

ADTRAN's New Safe-T-Net Technology Provides Disaster Recovery for Frame Relay

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Protect Up to 96 Remote Sites of Frame Relay Simultaneously

ADTRAN, Inc. (NASDAQ:ADTN), introduced today Safe-T-Net(TM), a technology that provides a complete disaster recovery solution for Frame Relay networks. Safe-T-Net, when deployed through the ADTRAN ATLAS system, allows end-users to be proactive in their disaster recovery plans by designing a complete dial-around-the-cloud solution. The ATLAS integrated access system is a modular, highly scalable platform installed at the enterprise host site to support voice and data applications over Frame Relay. With ATLAS' multiple PRI support and the new Safe-T-Net technology, up to 96 sites can be restored simultaneously at 64 kbps.

"Our customers are just a module away from disaster recovery for their whole network," said Tim Saunders, ADTRAN Director of Enterprise Network Product Management. "ATLAS' scalable platform was designed to grow and evolve along with the enterprise's network. Now that we offer the Safe-T-Net disaster recovery option, ATLAS provides network administrators the ability to take control of their own backup plan with no real changes in the network infrastructure."

With the Safe-T-Net support for the ATLAS system, ADTRAN rounds out its network-wide disaster recovery offering that already includes the IQ series of remote access products. Safe-T-Net is based on the dial restoration technology already proven in the field with ADTRAN's IQ products for a year now. The ATLAS and IQ products also work together to provide Frame Relay performance monitoring including end-to-end visibility, remote diagnostics and control, comprehensive usage reporting and insightful trend analysis.

"Integrating disaster recovery into the ATLAS system allows each piece of network equipment to concentrate on what it does best," Saunders said. "Instead of reconfiguring Frame Relay switch ports to achieve disaster recovery through the back door, ATLAS manages a number of services in the most effective and efficient manner possible. Let the router do the routing. Let the performance monitors monitor the network. Let ATLAS' Safe-T-Net module provide the service restoral."

The ATLAS 800PLUS offers Frame Relay access, concentration and switching to support voice, data and fax over Frame Relay. It features an integrated router, multiple T1 access, public and private Frame Relay support and dynamic bandwidth allocation. The ATLAS platform can provide detailed Frame Relay performance monitoring for comprehensive review of Service Level Agreements. ATLAS also offers local and remote management capabilities, including support for inband management through the Frame Relay network.

The ATLAS 800PLUS with Frame Relay software will have Safe-T-Net support in June 1999 at no extra charge. If extra dial back-up ports are needed, a quad PRI ISDN interface module can be added for \$2,295 or an octal BRI ISDN interface can be added for \$3,200.

About ADTRAN

Established in 1985, ADTRAN, Inc. is a leading provider of network deployment and access solutions for delivering today's digital telecommunications services over existing copper infrastructures.

Today, ADTRAN technologies support more than two-million local loops worldwide. More than 500 ADTRAN products support all major digital technologies, including T3, T1, E1, Frame Relay, DDS, HDSL, xDSL, ISDN, and wireless transport. In the carrier network and enterprise markets, ADTRAN produces a complete end-to-end solution that provides the greatest network efficiency and lowest possible telecommunications costs.

According to Dataquest and IDC, ADTRAN holds revenue-leading positions in the Frame Relay/DDS, ISDN Extension and HDSL/T1/E1 network and access markets. ADTRAN customers include the Regional Bell Operating Companies, interexchange carriers, GTE, domestic independent service providers, corporate end users, international customers and original equipment manufacturers.

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