

## Moving to Connecticut

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Trains, planes and automobiles.... John Candy had it easy compared to my trek across the country. As I sit down and write this article, I am homeless, with all my possessions in a truck driving cross country (should be passing through Iowa about now - hmmm... a tornado hit there last night!) and waiting for a flight on Thursday to head to Connecticut. The unofficial office of HYPACK west is closing down.

After three years, I've decided to make the move to HYPACK. The big one! The one that will take me from Washington state to Connecticut. Nothing against the west coast, but I've been here for 8 years now, and I'm going back home – to the east coast where I grew up. There are a few things I'd rather do than move. Perhaps even a visit to the dentist. Or go out to sea. But closing the door to the old house was a relief when it happened, and now looking forward to working at the office in Connecticut.

I'm giving up my 30-foot commute, the unlimited coffee, food and snacks downstairs, and the dress code that no one could see or comment on. Perhaps that is actually a good thing! I'll miss the 6am calls, the kids getting into my office and sending the world an e-mail of "askfqkejhfqkef" (they can't read, but can manage to hit the SEND button!), and most of all, always wondering if the folks in Connecticut actually think I do work here. For those that I did work with over the past few years, please let Pat and John know I did some.

In return, I'll be working in the office, taking on new responsibilities and working with all groups at HYPACK – support, sales and administration. I'll work closely with Pat over the next few months to get my responsibilities and duties in line. I'll work with John and the support group, but might take a pass on a few trips later this year and let someone else go. My email and cell phone are still the same (the office number will be transferred to the HYPACK main number).

Feel free to call me if you need anything. But just don't call me at 5pm west coast time now... I might not answer the phone anymore.