

Configuring Dynamic Call Admission Control

Dynamic call admission control (CAC) provides enhanced control over WAN bandwidth. You can configure dynamic CAC on J4350 and J6350 Services Routers supporting voice over IP through the TGM550 media gateway module. It can be used with the following interfaces:

- Fast Ethernet and Gigabit Ethernet interfaces
- ISDN BRI interfaces
- Serial interfaces with PPP or Frame Relay encapsulation

When dynamic CAC is configured on an interface responsible for providing call bandwidth, the TGM550 informs the Media Gateway Controller (MGC) of the bandwidth limit available for voice packets on the interface and requests the MGC to block new calls when the bandwidth is exhausted.

Dynamic CAC is useful when a primary link becomes unavailable and a backup link with less bandwidth takes its place. Without dynamic CAC, the MGC cannot detect the switchover to the backup link or the resulting changes in network topology and available bandwidth. The MGC would continue to admit calls at the bandwidth of the primary link, causing network congestion and possible jitter, delay, and loss of calls.

To configure dynamic CAC for a logical interface, include the **dynamic-call-admission-control** statement, with options:

```
dynamic-call-admission-control {  
    activation-priority priority;  
    bearer-bandwidth-limit kilobits-per-second;  
}
```

You can include this statement at the following hierarchy levels:

- [edit interfaces *interface-name* unit *logical-unit-number*]
- [edit logical-systems *logical-system-name* interfaces *interface-name* unit *logical-unit-number*]

bearer-bandwidth-limit *kilobits-per-second* is the dynamic CAC bearer bandwidth limit (BBL)—the maximum bandwidth available for voice traffic on the interface. The TGM550 reports the BBL to the MGC. When the call bandwidth exceeds the BBL, the MGC blocks new calls and alerts the user with a busy tone. The BBL range is from 0 through 9999. The default BBL is -1, which indicates that dynamic CAC is not configured on an interface.

activation-priority *priority* specifies the order in which interfaces are used for providing call bandwidth. The interface with the highest activation priority value is used as the primary link for providing call bandwidth. If the primary link becomes unavailable, the TGM550 switches to the next active interface with the highest activation priority value, and so on. The activation priority value range is from 0 through 255. The default is 50.



NOTE: Dynamic CAC works in conjunction with the Avaya Communication Manager (CM) Call Admission Control: Bandwidth Limitation (CAC-BL) feature. If you configure dynamic CAC on WAN interfaces, you must also configure CAC-BL on Avaya CM. For more information about configuring CAC-BL, see the *Administrator Guide for Avaya Communication Manager*.

Example: Configuring Dynamic CAC

Configure dynamic CAC on a logical interface:

```
[edit]
interfaces {
  t1-4/0/0 {
    unit 0 {
      dynamic-call-admission-control {
        bearer-bandwidth-limit 900 kbps;
        activation-priority 75;
      }
    }
  }
}
```