



**Time Sensitive Information!**

**These Configuration Changes Must Be Applied  
Ten Days Prior to Absolute VOICE Cut-Over**

**Watchguard Router Configuration  
For Absolute VOICE Cloud Telephony Deployment  
Document Version 2.1**

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## Read Me!

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1. These changes must be applied before client implements their Absolute VOICE hosted telephony solution.
2. If you are experienced with business class firewalls and routers, please have your IT staff/contractor perform these changes for you.
3. Please read this entire document before attempting to make any changes.
4. If you have questions about this document, you can call 800-955-6703 to schedule an appointment with one of our firewall support specialists. We will attempt schedule your appointment within 24- 48 hours of your call to us so please allow adequate time.
5. After changes are completed please let your client or Absolute VOICE Customer Support specialist know.
6. Once completed, an Absolute VOICE technician will be requesting access or a collaborative web session to verify settings prior to customer cut over.

## Introduction

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This document is for IT administrators and illustrates configuration changes required on Watchguard firewall & router appliances to support Absolute VOICE's cloud communications telecommunications platform. This document assumes a basic network deployment consisting of one internal LAN network containing the IP phones and one WAN network connected to the Internet. While we strongly recommend a dedicated network for VoIP traffic, the instructions below can be used for a “converged” network whereby both VoIP and non-VoIP traffic share one physical WAN network. With basic modifications (such as adding access rules for additional interfaces); this configuration can be extrapolated for other network layouts. The screenshots below may vary slightly from what is displayed while configuring the device depending on model and OS software version. Setting values not mentioned may be left at default or changed as required for specific purposes.



**Please call Absolute VOICE Customer Support at 800-955-6703 if you need any further information. Firewall changes can be in depth and you will need to schedule time with one of our specialists if you need assistance.**

Screenshots and instructions are based on XTM25 running version 11.8.B432340.

We recommend loading the latest XTM OS (firmware).

## Firewall Checklist

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After applying the GUI configurations in this document, please take the appropriate screen shots to provide the firewall “verification” to Absolute VOICE.

Screen Shot #:	Configuration:	Completed:
1	System → Global Settings → Networking Tab (Traffic Management)	
2	Network → Interfaces → External → Advanced Tab (Prioritize based on QoS Marking)	
3	Firewall → Traffic Management → Absolute VOICE Traffic	
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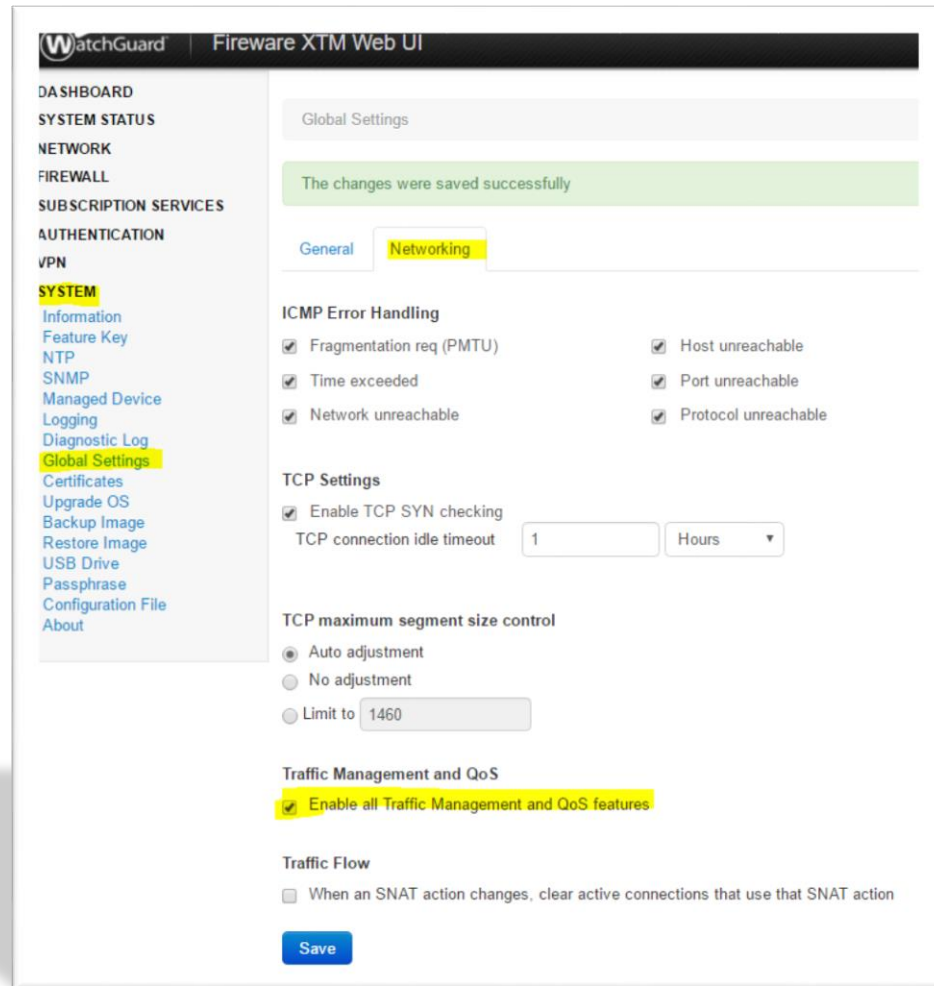
## Enable Traffic Management & QoS

Note: default log in to Watchguard devices is: <https://xxx.xxx.xxx.1:8080>

UN: admin

PW: readwrite

**System → Global Settings → Networking tab**



- Click (check) the “Enable all Traffic Management and QoS features
- Click Save

## Enable QoS Marking on WAN and LAN Interfaces

### Network → Interfaces

- Select on the interface 0 (External/WAN)
  - This will also need to be configured on the X1 (or Active LAN port).
  - Please repeat on the LAN port
- Click “edit”

Interfaces

Configure Interfaces in

Interface ↕	Type	Name (Alias)	IPv4 Address	IPv6 Address	NIC Config
0	External	External	DHCP		Auto Negotiate
1	Trusted	Trusted	10.0.1.1/24		Auto Negotiate
2	Trusted	Optional-1	10.0.3.1/24		Auto Negotiate
3	Bridge	Optional-2			Auto Negotiate
4	Trusted	Optional-3	10.0.4.1/24		Auto Negotiate

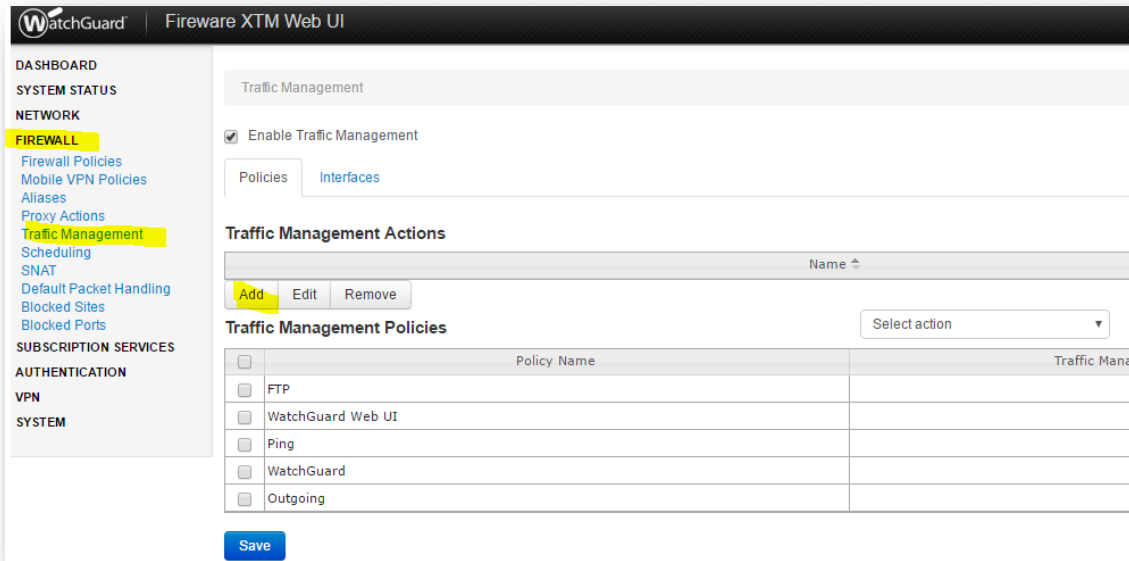
- Click on the “Advanced” tab

The screenshot shows the WatchGuard Fireware XTM Web UI interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories: DASHBOARD, SYSTEM STATUS, NETWORK (highlighted), FIREWALL, SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES, AUTHENTICATION, VPN, and SYSTEM. Under NETWORK, 'Interfaces' is selected. The main content area is titled 'Interfaces / Edit' and shows configuration for an 'External' interface. The 'Advanced' tab is highlighted in yellow. Under 'NIC Settings', 'Link Speed' is set to 'Auto Negotiate' and 'MTU' is 1500. There is an unchecked checkbox for 'Override MAC Address'. Under 'Don't Fragment (DF) Bit Setting for IPSec (External only)', the 'Copy' radio button is selected. Under 'PMTU Setting for IPSec (External only)', 'Minimum MTU' is 576 and 'Aging time of learned PMTU' is 10 minutes. Under 'QoS', 'Marking type' is 'IP Precedence', 'Marking method' is 'Preserve', and 'Value' is '0 (Normal)'. The checkbox 'Prioritize traffic based on QoS Marking' is checked and highlighted in yellow. Under 'Static MAC/IP Address Binding', there is an empty table with 'Add' and 'Remove' buttons, and an unchecked checkbox for 'Only allow traffic sent from or to these MAC/IP addresses'. At the bottom are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

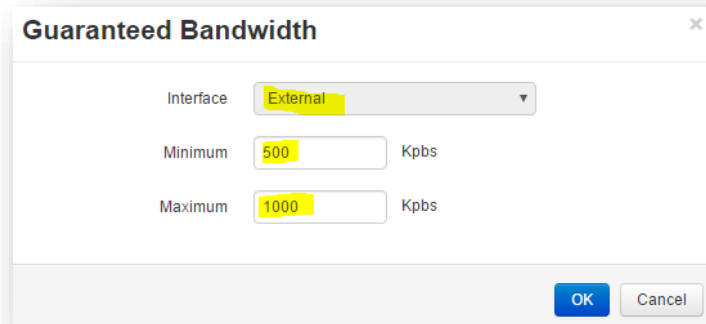
- Click “Prioritize traffic based on QoS Marking”
- Click Save

# Traffic Management

## Firewall → Traffic Management



- Click the “Add” button
- Create a Absolute VOICE Traffic Management scope
  - Name: Absolute VOICE Traffic
    - Click the “Add” button under “Guaranteed Bandwidth for Outgoing traffic”

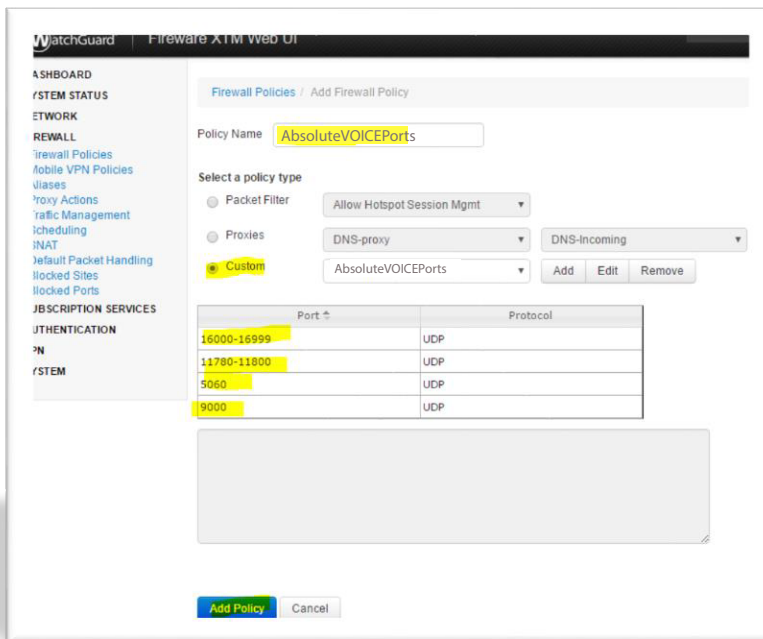
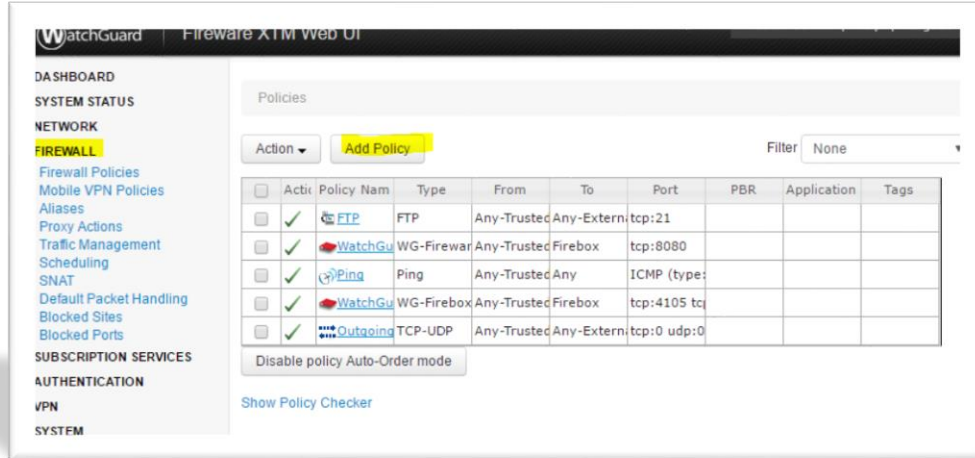


- A “guaranteed Bandwidth” pop-up window will appear. Enter the following:
  - Interface: External
  - Minimum: Enter the minimum speed in Kpbs that you would like to reserve for voice Traffic. As a rule of thumb I would use this formula:  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Total number of phones \* 100K
  - Maximum: Enter the max bandwidth needed using:  
Total number of phones \* 100K  
Note: Value of “0” (this will allow the traffic management to burst if needed)
- Click “OK”
- Click “Save”



# Create Firewall Policies

Firewall → click “Add Policy”



- Select the “Custom” Policy Type
- Select “Add”
  - Enter the following information:
    - Policy Name: AbsoluteVOICEPorts
    - Ports:
      - 16000-16999 UDP
      - 11780-11800 UDP
      - 5060 UDP
      - 9000 UDP
- Click Add Policy

## Create the Inbound Policy

Once the custom policy type is created you can create the Inbound and Outbound Policies.

### Inbound Policy:

- Click “Add Policy”
- Name Policy: Absolute VOICE Inbound
- Select “Custom” radio button
- Choose “AbsoluteVOICEPorts” in drop down
- Click “Add Policy”

The screenshot shows the 'Firewall Policies / Edit' configuration page for a policy named 'AbsoluteVOICE Inbound'. The 'Name' field is set to 'AbsoluteVOICE Inbound' and the 'Enable' checkbox is checked. The 'Connections are' dropdown is set to 'Allowed'. The 'Policy Type' is set to 'AbsoluteVOICEPorts', which is associated with a table of ports and protocols:

Port *	Protocol
16000-16999	UDP
11780-11800	UDP
5060	UDP
9000	UDP

The 'From' field is set to '184.178.213.0/24' and the 'To' field is set to 'Any'. There are 'Add' and 'Remove' buttons for both fields. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'Auto-block sites that attempt to connect' and 'Specify custom idle timeout' (set to 180 seconds).

- Enter the following:
  - Ensure Policy Name is: Absolute VOICE
  - Connections are: Inbound Allowed
  - Change From network: 184.178.213.0/24
  - Change To network: Any

## Continue Inbound Policy Creation

- Click on the “Traffic Management” tab
  - Select “AbsoluteVOICE Traffic” from the drop down box

Firewall Policies / Add

Name: AbsoluteVOICE Inbound  Enable

Settings: **Traffic Management** | Scheduling | Advanced

Traffic Management Action: AbsoluteVOICE Traffic

**Traffic Management Action Settings**

Name: AbsoluteVOICE Traffic

Description: Description

**Guaranteed Bandwidth for Outgoing Traffic**

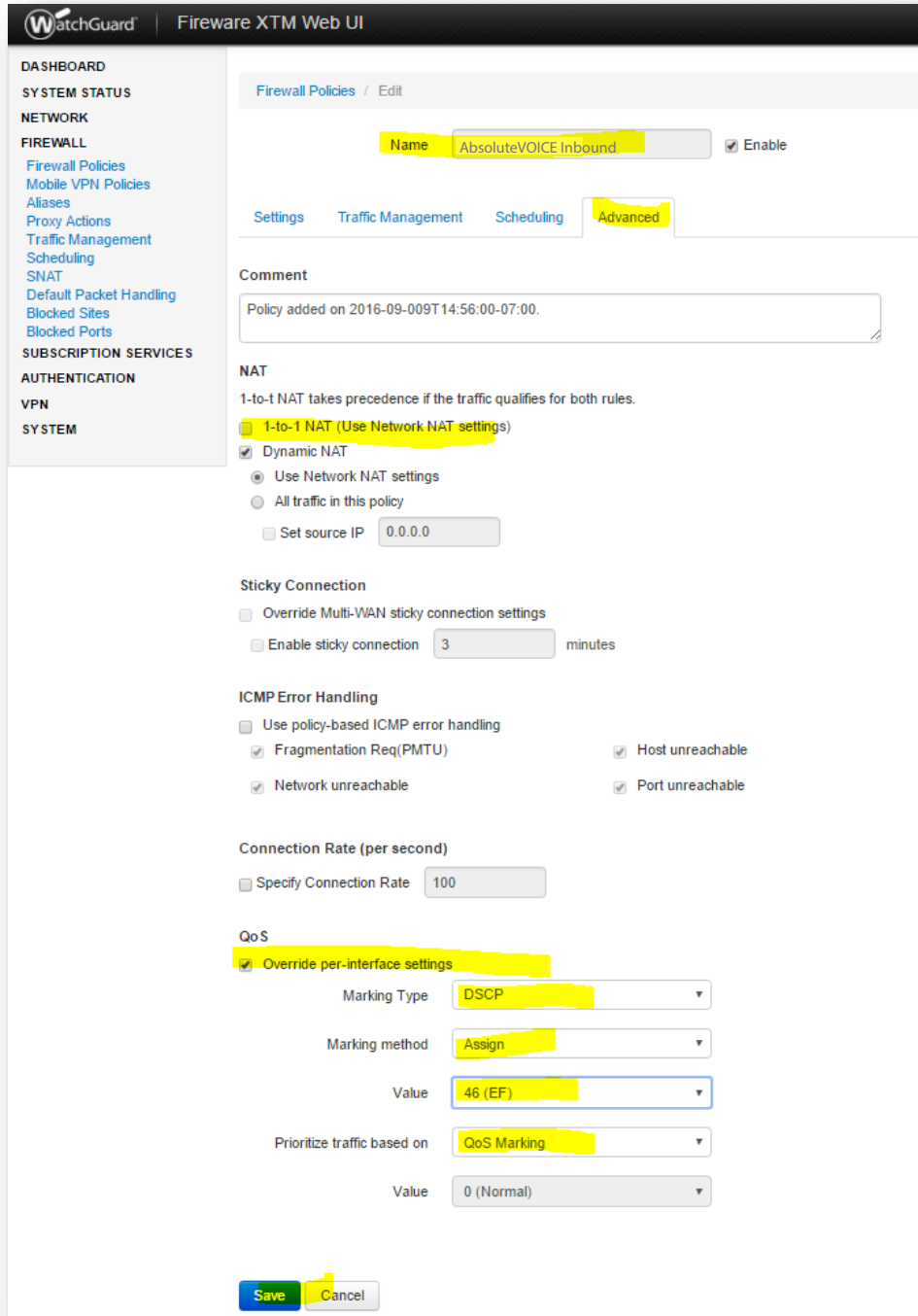
Outgoing Interface *	Minimum bandwidth (Kbps)	Maximum bandwidth (Kbps)
External	500	1000

Add Edit Remove

Save Cancel

## Continue Inbound Policy Creation

- Click on the “Advanced” tab
  - Uncheck the 1-to-1 NAT
  - Check QoS “Override per-interface settings”
    - Marketing type: DSCP
    - Marking Method: Assign
    - Value: 46 (EF)
    - Prioritize traffic based on: QoS Marking
- Click Save



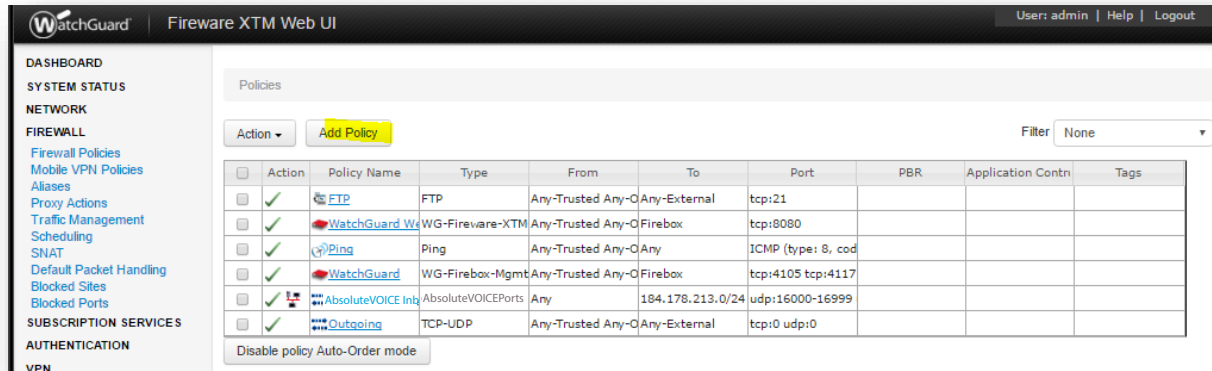
The screenshot shows the WatchGuard Fireware XTM Web UI interface for editing a Firewall Policy named "AbsoluteVOICE Inbound". The "Advanced" tab is selected, showing various configuration options:

- Name:** AbsoluteVOICE Inbound (checked)
- Enable:**
- Comment:** Policy added on 2016-09-009T14:56:00-07:00.
- NAT:**
  - 1-to-1 NAT takes precedence if the traffic qualifies for both rules.
  - 1-to-1 NAT (Use Network NAT settings)
  - Dynamic NAT
    - Use Network NAT settings
    - All traffic in this policy
    - Set source IP: 0.0.0.0
- Sticky Connection:**
  - Override Multi-WAN sticky connection settings
  - Enable sticky connection: 3 minutes
- ICMP Error Handling:**
  - Use policy-based ICMP error handling
  - Fragmentation Req(PMTU)
  - Network unreachable
  - Host unreachable
  - Port unreachable
- Connection Rate (per second):**
  - Specify Connection Rate: 100
- QoS:**
  - Override per-interface settings
    - Marking Type: DSCP
    - Marking method: Assign
    - Value: 46 (EF)
    - Prioritize traffic based on: QoS Marking
    - Value: 0 (Normal)

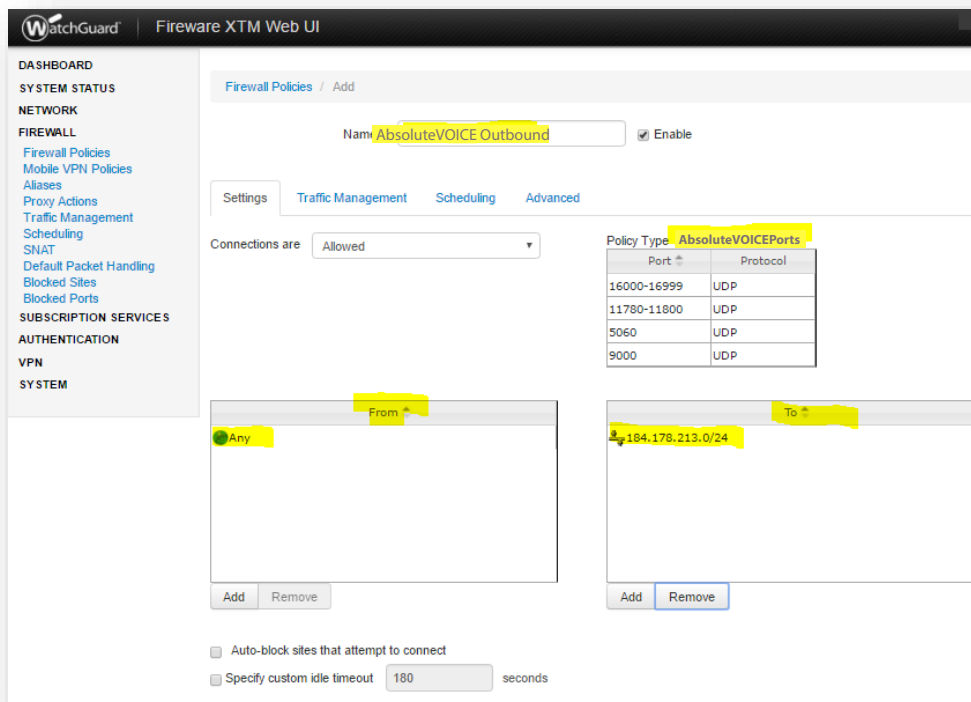
Buttons for "Save" and "Cancel" are visible at the bottom.

# Create Outbound Policy

- Click “Add Policy”



- Enter the following:
  - Policy Name: Absolute VOICE Outbound
  - Policy Type: Customer → AbsoluteVOICE Ports (in drop down)
  - Click Add Policy
- Enter the following:
  - Ensure Policy Name is: Absolute VOICE
  - Connections are: Outbound Allowed
  - Change From network: Any
  - Change To network: 184.178.213.0/24



## Continued Outbound Policy

- Click “Traffic Management” tab
  - Choose the “AbsoluteVOICE Traffic” from the drop down

The screenshot shows the 'Firewall Policies / Add' configuration page. The 'Name' field is set to 'AbsoluteVOICE Outbound' and the 'Enable' checkbox is checked. The 'Traffic Management' tab is selected, and the 'Traffic Management Action' dropdown is set to 'AbsoluteVOICE Traffic'. Below this, the 'Traffic Management Action Settings' section includes a 'Name' field set to 'AbsoluteVOICE Traffic' and a 'Description' field. The 'Guaranteed Bandwidth for Outgoing Traffic' section contains a table with one entry for the 'External' interface.

Outgoing Interface	Minimum bandwidth (Kbps)	Maximum bandwidth (Kbps)
External	500	1000

Buttons: Add, Edit, Remove

## Continued Outbound Policy

- Click on the “Advanced” tab
  - Uncheck 1-to-1 NAT
- Click “Save”

Firewall Policies / Add

Name: AbsoluteVOICE Outbound  Enable

Settings Traffic Management Scheduling **Advanced**

Comment  
Policy added on 2016-09-09T15:07:12-07:00.

**NAT**  
1-to-1 NAT takes precedence if the traffic qualifies for both rules.

1-to-1 NAT (Use Network NAT settings)

Dynamic NAT

- Use Network NAT settings
- All traffic in this policy

Set source IP: 0.0.0.0

**Sticky Connection**

Override Multi-WAN sticky connection settings

Enable sticky connection: 3 minutes

**ICMP Error Handling**

Use policy-based ICMP error handling

- Fragmentation Req(PMTU)
- Network unreachable
- Host unreachable
- Port unreachable
- Time Exceeded
- Protocol unreachable

**Connection Rate (per second)**

Specify Connection Rate: 100

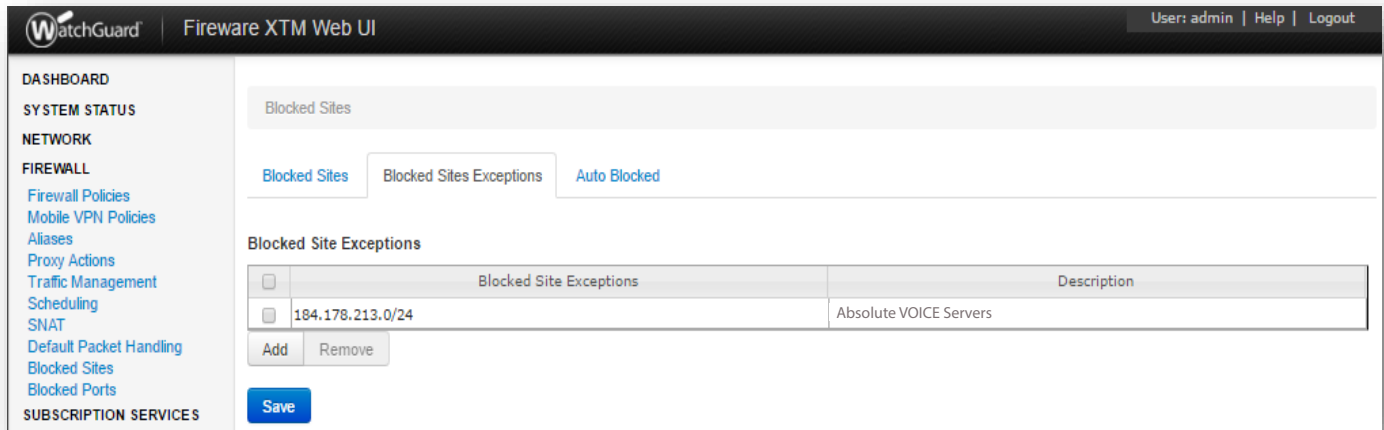
**QoS**

Override per-interface settings

- Marking Type: DSCP
- Marking method: Preserve
- Value: 0 (Best Effort)
- Prioritize traffic based on: Custom Value
- Value: 0 (Normal)

## Whitelist Absolute VOICE Servers

Firewall → Blocked Sites → Blocked Sites Exceptions tab



- Add the Absolute VOICE Servers/subnet to the “Exclusion” list
  - 184.178.213.0/24
- Click “Save”

Note: This will prevent the Watchguard from accidentally blocking SIP traffic based on the port scan IPS policies.



## Document Revision History

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Version	Reason for Change	Date
1.0 Draft	Initial Draft Document	October 18, 2013
2.0 Draft	Updated to reflect new web GUI and white list Absolute VOICE subnets to resolve port scan scenario.	August 8, 2016
2.1	Firewall Checklist added	March 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2017