KROC & PROC) prior to decommission of HROC.

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#### Questions

