Upgrading DBX Cards, 2 Frames to 3 Frames

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First, both 2- and 3-frame systems can be non-redundant (1 DBX/frame) or redundant (2 DBX/frame). I hope that the number of DBX per frame isn't changing - if it is, all the ports (other than the first 56) will shift to a different AIO card.

I'll assume redundant - the non-redundant is (slightly) easier.

- 1. Have the 3rd frame in place, all cards installed, but powered off.
- 2. Be sure to set DBX's dip switch(s) #7 OFF to make frame 3 a slave frame.
- 3. In AZedit, go on-line and save the current setup to a file for later use.
- 4. Power off frame 2.
- 5. Disconnect trunking.
- 6. Remove the standby DBX and the standby Peripheral Controller from frame 1.
- 7. Under Options/Intercom Config, note all resources and options.
- 8. You should also Options/Preferences/Advanced and enable I/C Resizing On Line.
- 9. Resize the matrix to 3 frames. Also, check the other config options to see if there are any other options to change at this time (increase # of talk levels, increase # of PLs, etc.).
- 10. When you do the actual resize, first the DBX will go off, resize itself, and reset; then the Periph Ctlr will do the same. Then you will be talking to a 3-frame with a blank setup.
- 11. Reinstall the standby DBX in frame 1. It will start talking to the active DBX, resize itself, reset, then come back up as standby.
- 12. Reinstall the standby Periph Ctlr in frame 1. It will behave like the DBX in step 11.
- 13. Change the DBX wiring (coax) to what is required for the new configuration with the 3rd frame.
- 14. Power up the slave frames. I'd do frame 2, wait a couple of seconds, and then frame 3; but it shouldn't really matter.
- 15. Reconnect trunking.
- 16. Verify the firmware versions in the AIO and DBX cards in frame 3; download any devices that need it.
- 17. Order of upgrades should be as follows: Upgrade slave frame DBX's in frames 2 & 3 first. Then upgrade the DBX's in frame 1.
- 18. Next, remove the standby Periph Ctlr in frame 1 and download to the active Perif Ctlr.
- 19. After the active Perif has updated itself, remove it and re-insert the former standby Perif Ctlr.
- 20. When the standby (now active) Perif Ctly stabilizes, download the upgrade firmware to it.
- 21. This should complete the process. After the Perif Ctlr stabilizes, send the saved file from step 3.

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