RF AMI/DR Network Overview

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Node Detail Page



Node Details 🔻 🚨

INFO

Node Serial Number: 4210

Node Type : Electric node

Sensor Info : 3211 (ITRN , C2SX-SD) [3/22/2023 10:50:48]

Product Number : RFN420CL Hardware Version : RFN420CL Software Version : R11.3.4.S1Kp

Node Names :
Groups :
Commissioned ? : Yes

Commissioned Time :

In Network? : Yes

In Network Time : 11/1/2019 17:12:53

Latitude : 41.586149 Longitude : -84.595198

GPS Source : RF Node

NODE VERSIONS

Backup Eka Software Version: R10.2.1.S1Kp

COMMUNICATIONS

Node Address : 00:14:08:

Primary Gateway : Gateway

Communication Status : Ready

Communication Status obtained at : 4/13/2023 18:17:52

Number of Hops to Gateway : 1 Current Number of Neighbors : 19

Current Primary Neighbor : 00:14:08:

Link Cost to Primary Neighbor : 1.0 (ETX band: 1)

Current Link Rate to Primary Neighbor : 2x

Current Link Power to Primary Neighbor: 0.5 Watt

Current Neighbor Data Timestamp : 4/13/2023 17:51:07

Number of Associations : 1

Menu Options

Refresh Node Details

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Set Channel Configuration

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Get Current Meter Reading

Get Node Information

Get Communication Status

Add to Group

Generate Report

Show Node.. Logs, Routes, Neighbors, etc.

What are these?

 Logged data pertaining to RF node's interactions and radio communication (RFN Meter, RFN Relay, etc.)

When to review?

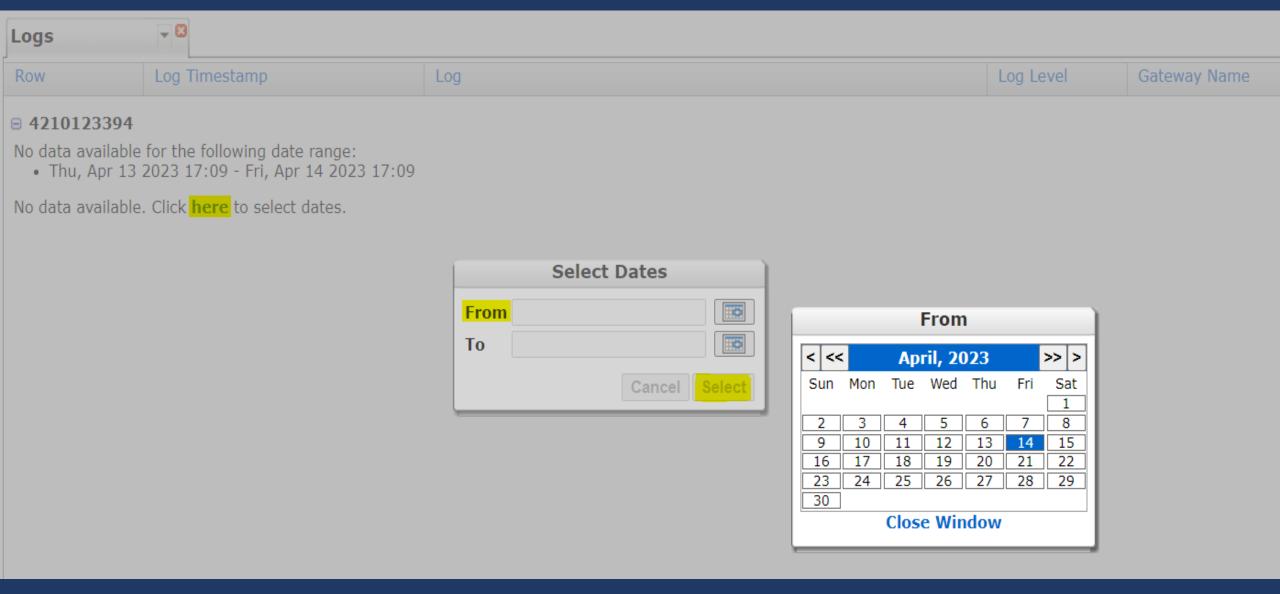
 Deeper dive if warranted after utilizing Yukon resources, mapping features

Why use?

- Comprehensive review of a node's connectivity behavior from multiple angles
- Identify patterns from behavior over time



Show Node.. Logs, Routes, Neighbors, etc.



Node Logs

About Node Logs

- Each RF Gateway logs certain interactions with subscribed RF Nodes
- When user accesses Node Logs, Network Manager filters RF Gateways for applicable logs over specified time period
- If multiple Gateways log interaction with an RF node, Node Logs will include the logs from each

Why Review?

Helps build understanding of node circumstances



Node Logs – Normal Output

Logs	2				
Row	Log Timestamp	Log	Log Level	Gateway Name	₽
4210460469					
1	4/14/2023 15:47:30	Updated formatID 1281 index for node 4210460469: StartSeq 8734, EndSeq 8744	Information Log	VCGW228	
2	4/14/2023 15:47:30	Received formatID 1281 report from node 4210460469: StartSeq 8734, EndSeq 8744	Information Log	VCGW228	
3	4/14/2023 10:25:44	Received routing table from 4210460469	Information Log	VCGW228	
4	4/14/2023 10:25:43	Requested routing table for 4210460469	Information Log	VCGW228	
5	4/14/2023 10:09:44	Received visibility table from 4210460469	Information Log	VCGW228	
6	4/14/2023 10:09:44	Received neighbor table from 4210460469	Information Log	VCGW228	
7	4/14/2023 10:09:43	Requested visibility table for 4210460469	Information Log	VCGW228	
8	4/14/2023 10:09:43	Requested neighbor table for 4210460469	Information Log	VCGW228	
9	4/13/2023 23:50:42	Received routing table from 4210460469	Information Log	GW218	.
10	4/13/2023 23:50:41	Requested routing table for 4210460469	Information Log	GW218	

Node Route Table

About Node Route Table

- Nodes typically report route data to RF Gateway daily
- One row per day
- Illustrates connection quality of node's reliant route for reaching RF Gateway

Why Review?

Helps build understanding of node route connections, over time

What to look for

- Hop count, route cost and 'Count to Cost' ratio
 - 1:1 is GOOD,
 - 1:2 can be problematic
- Gaps in data entry



Node Routes – Reliable Routes

Routes	▼ 🔞				
Row	Data Timestamp ▼	Dest. Address	Next Hop Address	Hop Count	Cost
4110032890			'	,	
1	4/21/2023 03:39:14	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	1	0
2	4/20/2023 03:38:48	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	1	0
3	4/19/2023 03:52:00	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	1	0
4	4/18/2023 03:37:58	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	1	0
5	4/17/2023 03:37:33	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	1	0
6	4/16/2023 03:37:11	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	1	0
7	4/15/2023 03:36:46	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	1	0
8	4/14/2023 03:36:22	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	1	0
9	4/13/2023 03:35:55	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	00:14:08:03:E2:AB	1	0
10	A/12/2023 03:35:30	00-14-08-03-E3-AB	00-14-08-03-E3-VB	1	0

Routes	▼ 🔀				
Row	Data Timestamp ▼	Dest. Address	Next Hop Address	Hop Count	Cost
4110173772					
1	4/21/2023 05:14:12	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	1	1
2	4/20/2023 05:13:57	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	1	1
3	4/19/2023 05:13:42	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	1	1
4	4/18/2023 05:13:22	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	1	1
5	4/17/2023 05:13:11	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	1	1
6	4/16/2023 05:12:56	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	1	1
7	4/15/2023 05:12:42	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	00:14:08:04:B5:4B	1	1

Node Neighbor Table

About Node Neighbor Table

- Nodes typically report neighbor data to RF Gateway every 3 days
- 0-to-many rows per day -> however many neighbors are present!
- Illustrates connection quality of RF mesh resources which are accessible to node in question

Why Review?

 Helps build understanding of node's accessible RF neighbor resources, over time

What to look for

- Link Cost, ETX Band, and 'PF' Flag
 - PF = Primary Forward; reliable connection to PF is impactful
- Gaps in data entry



Node Neighbors – Reliable Connection

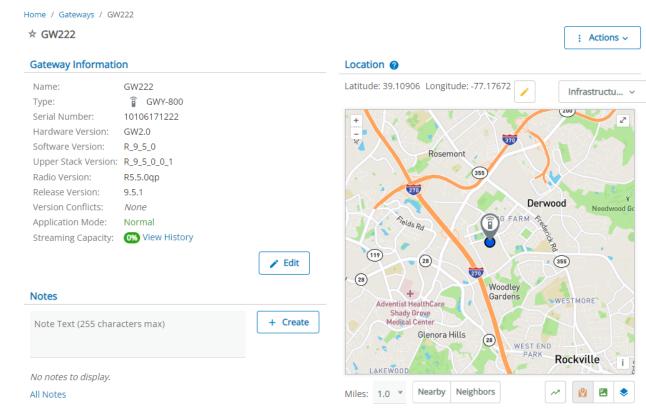
Row	Data Timestamp	▼	Neighbor Address Link Cost	ETX Band	Current Rate	Current Power	Samples	Flags
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0	4/22/2022 04:46:07		00.44.00.02.52.415.0	2	4	4 11/-11	0	C4
1	4/23/2023 04:46:07		00:14:08:03:E2:A 5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
2	4/23/2023 04:46:07		00:14:08:03:E2:A:5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
3	4/23/2023 04:46:07		00:14:08:00:00:2:5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
4	4/23/2023 04:46:07		00:14:08:03:73:0/2.7	2	1x	1 Watt	8	S1
5	4/23/2023 04:46:07		00:14:08:03:E2:9:5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	PF
6	4/23/2023 04:46:07		FF:FF:FF:FF:AC 5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	0.1
/	4/23/2023 04:46:07		00:14:08:0A:72:5\5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
8	4/20/2023 04:45:20		00:14:08:03:E2:A:5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
9	4/20/2023 04:45:20		00:14:08:01:D8:7 1.0	2	1x	1 Watt	6	PF
10	4/20/2023 04:45:20		00:14:08:00:00:2:5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
11	4/20/2023 04:45:20		00:14:08:03:73:0/2.7	2	1x	1 Watt	8	S1
12	4/20/2023 04:45:20		00:14:08:03:E2:9:5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
13	4/20/2023 04:45:20		FF:FF:FF:FF:AC 5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	
14	4/20/2023 04:45:20		00:14:08:0A:72:5(5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
15	4/17/2023 04:44:38		00:14:08:03:E2:A 5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
16	4/17/2023 04:44:38		00:14:08:01:D8:7 1.0	2	1x	1 Watt	6	PF
17	4/17/2023 04:44:38		00:14:08:00:00:2:5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
18	4/17/2023 04:44:38		00:14:08:03:73:0/2.7	2	1x	1 Watt	8	S1
19	4/17/2023 04:44:38		00:14:08:03:E2:915.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
20	4/17/2023 04:44:38		FF:FF:FF:FF:AC 5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	
21	4/17/2023 04:44:38		00:14:08:0A:72:5(5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
22	4/14/2023 04:43:59		00:14:08:03:E2:A:5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
23	4/14/2023 04:43:59		00:14:08:01:D8:7 5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
24	4/14/2023 04:43:59		00:14:08:03:5F:1E5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	F
25	4/14/2023 04:43:59		00:14:08:00:00:2:5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
26	4/14/2023 04:43:59		00:14:08:03:73:0/5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	S1
27	4/14/2023 04:43:59		00:14:08:03:E2:9:1.6	1	1x	1 Watt	26	PF
28	4/14/2023 04:43:59		FF:FF:FF:FF:AC 5.0	2	1x	1 Watt	0	

Gateway Information



Gateway Details

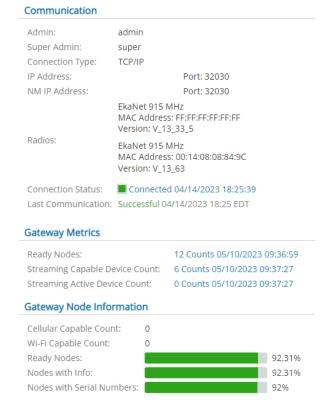
- Similar page in Network Manager
- Gateway Software Version
 - Software Interface to Network Manager
 - Upper Stack The RF Network Interface
 - Radio Firmware on the radio daughter board
 - Release Typically firmware available to spread to RF Nodes
- Location
 - Useful for displaying network topology overlaid on a physical map





Gateway Details (cont'd)

- Communication
 - Connection Status
- Gateway Metrics/Gateway
 Node Information
 - Hovering over the green bars will show a breakdown.
 - Total count can be seen under "Nodes with Serial Numbers"
- Infrastructure Alarms/Gateway Events
 - Yukon derived
 - Events directly from Gateway



Infrastructure Warnings

04:24 PM 05/13/2021	Gateway detecting AC power failure.
10:58 AM 07/05/2022	Duplicate color 20 configured into gateway.
07:16 PM 08/29/2022	Gateway's total ready node count (12) is lower than the warning threshold (25).
04:24 PM 05/13/2021	Gateway security alarm, SSH service enabled.
04:25 AM 11/10/2021	Gateway detecting low voltage on UPS battery.

Gateway Events

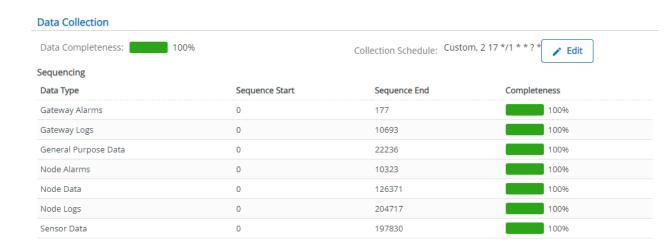
Timestamp	Event	State
03/04/2023 12:43:43	Power Failure	Cleared
03/04/2023 12:43:41	Power Failure	Active
11/28/2022 00:05:50	Time Sync Failed	False
11/27/2022 23:05:51	Time Sync Failed	True
11/27/2022 23:04:17	Power Failure	Cleared
11/27/2022 17:28:08	Power Failure	Active
11/20/2022 06:37:27	Power Failure	Cleared
11/20/2022 05:46:34	AC Power Failure	Active
11/20/2022 05:46:32	AC Power Failure	Cleared
11/20/2022 05:41:44	Power Failure	Active



Gateway Details (penultumate)

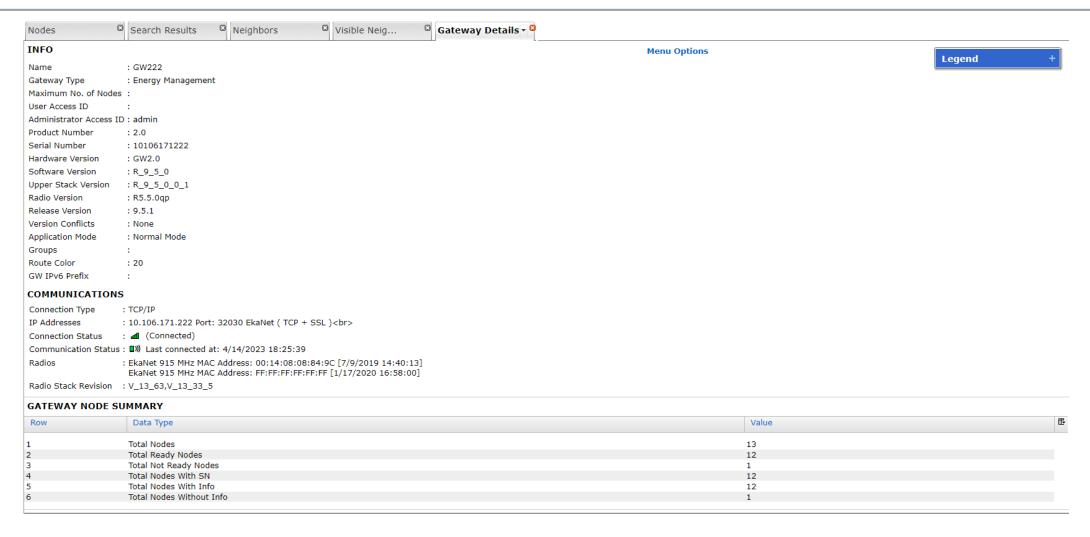
Data Collection

- Data Completeness How synchronized Yukon/NM are with the Gateway
- If less than 100%, there is data pending on Gateway
- Sensor Data Metering/Billing data, events
- Node Alarms Outage alarms





Gateway Details (Network Manager)



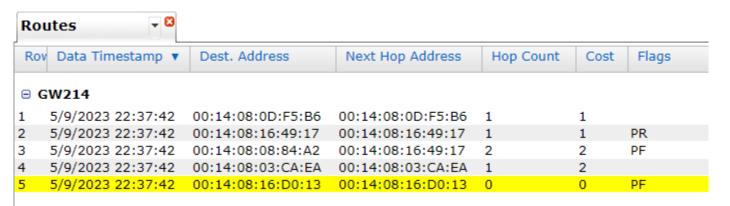


Infrastructure Warnings/Events

- Power Failure All power lost, running on internal capacitors
- Time Sync Failed Gateway is not synchronizing with NTP and will stop syncing the RFN
- Disk Space Gateway at 80% disk usage, abnormal condition and there is some fault to address
- Radio If standing, implies RF comms have been lost
- Node Counts Low indicates GW radio or antenna issue, high may indicate GW has low capacity for incoming devices



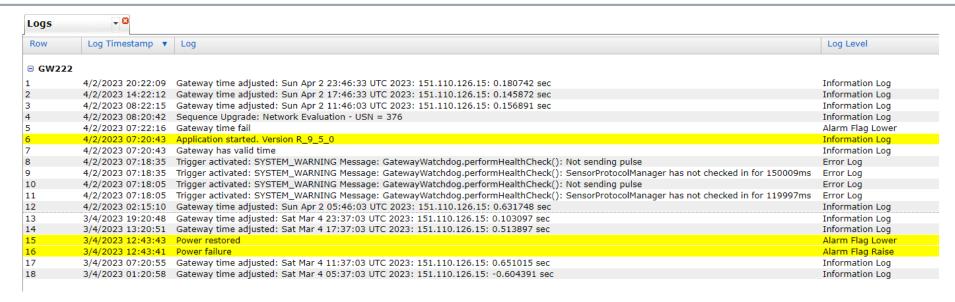
Gateway Routes



- Full routing table, will display all descendants in the segment
- "PR" Primary Reverse Gateway believes the node is using it, path to a destination meter/relay/lcr/etc.
- "PF" Primary Forward Path to a gateway
 - PF with 0 cost and 0 hops Seed route, route from gateway to itself
- No Flag Neighboring device but not using this gateway



Gateway Logs



- "Application Started" Gateway has restarted
- "Gateway time adjusted" Indicates successful time sync (expect 4/day)
- Several alarms are reflected in the logs
- Gateway will automatically restart every 24 hours if it does not receive a message from the RFN

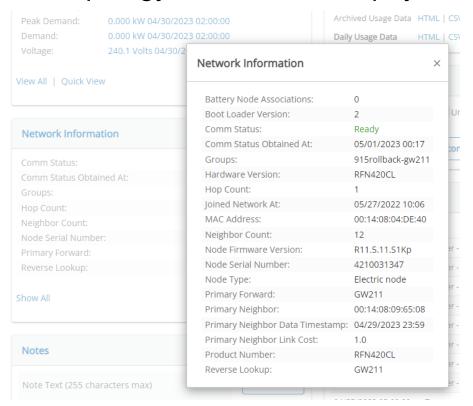


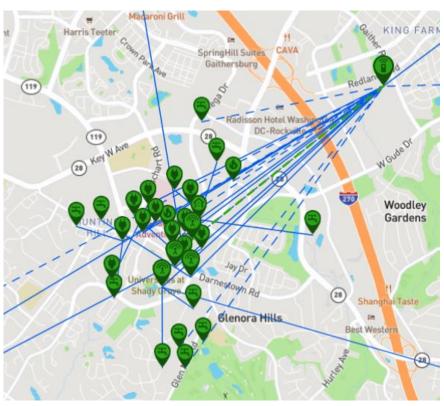
RF Node Issues



RF Network Troubleshooting

- Yukon has added features to display Network Information.
- If provided with GPS Coordinates, Yukon also provides mapping of the network topology overlaid on the physical location.

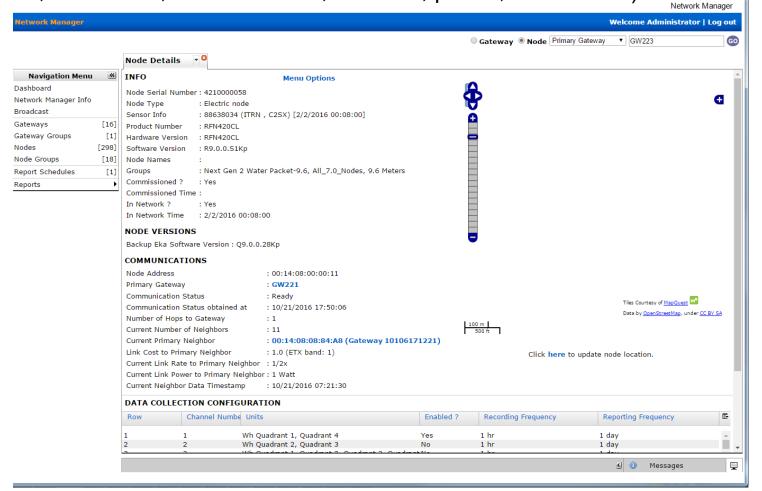






RF Network Troubleshooting

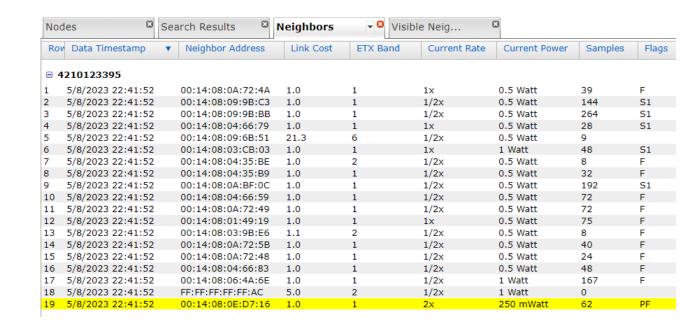
 Node Details screen gives a lot of information about the node (Node S/N, fw version, comms status, link cost, power, data rate...)





Neighbor Table Details

- PF Primary Forward
- PR Primary Reverse
- S1 Secondary neighbors, serving GW
- S2 Secondary neighbors, alternate GW
- F Float Neighbor
- BN Battery neighbor
- IN Ignored neighbor (Field- tool)





Visibility Table

- S1 Secondary neighbors, serving GW
- S2 Secondary neighbors, alternate GW
- V1 Visible neighbors, serving GW
- V2 Visible neighbor, alternate GW

Nodes	3	Search Results 🔞	Neighbors	E V	isible Neig.	🔻 🛭				
Row	Data Timestamp	▼ Visible Neighbor Addr	ress Color	Path Cost	Link Cost	Link Cost Eval.	Hop Count	Flags	Idle Count	
= 421	□ 4210123395									
1	5/8/2023 22:41:53	00:14:08:04:35:B9	10	1	4	1	2	V1	0	
2	5/8/2023 22:41:53	00:14:08:03:E2:9B	10	2	2	0	3	V1	0	
3	5/8/2023 22:41:53	00:14:08:0A:BF:54	10	1	2	0	2	V1	0	
4	5/8/2023 22:41:53	00:14:08:0A:72:4A	10	1	2	1	2	V1	0	
5	5/8/2023 22:41:53	00:14:08:03:CB:03	10	1	2	1	2	S1,V1	0	
6	5/8/2023 22:41:53	00:14:08:01:17:69	10	1	2	0	2	V1	0	
7	5/8/2023 22:41:53	00:14:08:04:35:BE	10	1	2	0	2	V1	0	
8	5/8/2023 22:41:53	00:14:08:01:49:19	10	1	2	1	2	V1	0	
9	5/8/2023 22:41:53	00:14:08:0A:BF:03	10	1	2	0	2	V1	0	
10	5/8/2023 22:41:53	00:14:08:04:66:79	10	1	2	1	2	S1,V1	0	



Meter Not Joining Network

- Multiple step process:
 - 1. Perform a current meter reading Over The Air (OTA) using Field Tool to verify the meter is operational
 - 2. Retrieve neighbor table from the node using Field Tool
 - Check if this node appears as a neighbor of a nearby node that's already in the network. If not go to Step 6
 - 4. Verify ETX Band for this node at all neighbors
 - 5. If ETX Band is 4 or above with all neighbors, go to Step 6
 - 6. Reinforce infrastructure for this node



Communications Status "Not Ready"

- Backhaul connection may be down
- Not Ready may be a temporary condition because a node is in the process of switching to a new Gateway.
- If node continues to be Not Ready for 24 hours or more:
 - Check Node logs:
 - If data reports are being sent, node can communicate with its neighbors
 - Original route to Gateway is reforming or has an issue



"Not Ready" Node Not Reporting In

- Check if there are no data reports from the node for 3 days:
 - Check Routing table of Node to determine last known Primary Forward Node
 - Locate the Primary Forward in the node's neighbor table and check its link cost.
 - Review the link cost history of this node in the Primary Forward node's neighbor table
 - If the link cost has degraded, the node may be in the process of switching to another Primary Forward.
 - Review the problem node's neighbor table to verify link costs with other neighbors
 - If all neighbors have degraded link cost, visit the node to verify OTA connect with a Field Tool



Interval Data Not Received

Issue: Node data intervals not received

- Nodes report their interval data periodically (usually every 24 hours) with each Interval Record (usually 15 minutes)
- Data points can be seen from the Network Manager Node Details -> Data Points for a selectable date range
- If the node is in "Ready" state and interval data is received with missing dates (i.e. gaps)
 - Network may be busy and RFN Gateway may be gap filling. It will catch up and fill the missing intervals



Interval Data Not Received (cont'd)

Issue: Node data intervals not received (cont'd)

- If the node is in "Ready" state and no reports are received for more than several days then it should be diagnosed for other root causes:
 - Check the NTP configuration at the Gateway. Nodes will not report interval data if they haven't received time sync from the gateway
 - RF Network manager and gateway communications can be checked from NM
- If the node is in "Not Ready" state then diagnose the "Not Ready" cause



All of the Above

Node not joining or NOT-READY, missing data

- Check if Gateways are running within capacity
 - 1. From NM, list nodes under the gateway and verify that the total number of nodes is not too close to its maximum capacity (configured parameter during deployment. Ask Customer Service for your network's setting)
 - 2. Gateway logs in NM having too many entries of 'Received Message from Unknown Node' is another indication of Gateway running out of capacity
 - 3. If gateway capacity issue is verified, evaluate infrastructure, and decide on gateway addition or relocation.



RF Network Troubleshooting

Issue: Water node not in network

- 1. Check if the water node is in ship mode using a Field-Tool and swiping the node with magnet.
- Check the neighbor table of nearby Electric meters, if the MAC address does not appear in neighbor tables, reinforce infrastructure by adding relays.

