

Barracuda Spam & Virus Firewall Energize Updates have always offered exceptional value by providing spam and virus definitions, firmware updates and technical support. Starting Nov. 1, 2010, the release of additional features will bring added benefits to your customers and will coincide with an Energize Updates price increase. New features include:

1. **Cloud-based layer for spam and virus protection.** Customers will have the ability to route emails through the Barracuda Email Security Service (BESS), a new cloud-based layer designed to provide coarse-grained spam and virus filtering in the cloud, before they ever reach the customer's network gateway. Policy-based, fine-grained filtering, recipient verification, quarantine and outbound email scanning are performed by the Barracuda Spam & Virus Firewall appliance.
2. **Email spooling.** If a customer's Barracuda Spam & Virus Firewall is unavailable, the Barracuda Email Security Service will allow the administrator to access email through the service for up to 96 hours, essentially creating a safety net so that no email is lost.
3. **Outbound email encryption.** Customers will be able to specify a policy to determine which outgoing emails should be encrypted. Any emails that match the policy will be transferred to the cloud-based Barracuda Message Center, which will encrypt the emails and send a separate notification to the recipient.
4. **System Optimization and Health Check.** A qualified Barracuda Networks support technician will provide a detailed report on current system performance and suggest ways to tune the system for better performance.

All of these benefits will be available to all Barracuda Spam & Virus Firewall customers - regardless of which model they have - upon upgrading to Barracuda Spam & Virus Firewall firmware Release 5.0, which will be available starting Nov. 1. Subsequently, the Energize Updates price increase will take effect with this release on Nov. 1.