Ticket 2: ABC-2851

Status: In Progress

Priority: High

Summary: Severe voice quality degradation with 400ms+ latency

and packet loss in multi-branch deployment

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Description

Customer-Reported Symptoms: TechFlow Solutions reports significant voice quality issues across their 8-branch deployment. Callers experience robotic/distorted audio, frequent audio dropouts lasting 2-3 seconds, and delayed responses from the Voice Receptionist. The issue is most pronounced in their West Coast branches (San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle) but also affecting Chicago and Miami locations.

Error Messages/Logs:

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[2025-06-03 14:15:22] WARN AudioProcessor: High jitter detected - 3 [2025-06-03 14:15:23] ERROR RTPHandler: Packet sequence gap detecte [2025-06-03 14:15:24] WARN VoiceQualityMonitor: MOS score below thr [2025-06-03 14:15:25] ERROR AudioCodec: Buffer underrun - Insuffici [2025-06-03 14:15:26] INFO NetworkQoS: Adaptive bitrate triggered -
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Environmental Details: - Browser: Edge 124.0.2478.67 (corporate standard) - Network Infrastructure: Multi-site MPLS network with QoS enabled - Bandwidth per site: 100 Mbps shared across all applications - WebRTC configuration: STUN/TURN servers in useast-1 - Audio codec: G.722 (primary), G.711 (fallback) - Geographic distribution: 8 sites across 6 time zones - Average RTT to voice servers: 89ms (West Coast), 34ms (East Coast)

Impact on Business Operations: - 34% increase in call transfer requests to human operators - Customer complaints about "unprofessional automated system" - Regional sales team reporting lost prospects due to poor first impression - IT helpdesk receiving 15-20 voice quality tickets per day - Considering rollback to previous phone system

Current Investigation Status: - Network analysis completed: Identified asymmetric routing causing 180ms additional latency on West Coast paths - Packet capture analysis shows 3.2% packet loss during business hours vs. 0.1% after hours - QoS configuration review revealed voice traffic not properly prioritized over MPLS links - WebRTC TURN server logs indicate suboptimal candidate selection

Attempted Solutions: 1. Codec optimization: Switched primary codec from G.722 to G.711u for affected sites - marginal improvement (MOS increased from 2.1 to 2.4) 2. Buffer adjustments: Increased jitter buffer size from 100ms to 200ms - reduced dropouts by 15% but increased latency 3. TURN server relocation: Deployed additional TURN servers in us-west-1 - improved West Coast RTT by 23ms 4. Network path optimization: Working with ISP to implement symmetric routing - pending completion

Next Steps: - Deploy dedicated voice VLAN configuration across all sites (scheduled June 9) - Implement adaptive jitter buffer with ML-based optimization (June 11) - Coordinate with network team for QoS policy updates (June 12) - Conduct end-to-end voice quality testing with updated configuration (June 13) - Customer validation testing scheduled for June 14-15