

## Summary:

Below are the proposed exit plans VeriHash wishes to pursue with Stakewise.

Our goal is to set expectations up front so we can exit with transparency. We are also open to alternatives, so long as the end result, VeriHash exiting and no longer providing services to Stakewise, is achieved within our required timelines.

We will be ceasing node operations for Stakewise by Nov 30th. 11:59 pm PST.

### **Note:**

**All Validators for GNO and ETH must be exited or transferred to a new operator by Nov. 30th, 2022 11:59 pm PST regardless of exit plan.**

**By default if no action is taken by the Stakewise DAO, VeriHash will exit all validators it operates for Stakewise still under its control on Nov. 30th by 11:59 PM PST. VeriHash will continue to operate the exited keys for the time those keys are waiting in the exit queue.**

**VeriHash does not want to take the default action. It causes the most harm to stakers which is counter to our goal in this transition. But, if required, we will take the default action for any validators still in our control by Nov. 30th, 2022 11:59 pm PST.**

## Exit Proposal One:

- Nov 1st. 2022 9:00 AM PDT - VeriHash to give formal notice of its intent to withdraw services as a node operator for Stakewise.
- Stakewise DAO initiates vote to exit VeriHash hosted validators by Nov 4th 11:00PM PDT with a 3 Day voting period. Vote ends Nov 8th.
- Upon passing of the vote, the Stakewise team re-constitutes VeriHash validator credentials and exits ALL Ethereum and Gnosis validators. This operation will be completed by Nov 11th.
- VeriHash will continue to operate the exited keys while they exit via the exit queue, which likely takes a week or so ending Nov 18th.

### Exit Proposal Two:

- Nov 1st, 2022 9:00 AM PDT - VeriHash to give formal notice of its intent to withdraw services as a node operator for StakeWise.
- StakeWise Labs and VeriHash work on “re-homing” the keys VeriHash possesses to different StakeWise node operator(s). This “re-homing plan” to be finalized by Nov 8th, 9:00 AM PST.
- StakeWise DAO initiates a vote on this “re-homing plan” by Nov 9th, 9:00 AM PST. Vote ends Nov 12th.
- Upon passing, VeriHash will provide a signed statement releasing all interest in the validator keys to the new operator(s) and attesting to the removal of all validator key material upon transfer of keys to the new operator. Nov 13th.
- StakeWise Lab team makes needed changes to smart contracts and deploys changes to accommodate the “re-allocation” of rewards to a new operator. Nov 13th - Nov 16th.
- VeriHash, StakeWise Labs, and the new operator(s) work to sync keys to the new operator(s) by Nov 17th.
- At an agreed upon time, Nov 18th, VeriHash to stop their validators, and after waiting 2 epochs to ensure finality, the new operator starts their validators with VeriHash’s old key set.

### **VeriHash’s preferred solution is Proposal Two.**

Proposal Two represents the least impact to stakers, the least amount of losses, and disruption of the pool for both Gnosis and Ethereum. We understand there is a risk of “shared” keys but again our goal is to not cause damage, and we would **never** do anything that would result in slashing.

**Our goal is to minimize impact to stakers due to our exit and that is why we will ensure a smooth, safe, and permanent transfer for keys to a new operator.**