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Application Notes for Configuring the Expand Networks Accelerator 4820 with Avaya IP Telephony through Avaya SG203 and SG208 Security Gateways - Issue 1.0

Abstract

These Application Notes describe the steps for configuring the Expand Networks Accelerator 4820 to preserve WAN link bandwidth for H.323 Voice over IP (VoIP) traffic generated by Avaya IP telephones while offering data compression and acceleration. During compliance testing, H.323 phone calls traversing the WAN link were successfully established and maintained while non-VoIP competing traffic was compressed and queued according to their priority. Information in these Application Notes has been obtained through Developer Connection compliance testing and additional technical discussions. Testing was conducted via the Developer Connection Program at the Avaya Solution and Interoperability Test Lab.

1. Introduction

These Application Notes describe a compliance-tested solution comprised of Avaya Communication Managers, Avaya IP Telephones, Avaya Security Gateways and Expand Networks Accelerators. The Accelerator is a WAN optimization appliance that employs techniques such as compression, QoS, Bandwidth management, and TCP acceleration to increase capacity, applications performance and throughput, while maintaining proper prioritization for Voice over IP (VoIP) traffic going over Wide Area Network (WAN) links. Typically placed between the WAN router and LAN, the Expand Network Accelerator establishes a virtual connection between its peers and manages network traffic flow based on user-defined rules and priorities. The Expand Networks Accelerator can also set aside explicit bandwidth for VoIP traffic within the WAN link capacity to maintain the proper Quality of Service.

1.1. Configuration

Figure 1 illustrates the configuration used in these Application Notes. The extension numbers beginning with the number 4 are registered with Avaya Communication Manager in the Main Site and extension numbers beginning with the number 5 are registered with Avaya Communication Manager at the Branch Site. A 768K PPP link simulating a WAN link connects the Main and Branch Site together while the Avaya Security Gateways provide the VPN tunnel over this link. An H.323 trunk routes telephone calls between the two Avaya Media Gateways.

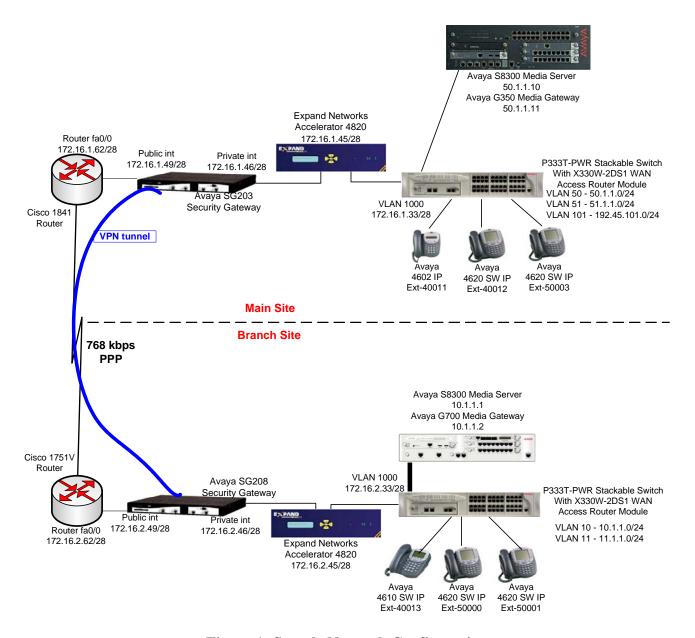


Figure 1: Sample Network Configuration

2. Equipment and Software Validated

The following equipment and software/firmware were used for the sample configuration provided:

Equipment	Software/Firmware
Avaya S8300 Media Server with G350 Avaya Media	Avaya Communication Manager
Gateway	3.0 (R0.13x.00.0.346.0)
Avaya S8300 Media Server with G700 Avaya Media	Avaya Communication Manager
Gateway	3.0 (R0.13x.00.0.346.0)
Avaya P333T-PWR Stackable Switch with a	3.12.1
X330W-2DS1 WAN Access Router Module	
Avaya SG203 Security Gateway	4.6.22
Avaya SG208 Security Gateway	4.6.22
Avaya 46xxSW IP Telephones (H.323)	1.8.2 (4602SW)
	2.2.3 (4610SW/4620SW)
Expand Networks Accelerator 4820	5.0(7) Build 1.45
Cisco 1751V Router	12.3(13a)
Cisco 1841 Router	12.3(8)T6

3. Avaya Communication Manager

This section highlights the important areas in Avaya Communication Manager that need to be configured. For complete documentation, see references [1] and [2]. Use the System Access Terminal (SAT) interface to perform these steps. Log in with the appropriate credentials.

3.1. IP Network region

Use the **change ip-network-region** command for the network region the telephone is configured for to display IP Network Region information. Note the **UDP Port Min** and **UDP Port Max** value as well as the settings for **Call Control PHB Value** and **Audio PHB Value** (DiffServ/TOS parameters). These values will be needed later when configuring the Expand Networks Accelerators.

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change ip-network-region 1
                                                                         Page 1 of 19
                                   IP NETWORK REGION
 Region: 1
Location: 1
                Authoritative Domain: devcon.com
                     Intra-region IP-IP Direct Audio: yes
Inter-region IP-IP Direct Audio: yes
MEDIA PARAMETERS
      Codec Set: 1
   UDP Port Min: 2048
                                               IP Audio Hairpinning? y
UDP Port Max: 3027

DIFFSERV/TOS PARAMETERS RTCP Reporting Enabled? y
Call Control PHB Value: 34

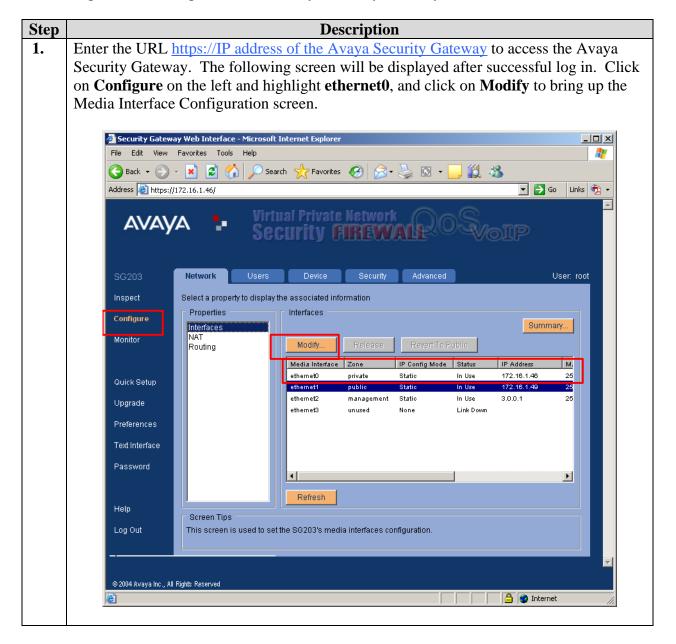
Audio PHB Value: 46

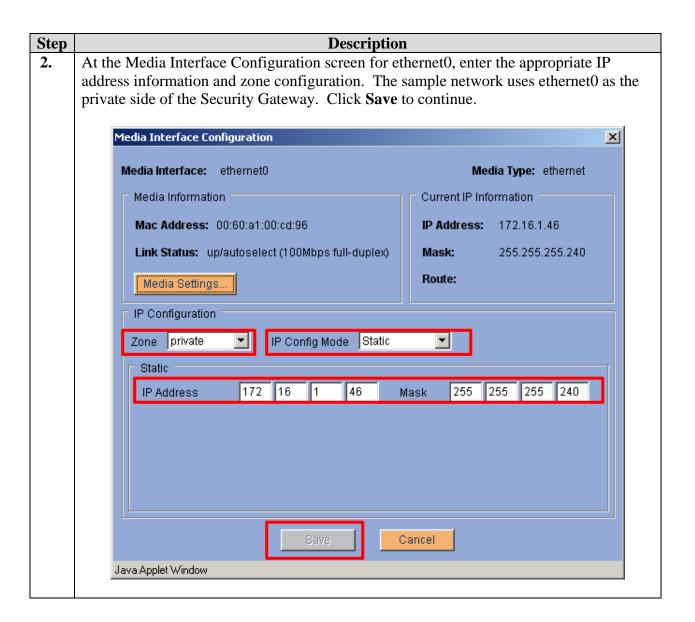
Use Default Server Parameters? y
        Video PHB Value: 26
802.1P/Q PARAMETERS
 Call Control 802.1p Priority: 6
        Audio 802.1p Priority: 6
                                        AUDIO RESOURCE RESERVATION PARAMETERS
        Video 802.1p Priority: 5
H.323 IP ENDPOINTS
                                                                RSVP Enabled? n
 H.323 Link Bounce Recovery? y
 Idle Traffic Interval (sec): 20
   Keep-Alive Interval (sec): 5
         Keep-Alive Count: 5
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3.2. Avaya SG203 and SG208 Security Gateway

The Avaya SG203 and SG208 Security Gateways were used to establish a VPN tunnel between the Main and Branch sites. The following steps outline the configuration for the interfaces of the Avaya Security Gateways and the VPN tunnel. Refer to [3] for additional information on configuring Avaya SG203 and SG208 Security Gateways.

The steps in this section depict screen displays for the Avaya Security Gateway at the Main Site. These steps need to be repeated for the Avaya Security Gateway at the Branch Site.





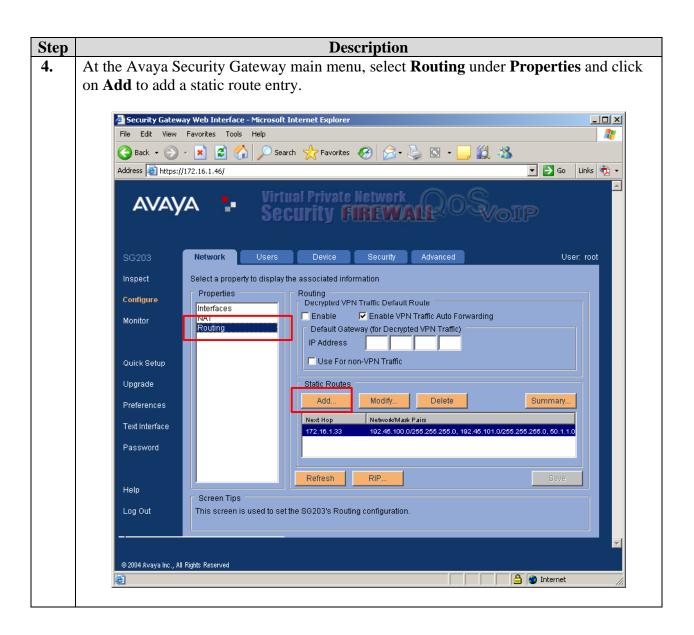
Step **Description 3.** Repeats Step 2, except now highlight the **ethernet1** interface and click Modify to display the Media Interface Configuration screen for ethernet1. At the Media Interface Configuration screen for ethernet1, enter the appropriate IP address information and zone configuration. The sample network uses ethernet1 as the public side of the Security Gateway. The Route is the IP address of the router. Click Save to continue. Media Interface Configuration X Media Interface: ethernet1 Media Type: ethernet Media Information Current IP Information Mac Address: 00:60:a1:00:cd:97 IP Address: 172.16.1.49 Link Status: up/autoselect (100Mbps full-duplex) Mask: 255,255,255,240 Route: 172.16.1.62 Media Settings IP Configuration Zone public IP Config Mode Static ┰ Static 172 49 255 255 255 240 IP Address Mask

Route

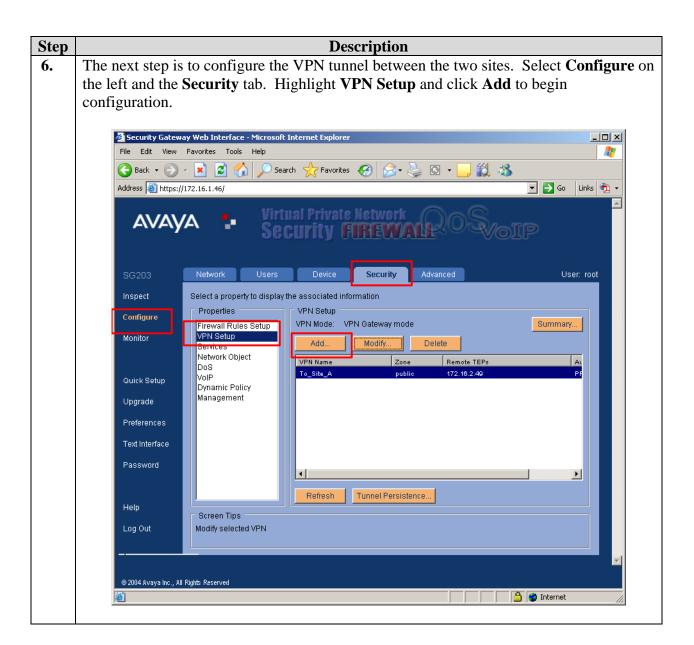
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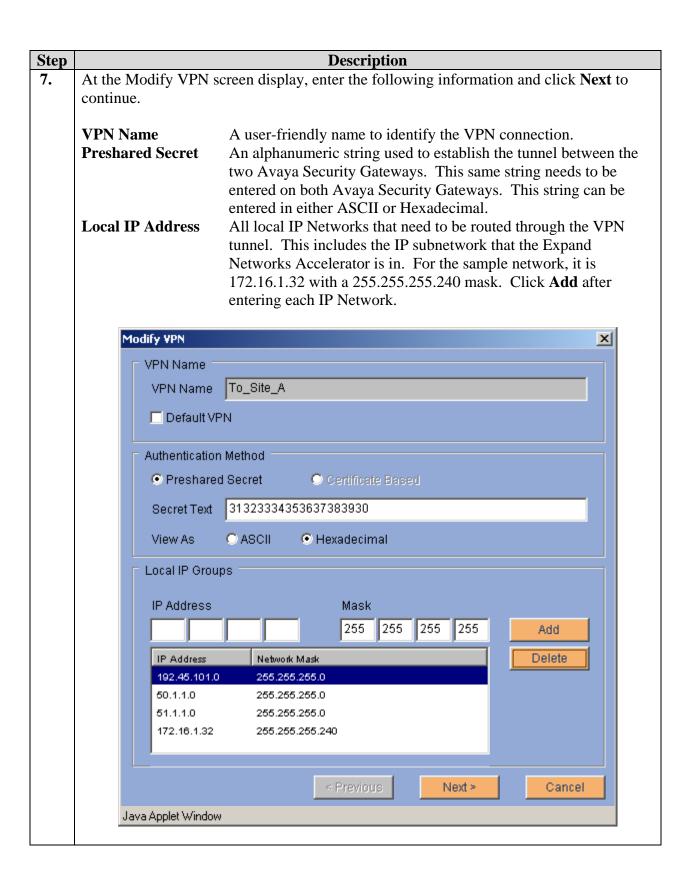
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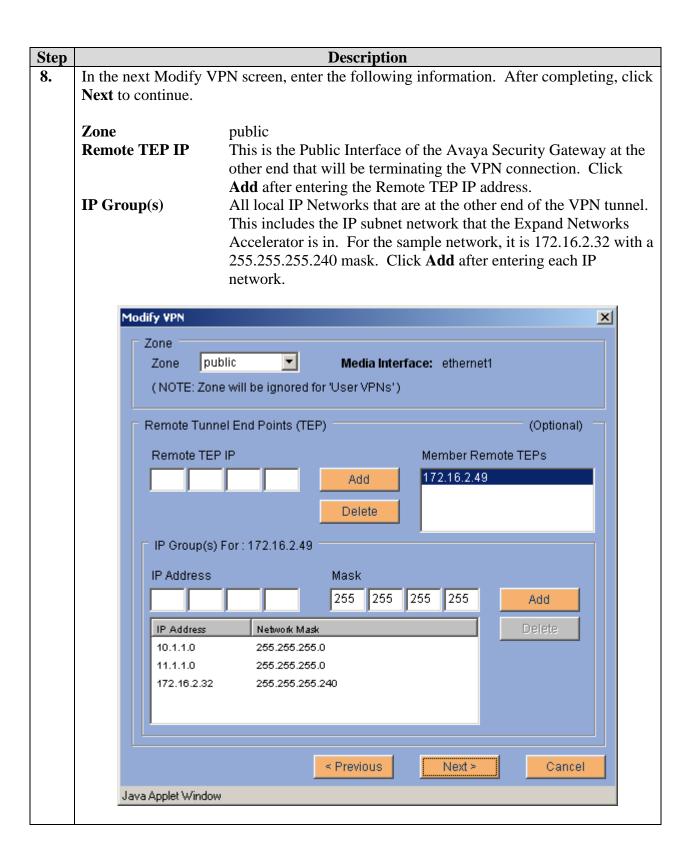
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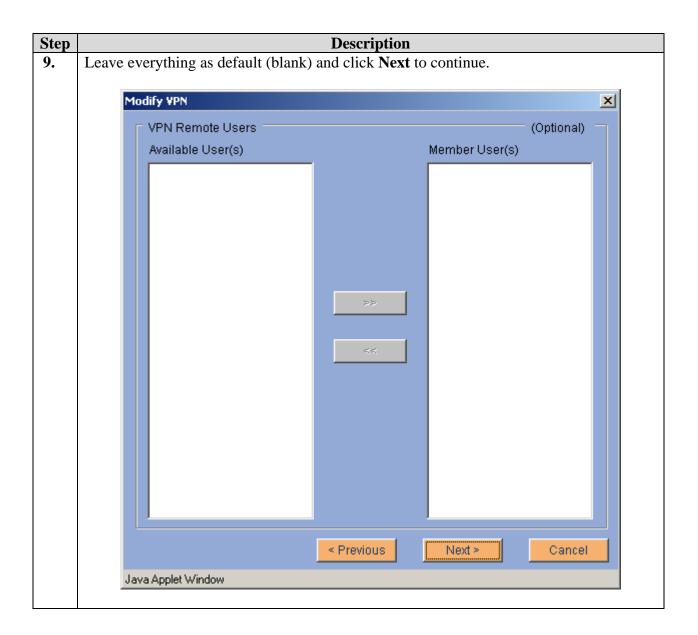


Step **Description** 5. At the Modify Static Route display, enter the appropriate Next Hop IP address for the local IP Networks. For the Main Site, the Next hop IP address to reach the three local IP Networks (192.45.101.0/24, 50.1.1.0/24, and 51.1.1.0/24) is 172.16.1.33. Enter the **IP** Address information and click Add after each entry. Click OK after all the IP networks have been entered. Modify Static Route X 172 16 33 Next Hop IP Address Network Mask 255 255 255 255 Add: Delete IP Address Network Mask 192,45,101.0 255,255,255,0 50.1.1.0 255.255.255.0 51.1.1.0 255.255.255.0 0K Cancel Java Applet Window









Step **Description** 10. The last step in configuring the VPN tunnel is to select the encryption and authentication algorithm. In the sample configuration, everything is left to the default value except compression. Compression is set to NONE. Expand Networks Accelerators will be performing all the compression and bandwidth management. Click Finish to complete the VPN configuration. Modify VPN X **IKE Security** 3DES \blacksquare Lifetime (Time-based) DAYS 🔻 Encryption \blacksquare Authentication SHA1 Lifetime (Throughput) GB 1 ▾ DH Group IPSec Security AH/ESP ESP 🔻 Perfect Forward Secrecy NO DH Group IPSec Proposals 3DES \blacksquare Lifetime (Time-based) DAYS 🔻 Encryption Authentication HMAC_SHA ▼ Lifetime (Throughput) GB NONE Compression Encryption Authentication Life (time) Add Life (throughput) Cor 3DES HMAC_SHA 8 DAYS 0 GB NO Move Up Move Down M < Previous Finish Cancel

11. Repeat Steps 1 to 10 for the Avaya Security Gateway at the Branch Site.

Java Applet Window

4. Expand Networks Accelerator

Configuration can be accomplished through either a Command Line Interface (CLI) or a Web Browser. The sample configuration uses the CLI. The following steps describe the configuration for the Expand Networks Accelerator located in the Main Site. Repeat all steps in this section for Accelerator located in the Branch Site, and ensure proper IP address information is used.

Step	Description
1.	Enter the IP address information into the Expand Networks Accelerator using the keypad on the front of the unit. Using the up/down/left/right arrow keys to maneuver and change the digit in the LCD display and press the ENTER key accept the value. The sample configuration uses the following information for the Accelerator at the Main Site.
	IP Address 172.16.1.45 Mask 255.255.255.240 Default Gateway 172.16.1.46
2.	Telnet to the Expand Networks Accelerator IP address and log in using an appropriate user name and password.
	AcceleratorOS, Accelerator 4800 Series Version v5.0(7) (Build1.45) login:
3.	Define a link between the two Accelerators. The destination IP address is 172.16.2.45 with a WAN bandwidth of 768kbps. Enter configuration mode by typing in enable and configure .
	Datacenter> en Datacenter# configure Datacenter(config)# wan default Datacenter(WAN)# bandwidth 768 Datacenter(WAN)# ! Datacenter(config)# interface link 1 Datacenter(LINK)# description L-172.16.2.45 Datacenter(LINK)# link destination 172.16.2.45
	This will limit the amount of traffic coming out from the Accelerator onto this link to no more than 768kbps.
4.	Enter the local IP Networks that need to be connected through the Expand Networks Accelerator.
	Datacenter(config)# subnets Datacenter(SUBNETS)# network 50.1.1.0 255.255.255.0 advertise metric 1 Datacenter(SUBNETS)# network 51.1.1.0 255.255.255.0 advertise metric 1 Datacenter(SUBNETS)# network 192.45.101.0 255.255.255.0 advertise metric 1

Step	Description
5.	Define two policies for the voice traffic, one for the signaling "h323-gatekeeper-stat" and the other for the media "avayavoip" (RTP stream). The UDP port number from 2048 to 3027 was defined in Avaya Communication Manager in Section 3.1. UDP port number 1719 is the default port number used for H.323 trunk signaling between the two Media Gateways. Datacenter(config)# application h323-gatekeeper-stat udp 1719 Datacenter(config)# application avayavoip udp from 2048 to 3027
6.	Define policy to prioritize the different traffic flow.
	Rule 2 was defined for traffic destined to Avaya Communication Manager (IP 10.1.1.1) at the Branch Site. This traffic is mainly for call establishment. It is set with a priority of real-time and a Desired Bandwidth of 25kbps. This 25kbps setting was tested to be adequate based on the number of stations in the sample configuration.
	Datacenter(config)# policy-rule 2 global outbound Datacenter(RULE)# match ip dest 10.1.1.1 255.255.255 Datacenter(RULE)# set policy priority real-time Datacenter(RULE)# set policy rate desired 25
	Rule 23 was defined for general VoIP traffic using the DiffServ bits. In Section 3.1, Signaling and Audio were set to use DiffServ value 34 and 46 respectively in Avaya Communication Manager. In configuring the Accelerator, these values - 34 and 46 translate to 136 and 184, respectively. See note below for details on how these values are calculated.
	Datacenter(config)# policy-rule 23 global outbound Datacenter(RULE)# match tos bits 136 Datacenter(RULE)# match tos bits 184 Datacenter(RULE)# set policy priority real-time Datacenter(RULE)# set policy rate desired 200
	Note: The DiffServ value of 34 in Avaya Communication Manager translates into 100010 in binary, a 6-digit number. The Accelerator calculation is based on an 8-digit number; therefore two additional zeroes must be added to the end before converting the number back to decimal. 100010 becomes 10001000, or the number 136 in decimal.
7.	Define a decision to turn off acceleration for RTP traffic. Since G.729 codec already has compression and compression may affect voice quality when using G.711 codec, compression was disabled for all voice media traffic in the sample configuration. By default, the Accelerator compresses all traffic unless compression is explicitly disabled.
	Datacenter(config)# decision 1 Datacenter(DECISION)# match application avayavoip Datacenter(DECISION)# set accelerate disable

Step	Description
8.	By default, IPComp compression is enabled and there is no need to configure it. The default configuration is not listed when the "show run" command is entered into the
	system to list current running configuration.
9.	Repeat Steps 1 to 8 for the Expand Network Accelerator in the Branch Site. Ensure the proper IP addresses are entered, as the IP addresses may be different from what is shown above for the Main Site.

5. Interoperability Compliance Testing

The interoperability compliance testing focused on assessing the impact that the Expand Networks Accelerator has on Avaya VoIP traffic traversing the PPP link connecting the Main and Branch sites simulating a WAN. Compression and TCP acceleration were enabled for competing non-VoIP traffic while bandwidth preservation was enabled for Avaya VoIP traffic on the Accelerators.

5.1. General Test Approach

The general test approach was to verify that the Avaya IP telephones could successfully place and receive calls through the network infrastructure comprised of Avaya SG203 and SG208 Security Gateway and Expand Networks Accelerators through a VPN tunnel while competing with simulated non-VoIP low priority traffic and compression. Compression and Acceleration was implemented in the Expand Networks Accelerator for all non-voice traffic to maximize throughput over the WAN link.

The main objectives were to verify that:

- Calls between telephones in different sites are successfully completed and maintained with good voice quality.
- Multiple telephones calls between sites can be completed as per the Desired Bandwidth configured in the Accelerator.
- Non-VoIP traffic does not encroach upon the bandwidth reserved for voice applications.
- The solution supports G.711 and G.729 codecs.
- The solution supports DTMF.
- Layer-3 DiffServ information is preserved.

5.2. Test Results

The objectives in Section 5.1 were successfully verified during compliance testing. Multiple telephone calls were successfully placed and received as per bandwidth policies defined by the Expand Network Accelerators during varying levels of simulated competing traffic. Voice quality was good throughout testing regardless of traffic flow.

6. Verification Steps

The following steps may be used to verify the configuration:

- Ensure that all the Accelerator interfaces are reachable by using ping.
- Place and receive call from the Avaya IP telephones.
- From the Accelerator, verify the status of the Link.
- From the Accelerator, verify that the Rule is correctly configured using the "debug traffic-statistics policy-rule" command.
- From the Accelerator, verify the Application is configure correctly by using "show application" command.

7. Support

For technical support on the Expand Network Accelerator, contact Expand Networks, Inc. at http://www.expand.com/CustomerSupport/Overview.html

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8. Conclusion

These Application Notes have described the administration steps required to configure the Expand Networks Accelerator to interoperate with and prioritize WAN bandwidth for an Avaya VoIP solution. During compliance testing, H.323 phone calls traversing the WAN link were successfully established and maintained while sharing the link with non-VoIP traffic.

9. Additional References

- [1] Administrator Guide for Avaya Communication Manager, Doc # 03-300509, Issue 1, June 2005
- [2] Avaya Communication Manager Advanced Administration Quick Reference, Doc # 03-300364, Issue 2, June 2005 Release 3.0
- [3] Avaya Security Gateway Configuration Guide for VPNos Release 4.6, Doc # 670-100-602, Issue 4, May 2005
- [4] Expand Network Accelerator Configuration Guide version 5.7

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