Configuring EN™ Routers for OpenVPN®

One of the principal features of routers is their support of virtual private networks (VPNs). This document discusses configuration of an OpenVPN® connection.[1]

If the EN™ router is using the latest version of firmware, OpenVPN® is included in the router's functions. Depending on the firmware in your router, screens displayed may differ slightly from screens shown in this document.

Note: To upgrade an EN™ router's firmware image, follow the instructions in Section E.3.2.2, *Loading a Software Upgrade*, on page 11 of the document *EN-2000 System Administration*. (Those instructions for upgrading firmware apply to all EN™ Routers.)

VPN configuration requires collection of some information before the actual configuration can be performed. It is important to plan your virtual private network. Before configuring OpenVPN® connections, confer with your network administrator.

See the following sections:

1. OpenVPN® uses transport layer security (TLS, successor to secure socket layers, SSL). For information about VPNs that use IP security (IPsec), see one of the following documents:
   - *Configuring IPsec VPNs in the EN-1000™*
   - *Configuring IPsec VPNs in the EN-2000™*
   - *The EN-4000™ in IPsec Virtual Private Networks*

Note: The VPN client in the OpenVPN® connection needs three certificates for the VPN connection; the VPN server in the OpenVPN® connection needs four certificates.

To create and authenticate customized certificates for OpenVPN®, see the document *Generating Certificates for OpenVPN® Connections*. After the certificates have been generated for your OpenVPN® connections, the certificates can be downloaded to the EN™ router. (That download is described in step 11 on page 14 through page 15 of Section 5.4, *Configuring an OpenVPN® Connection*, in the current document.)

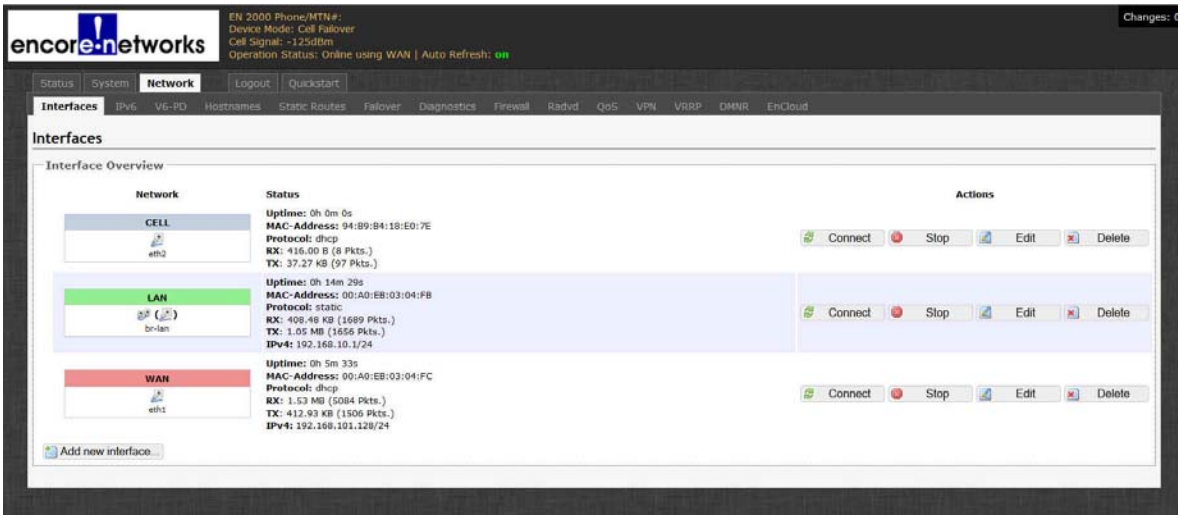
5.1 Network Interfaces

First, create a VPN interface:

1 Log into your EN™ Router. Select the tab **Network**; then select the tab **Interfaces**.

❖ The List of Network Interfaces is displayed (Figure 5-1).

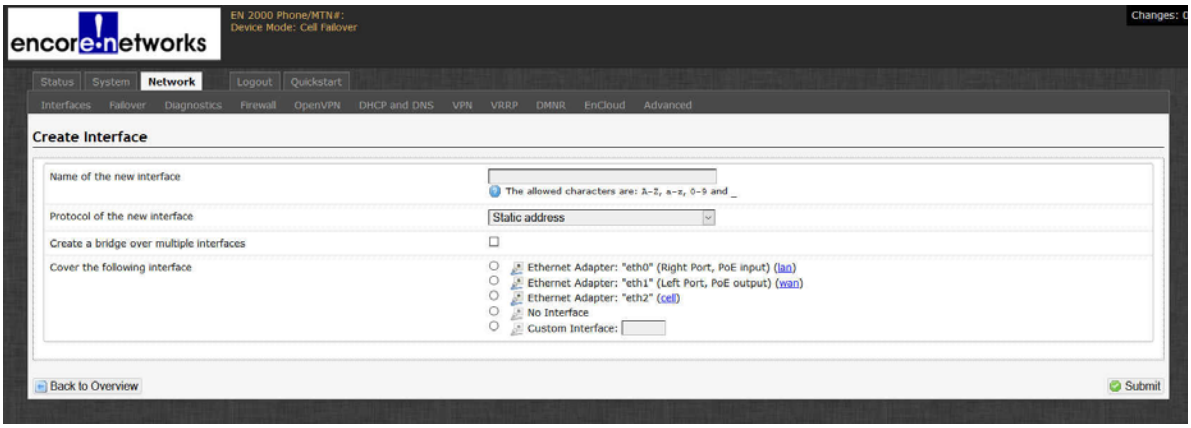
Figure 5-1. List of Network Interfaces



2 Select the button to **Add New Interface** (at the lower left corner of the screen).

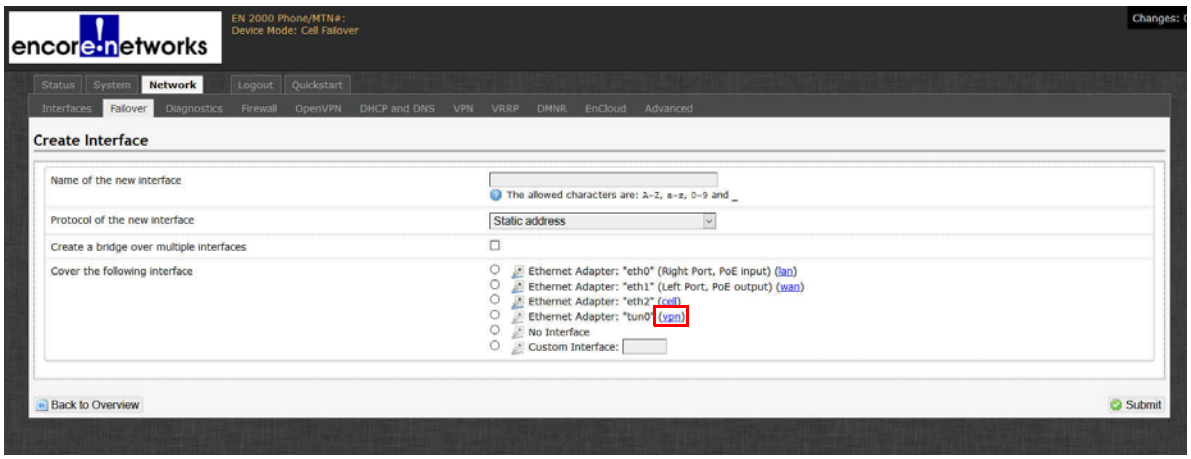
❖ The screen to Create a Network Interface is displayed (Figure 5-2).

Figure 5-2. Create a Network Interface



Note: The screen might include **vpn** (surrounded by a red rectangle in Figure 5-3) in the screen's list to **Cover the Following Interface**. If that is the case, go to Section 5.2, *Alternate Creation of a VPN Interface*, on page 6.

Figure 5-3. Create a New Interface, VPN Listed



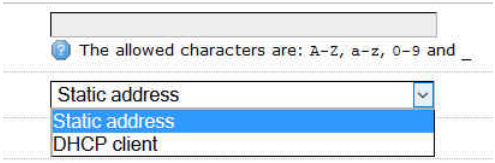
3 If the screen to Create a Network Interface does not include **vpn** (recall Figure 5-2), assign the following values:

- **Name of new interface:** **VPN1** (Use any unique name.)
- **Custom Interface:** **tun0** (Use any unique name.)
- **Protocol for the new interface:** **Unmanaged** (This value is required.)

4 Do one of the following:

a If the interface protocol option **unmanaged** is not listed (Figure 5-4), go to Section 5.2, *Alternate Creation of a VPN Interface*, on page 6.

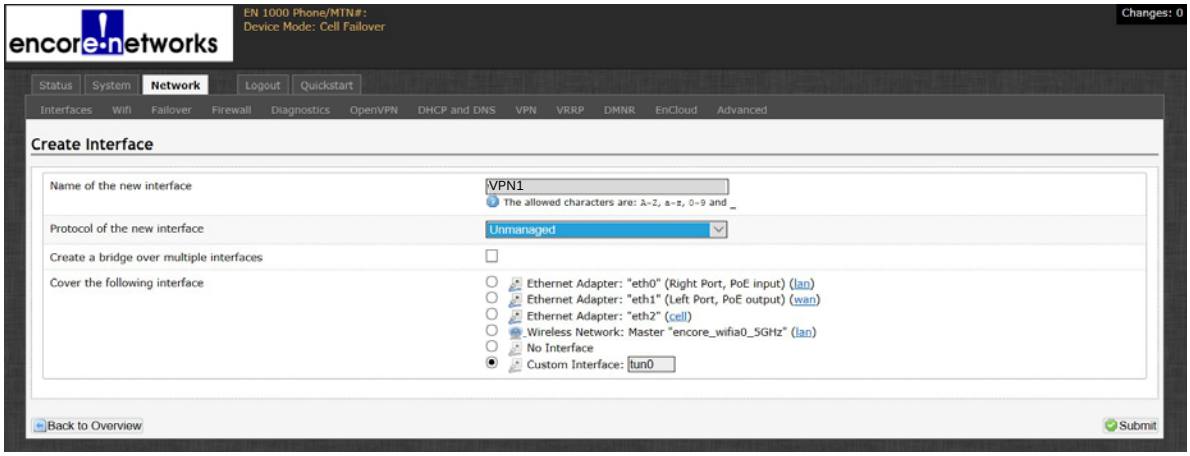
Figure 5-4. List of Interface Protocol Options
(Option for "unmanaged" not listed)



b If the list of interface protocol options (Figure 5-4) includes the option **unmanaged**, select it.

❖ The screen to Create a Network Interface is displayed. Figure 5-5 indicates that the protocol interface is **unmanaged**.

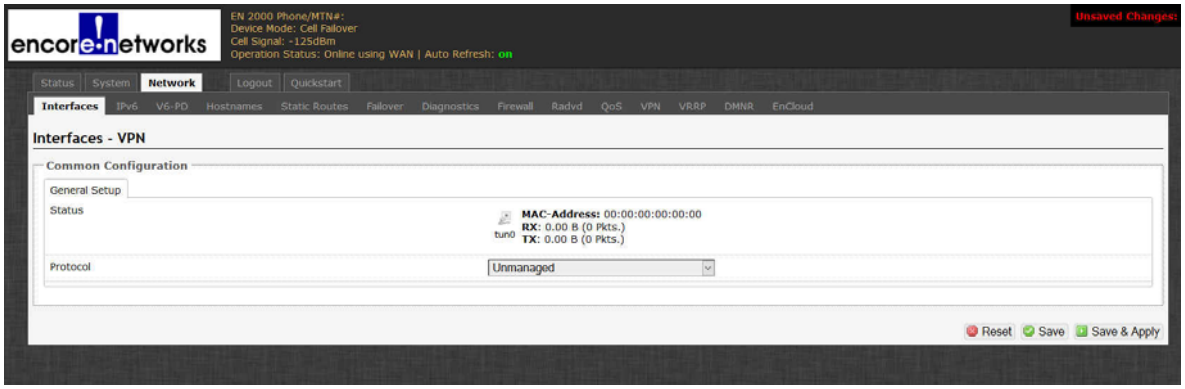
Figure 5-5. Network Interface Ready for Submission



5 Select the screen's button to **Submit** the interface (in the lower right corner of the screen).

❖ The screen develops the interface and presents it for confirmation (Figure 5-6).

Figure 5-6. Confirmation Screen for New Interface



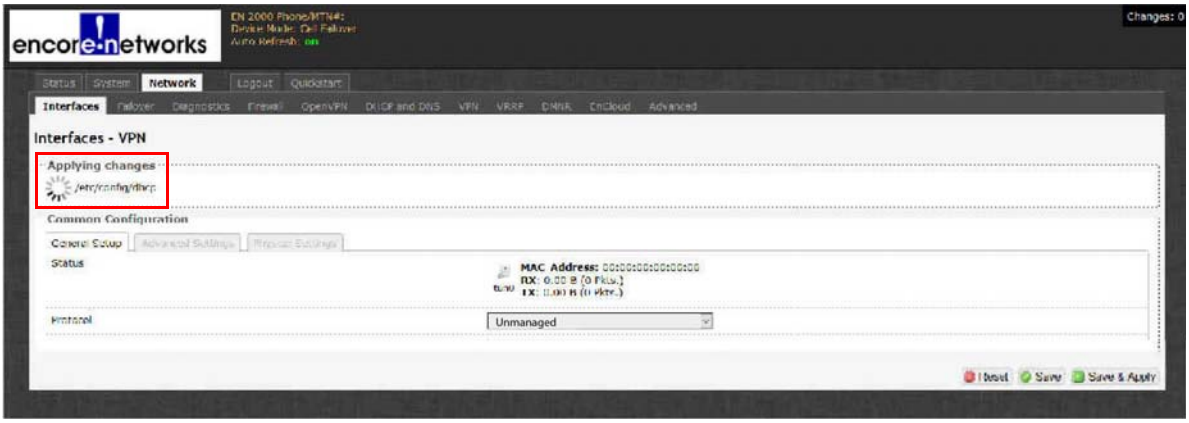
Note: The values displayed on the confirmation screen at this point are merely placeholders.

- If the EN™ Router is being configured as a *server*, the tunnel will show an IP address after the VPN configuration has been completed. The VPN tunnel's IP address will reflect the server's configured IP address.
- If the EN™ Router is being configured as a *client*, the IP address for the tunnel interface will show up only when the VPN tunnel is up.

6 After review of the new interface's values, select the **Save & Apply** button.

❖ The EN™ system creates the interface. (Note the spinning circle near the upper left of Figure 5-7, under **Applying changes**.)

Figure 5-7. Creating an Interface

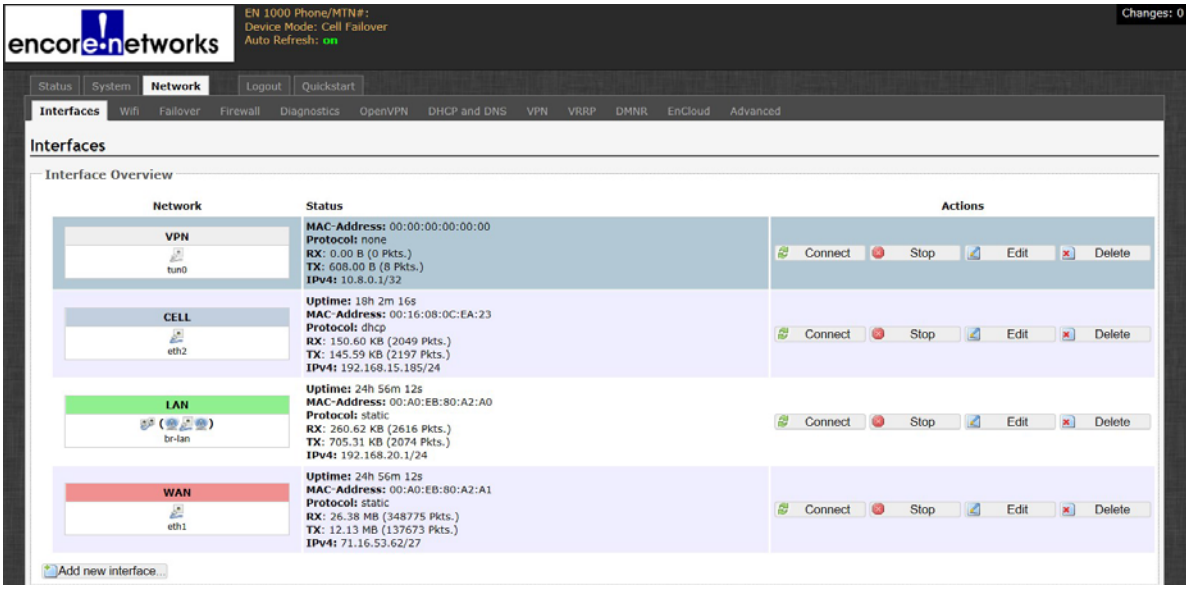


❖ After the circle quits spinning, the interface confirmation screen is displayed again.

7 After the interface confirmation screen is displayed again, select the tabs **Network**, **Interface**.

❖ The List of Network Interfaces is redisplayed, including the VPN interface you just created (in the top row of Figure 5-8).

Figure 5-8. List of Network Interfaces



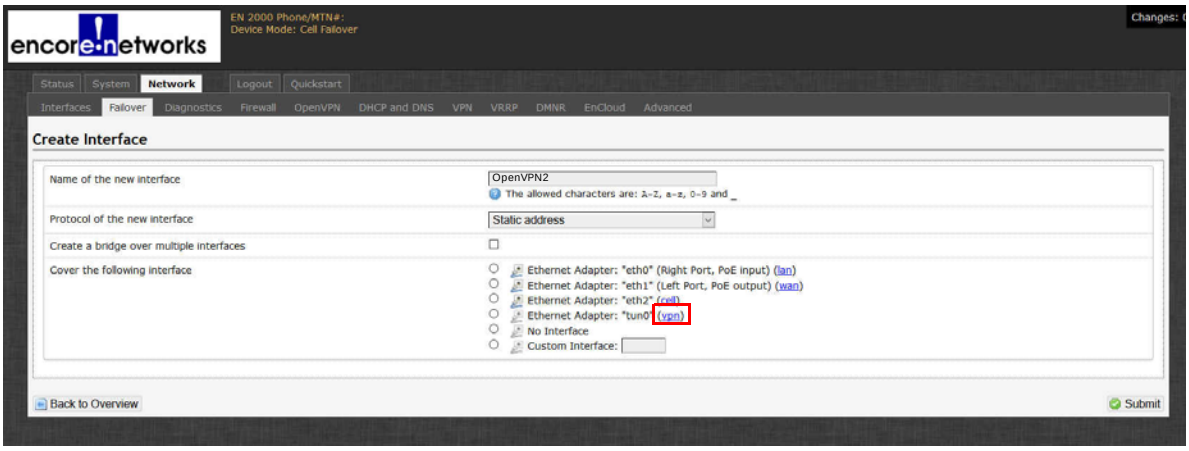
8 Study Section 5.3, *List of OpenVPN® Instances*, on page 9. Then proceed to Section 5.4, *Configuring an OpenVPN® Connection*, on page 10.

5.2 Alternate Creation of a VPN Interface

If the screen to Create a Network Interface does not include the interface protocol **unmanaged** (recall Figure 5-4, on page 3), follow the steps in this section to create a VPN interface.

1 Type the **Name of the new interface**—for example, **OpenVPN2** (Figure 5-9). (Use any unique name.)

Figure 5-9. Create a New Interface, VPN Listed



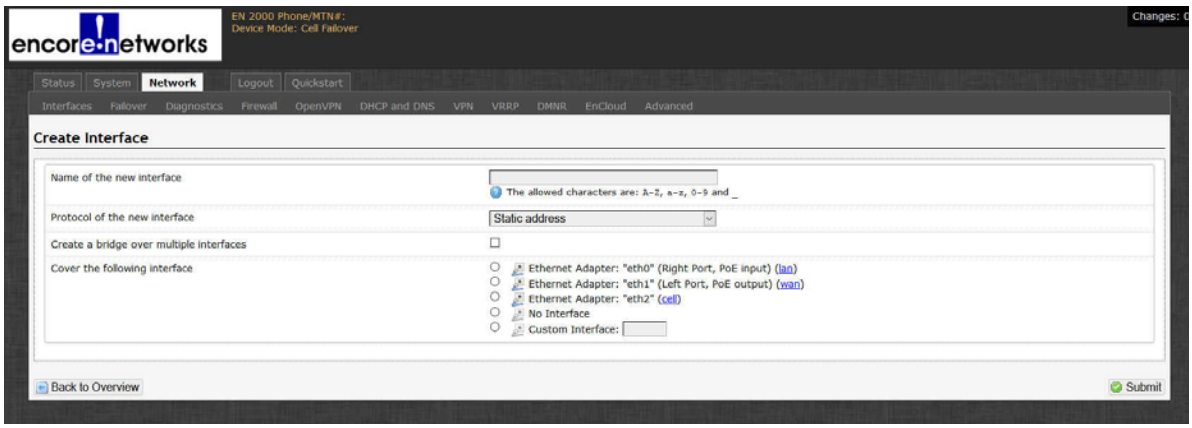
2 Do one of the following:

a If the screen includes **vpn** (surrounded by a red rectangle in Figure 5-9) in its list to **Cover the Following Interface**, select the checkbox for that interface.

❖ The Common Configuration Screen for interfaces is displayed (Figure 5-12, on page 7). The upper left title for that screen shows **Interfaces - VPN**. Go to step 3, on page 7.

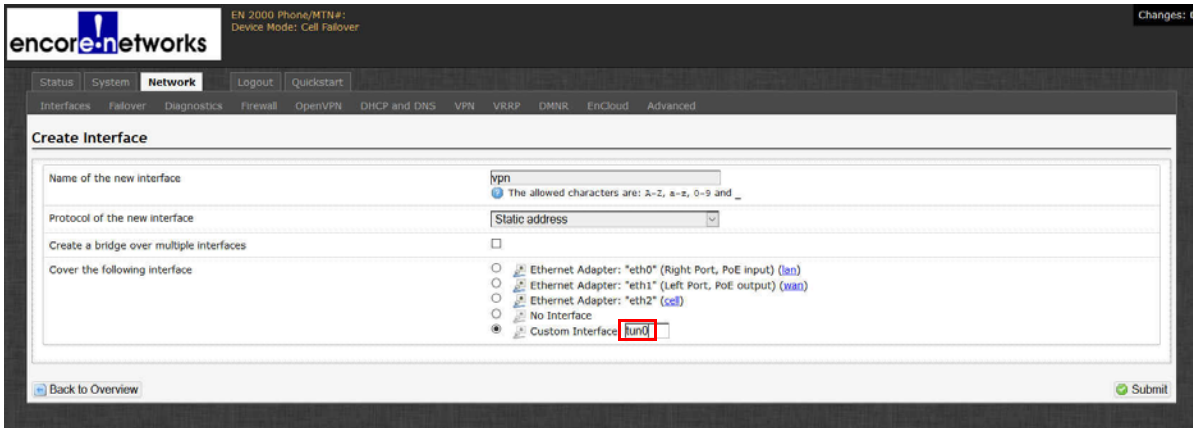
b If the screen does not includes **vpn** in its list to **Cover the Following Interface** (Figure 5-10), enter an interface type (for example, **tun0**) in the field **Custom Interface**.

Figure 5-10. Initial Screen to Create Interface
(No unmanaged protocol available)



Note: Figure 5-11 shows the interface type **tun0**.

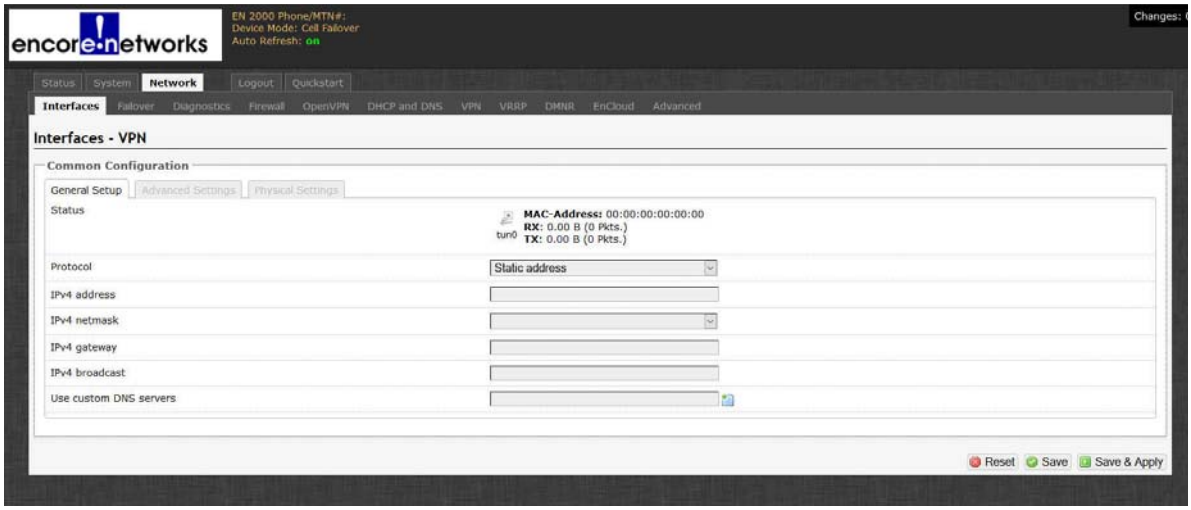
Figure 5-11. Creating a Custom Interface



c Select the button to **Submit** the interface (at the lower right corner of the screen).

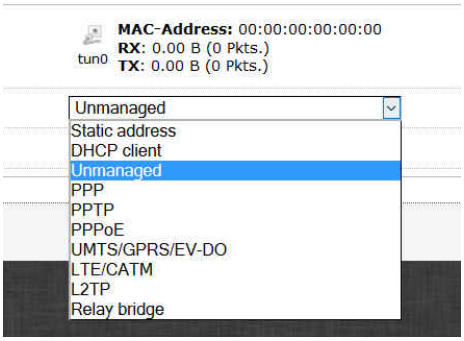
❖ The Common Configuration Screen for interfaces is displayed (Figure 5-12). The upper left title for the screen shows **Interfaces - VPN**. Continue to step 3.

Figure 5-12. Common Configuration Screen



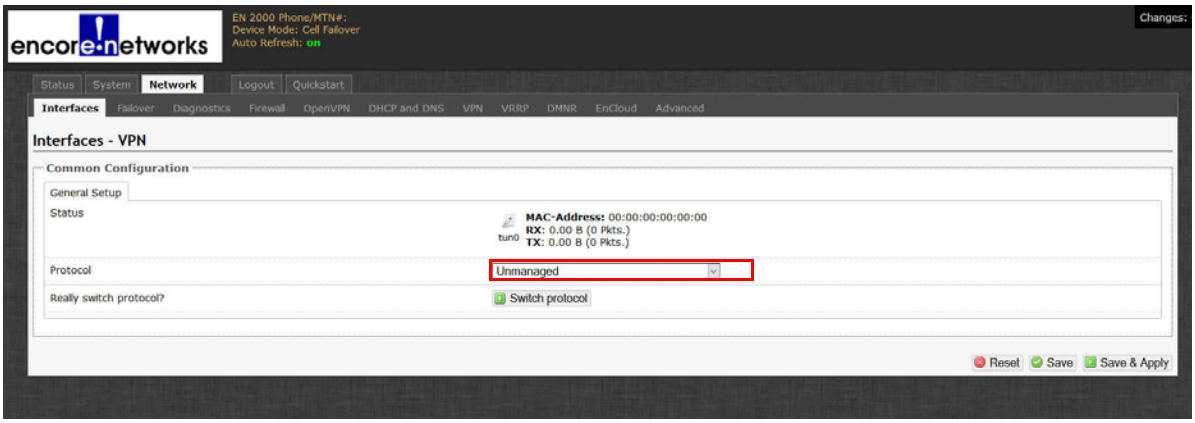
3 On the Common Configuration Screen, select the dropdown button for the **Protocol** field. In the dropdown list, select **Unmanaged** (Figure 5-13).

Figure 5-13. List of Interface Protocols



❖ The Common Configuration Screen is updated to reflect the selected interface protocol (Figure 5-14).

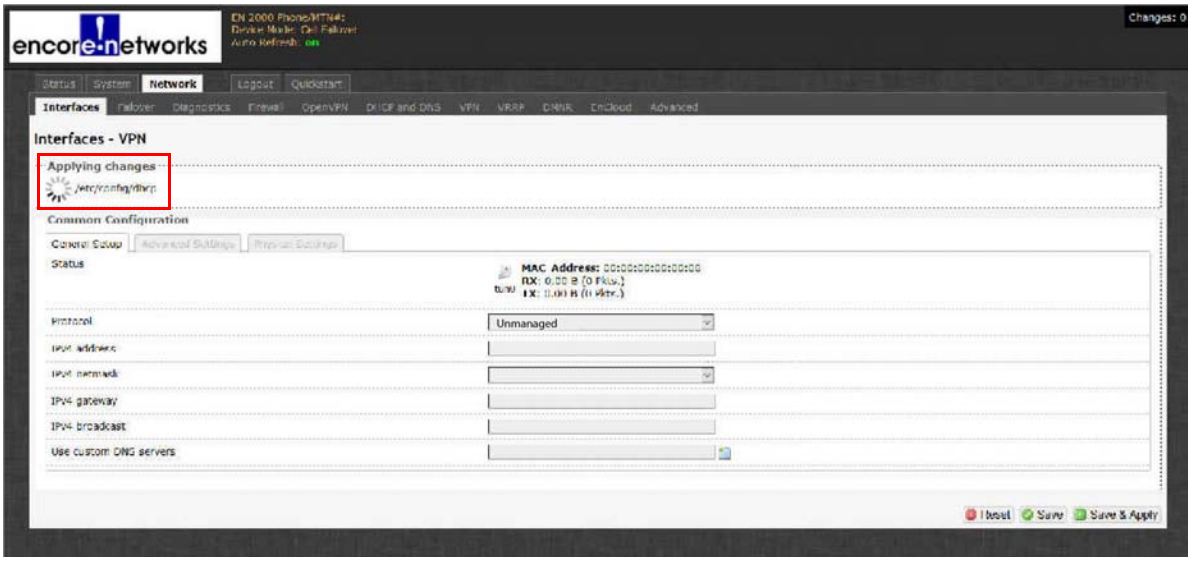
Figure 5-14. Common Configuration Screen, Updated



4 After review of the new interface's values, select the **Save & Apply** button (in the lower right corner of the screen).

❖ The EN™ system creates the interface. (Note the spinning circle near the upper left of Figure 5-15, under **Applying changes**.)

Figure 5-15. Creating an Interface

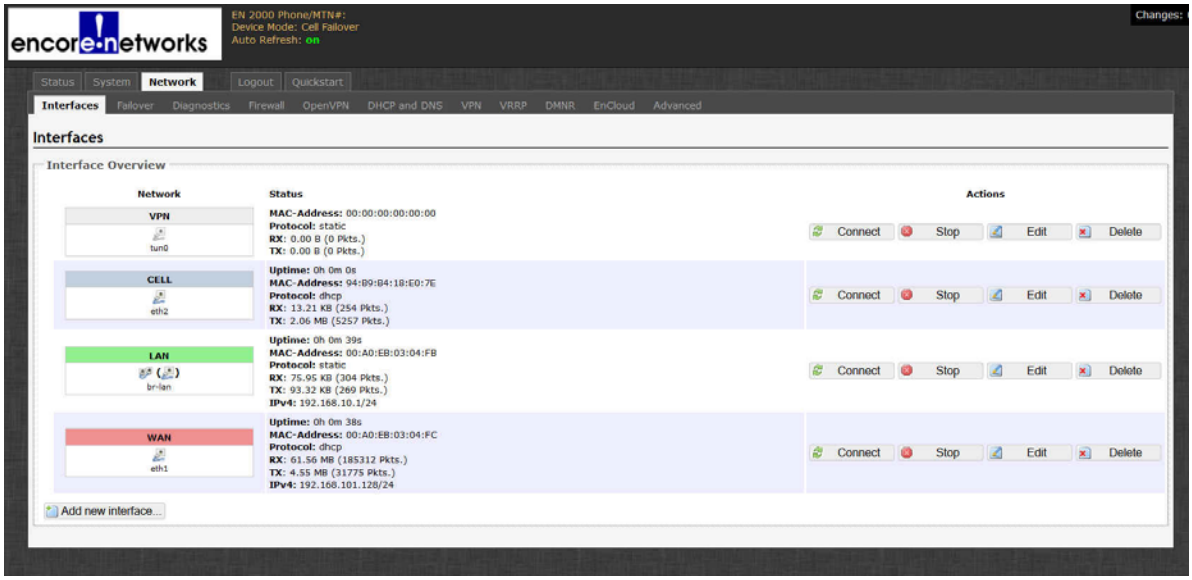


❖ After the circle quits spinning, the interface confirmation screen is displayed again.

5 After the interface confirmation screen is displayed again, select the tabs **Network**, **Interface**.

❖ The List of Network Interfaces is redisplayed, including the VPN interface you just created (in the top row of Figure 5-16).

Figure 5-16. Revised List of Network Interfaces



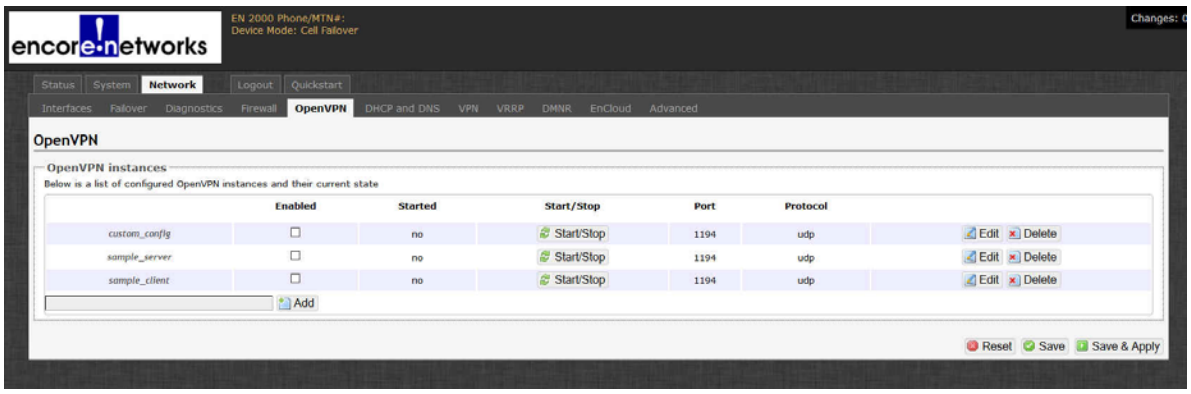
6 Study Section 5.3, *List of OpenVPN® Instances*, on page 9. Then proceed to Section 5.4, *Configuring an OpenVPN® Connection*, on page 10.

5.3 List of OpenVPN® Instances

1 On the EN™ Router management screen, select the **Network** tab; then select the **OpenVPN** tab.

❖ The List of OpenVPN Instances is displayed (Figure 5-17).

Figure 5-17. List of OpenVPN Instances



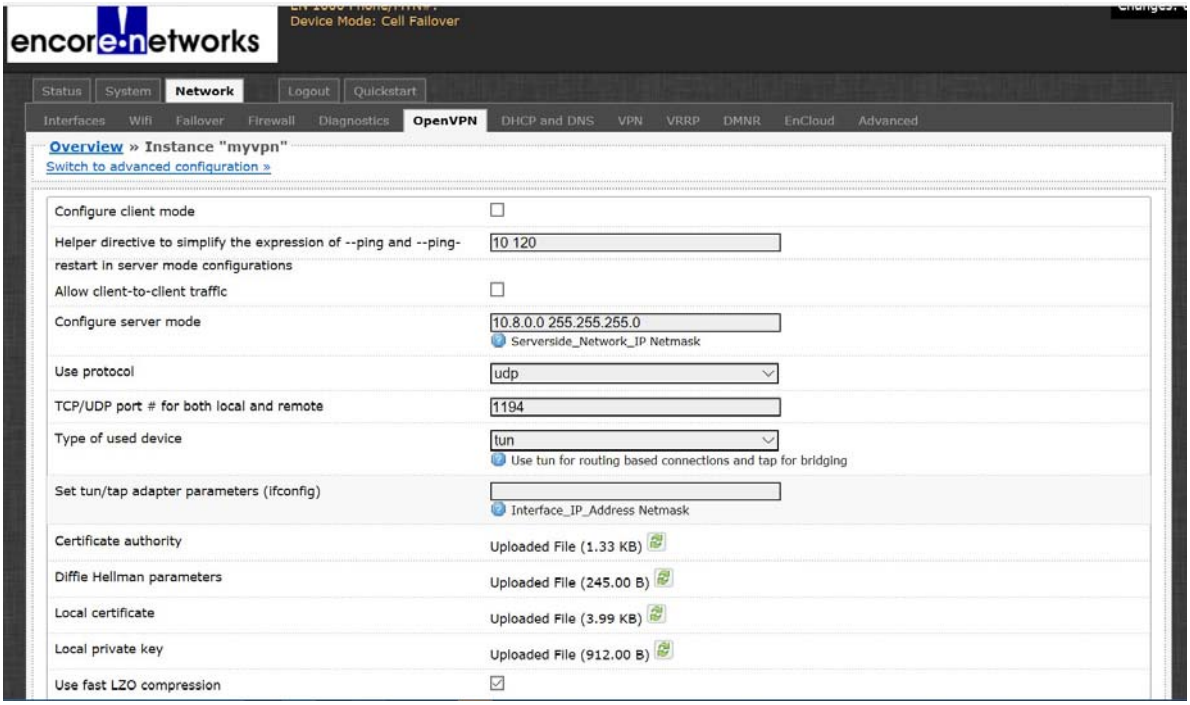
Note: The List of OpenVPN Instances includes default instances. Use an appropriate default instance as a template to configure new OpenVPN® connections. See Section 5.4, *Configuring an OpenVPN® Connection*, on page 10.

5.4 Configuring an OpenVPN® Connection

After a VPN interface is created (in Section 5.1, *Network Interfaces*, starting on page 2, or in Section 5.2, *Alternate Creation of a VPN Interface*, starting on page 6), you can configure parameters for an OpenVPN® connection.[2]

1. To create a new OpenVPN® connection, select the **Edit** button at the end of the row for the default instance *custom_config* in the List of OpenVPN Instances (recall Figure 5-17, on page 9).
2. The Screen for Basic Configuration of OpenVPN Connections is displayed (Figure 5-18).

Figure 5-18. Screen for Basic Configuration of OpenVPN Connections



3. Confer with your network administrator for the values to enter on the Screen for Basic Configuration of OpenVPN Connections. Determine whether the EN™ router will be the server or the client in this OpenVPN® connection.

2. Configuration files (on Windows: *.ovpn; on other platforms: *.conf) can be generated for OpenVPN® servers and clients. To study the process and to review sample .conf files, see one of the following:
   - *https://openvpn.net/community-resources/creating-configuration-files-for-server-and-clients/*
   - *https://github.com/OpenVPN/openvpn/blob/master/sample/sample-config-files/server.conf*
   - *https://github.com/OpenVPN/openvpn/blob/master/sample/sample-config-files/client.conf*

Encore Networks, Inc., recommends configuration as described in the current document, to more closely reflect your organization's connection needs.

4 Do one of the following:

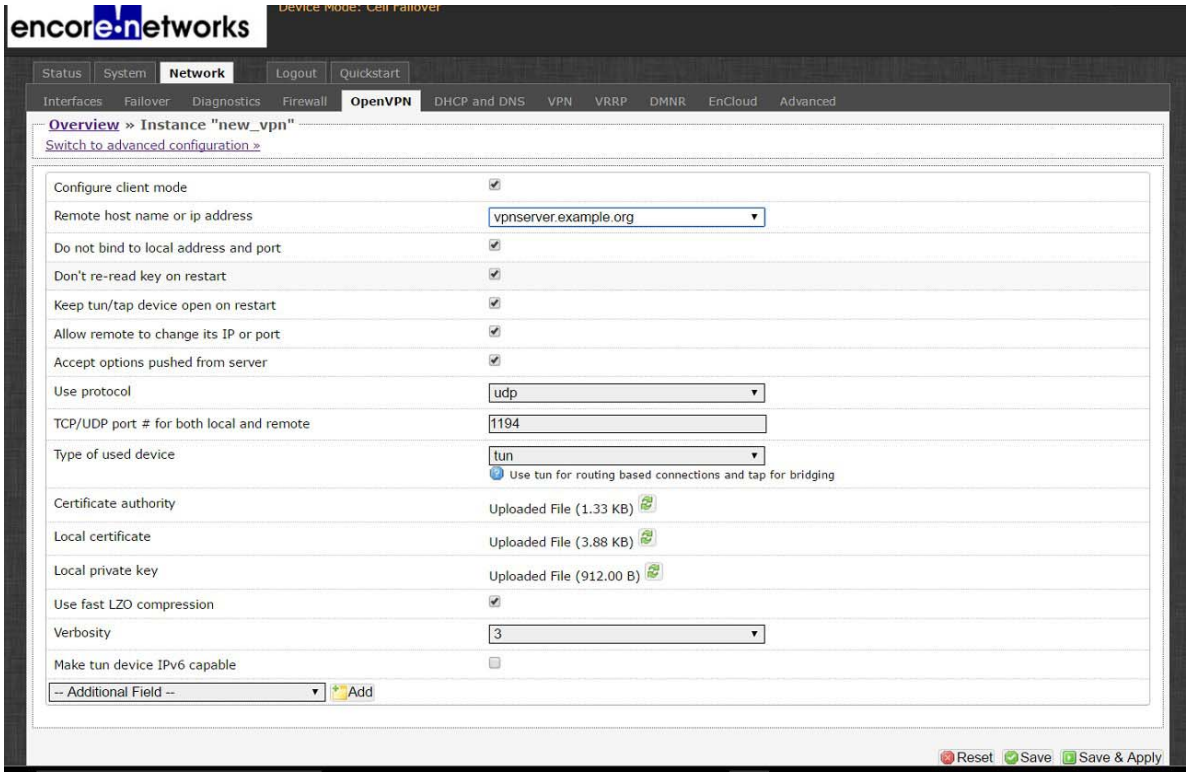
a To configure the server's side of the OpenVPN® connection, leave the box to **Configure Client Mode** unchecked. (That empty checkbox is at the top of the list of fields in Figure 5-18, above.)

❖ The screen displays parameters for the server.

b To configure the client's side of the OpenVPN® connection, check the box to **Configure Client Mode**. (That selected checkbox is at the top of the list of fields in Figure 5-19, below.)

❖ The screen displays parameters for the client.

Figure 5-19. Basic Configuration of OpenVPN Client Connection



5 After you have configured the basic parameters for an OpenVPN® connection, select the line to **Switch to Advanced Configuration** (near the upper left corner of the screen).

❖ The Advanced Configuration Screen is displayed (Figure 5-20).

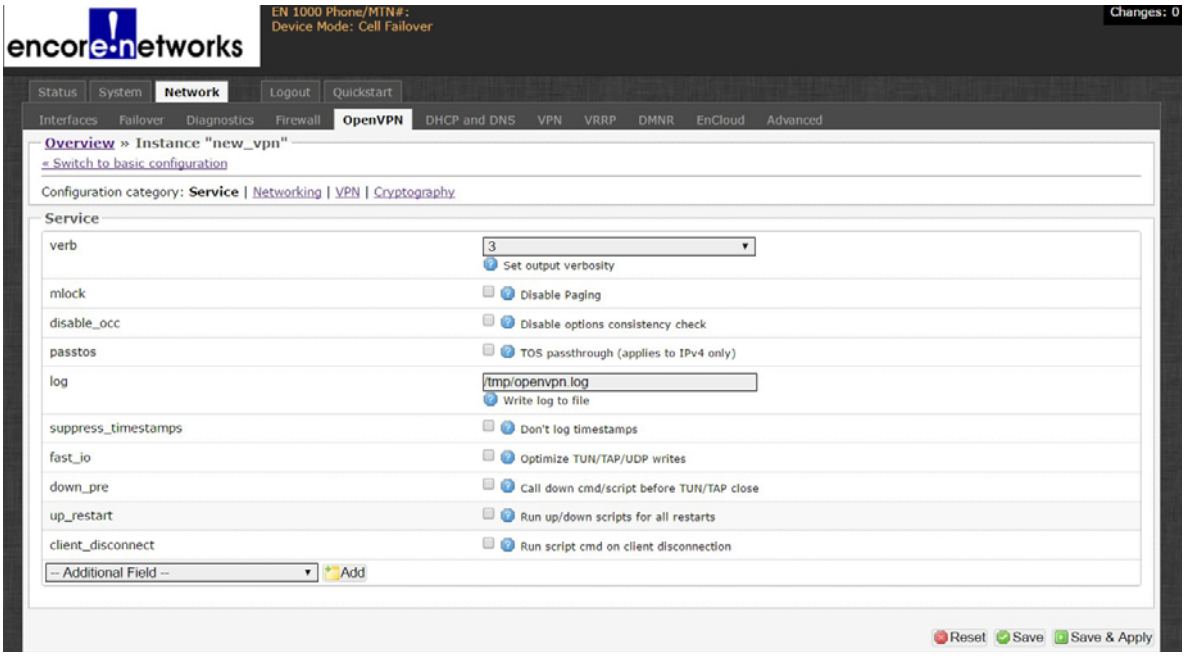
Note: Information entered on the screens for basic configuration will automatically populate some information on the screens for advanced configuration.

OpenVPN Advanced Configuration screens differ for the client and for the server.

This side of the OpenVPN® connection (server or client) must fill out advanced information for this side of the connection. The other side of the connection (client or server) must configure corresponding information.

The Advanced Configuration screen has four parts. Configuration of **Service** is selected in Figure 5-20.

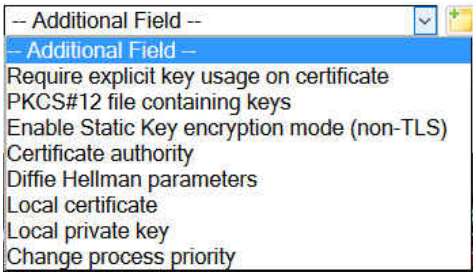
Figure 5-20. Advanced Configuration of OpenVPN Client Connection: Service



6 On the Advanced Configuration screen for service, fill out additional information for the OpenVPN® configuration.

Note: Select the **Additional Field** button (in the lower left corner of the advanced screen) to see a list of parameters that can be added to this section of the advanced configuration (sample shown in Figure 5-21).

Figure 5-21. Optional Parameters for OpenVPN Configuration

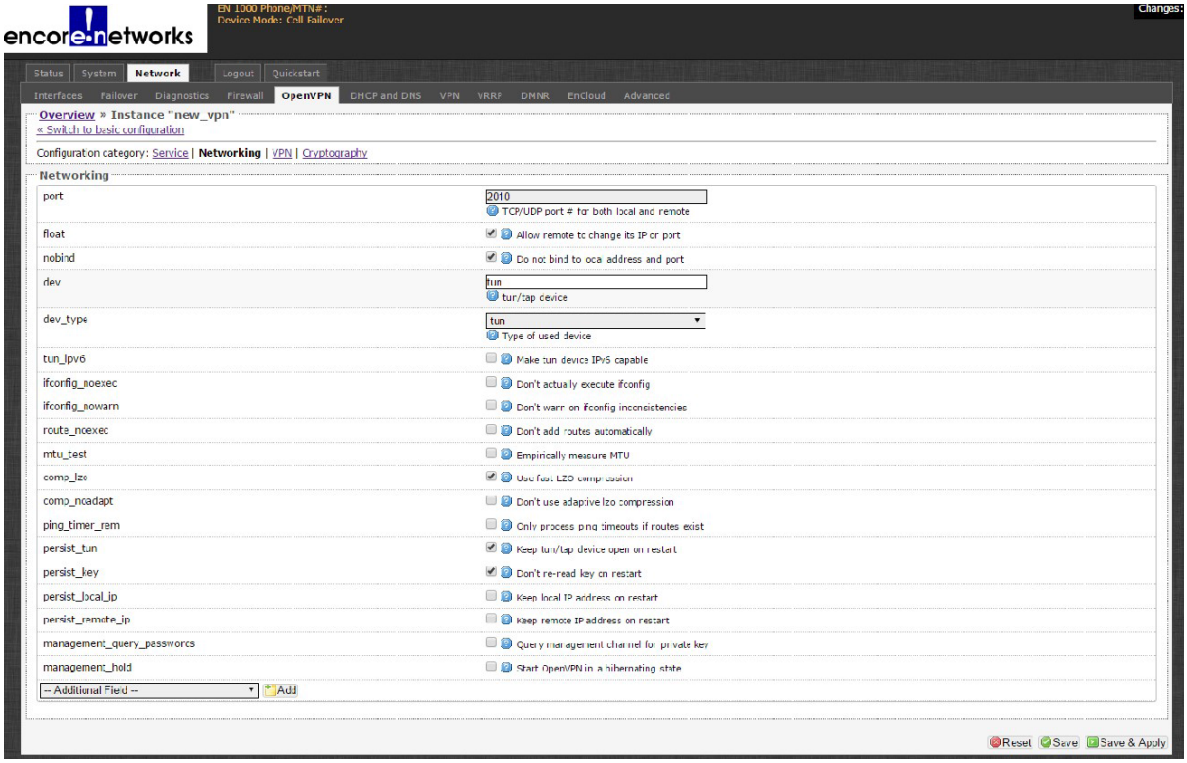


7 Enter configuration information for each additional parameter that you select.

8 Near the upper left corner of the OpenVPN screen, select each part of the Advanced Configuration (**Service**, **Networking**, **VPN**, and **Cryptography**) as needed to continue the configuration.

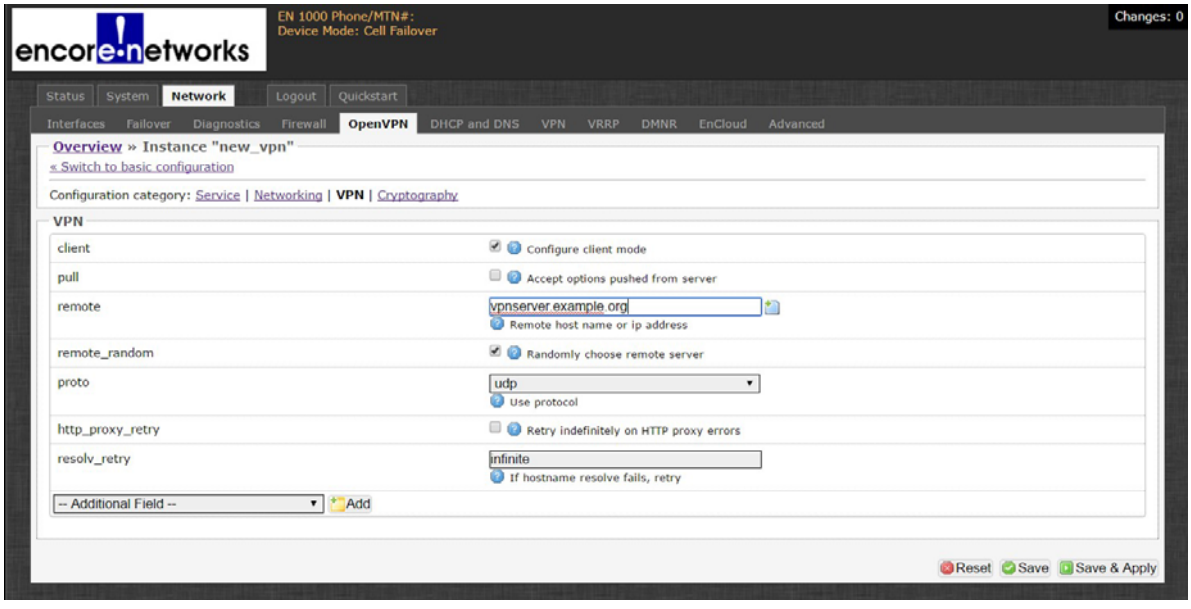
Note: Figure 5-22 displays advanced networking options for the server connection.

Figure 5-22. Advanced Configuration of OpenVPN Server Connection: Networking



Note: OpenVPN Advanced Configuration screens differ for the client and for the server (client screen shown in Figure 5-23).

Figure 5-23. Advanced Configuration of OpenVPN Client Connection: VPN Parameters

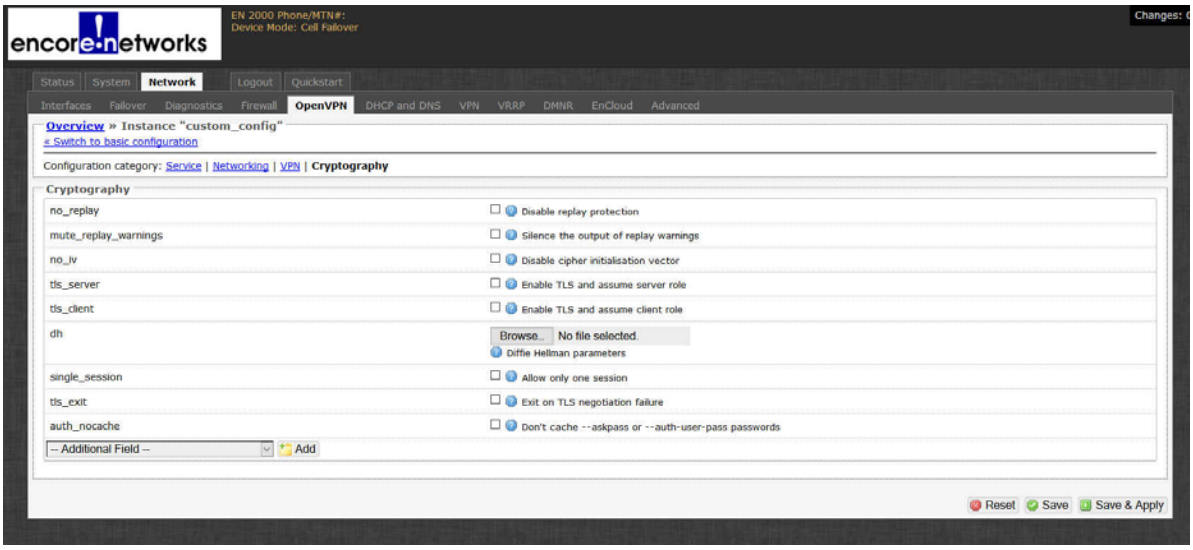


9 On the screen for OpenVPN server configuration, select **Cryptography**.

❖ The server's advanced configuration screen for cryptography is displayed (Figure 5-24).

Note: The Advanced Configuration screens for Cryptography are identical for the client and for the server, except for the certificates needed.

Figure 5-24. Advanced Configuration of OpenVPN Server Connection: Cryptography



10 On the screen for Advanced Configuration of OpenVPN Server Connection: Cryptography, select one of the following:

- **TLS server: Enable TLS [Transport Layer Security] and assume server role.**

❖ Parameters for the server are displayed. Go to Step 11.

- **TLS client** (as shown in Figure 5-25 for client screen): **Enable TLS [Transport Layer Security] and assume client role.**

❖ Parameters for the client are displayed. Go to Step 11.

11 Do the following:

a Select the **Additional Field** list (recall Figure 5-21, on page 12) to add the certificate fields to the screen.

b In that list, select certificates appropriate to the side of the connection (client or server) that this router supports.

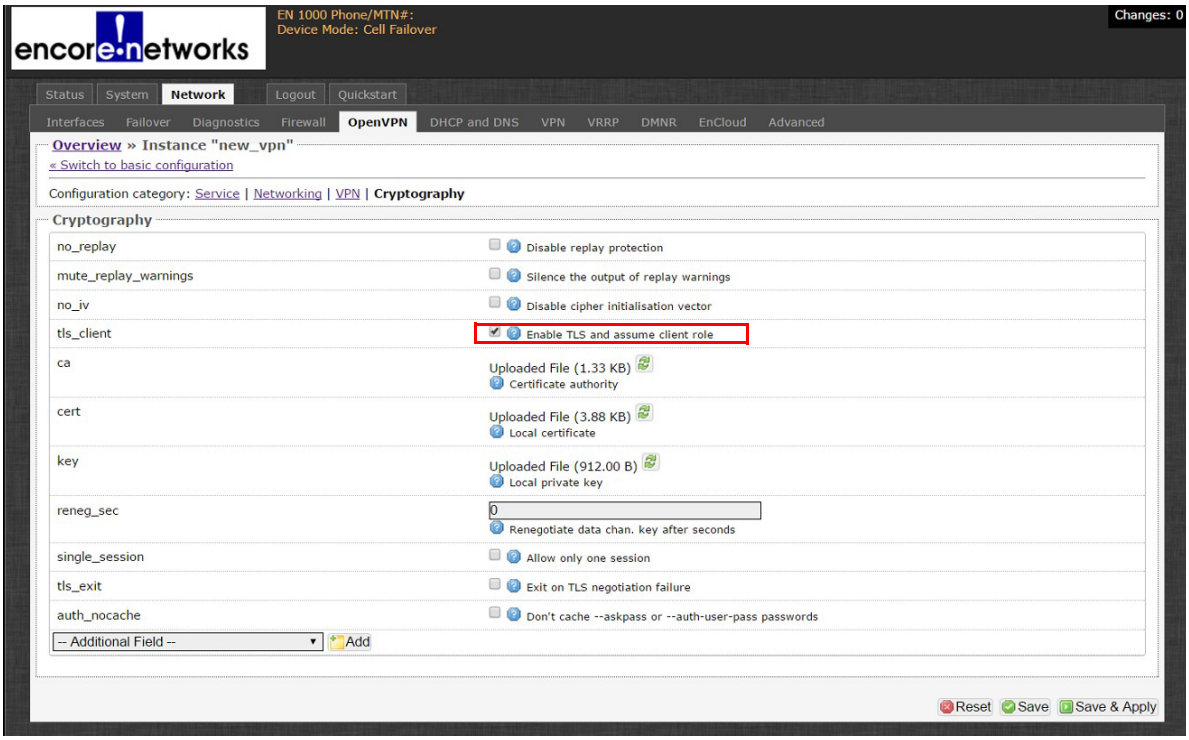
❖ The certificates are added to the screen.

Note: OpenVPN® certificates are generated in a management computer; see the document *Generating Certificates for OpenVPN® Connections*. Download the certificates from that computer to the EN™ router.

Note: As shown in Figure 5-25, the transport layer security client (**TLS client**) in the OpenVPN® connection needs the following certificate entities:

- **ca:** certificate authority
- **cert:** client certificate
- **key:** client key

Figure 5-25. Advanced Configuration of OpenVPN Client Connection: Cryptography

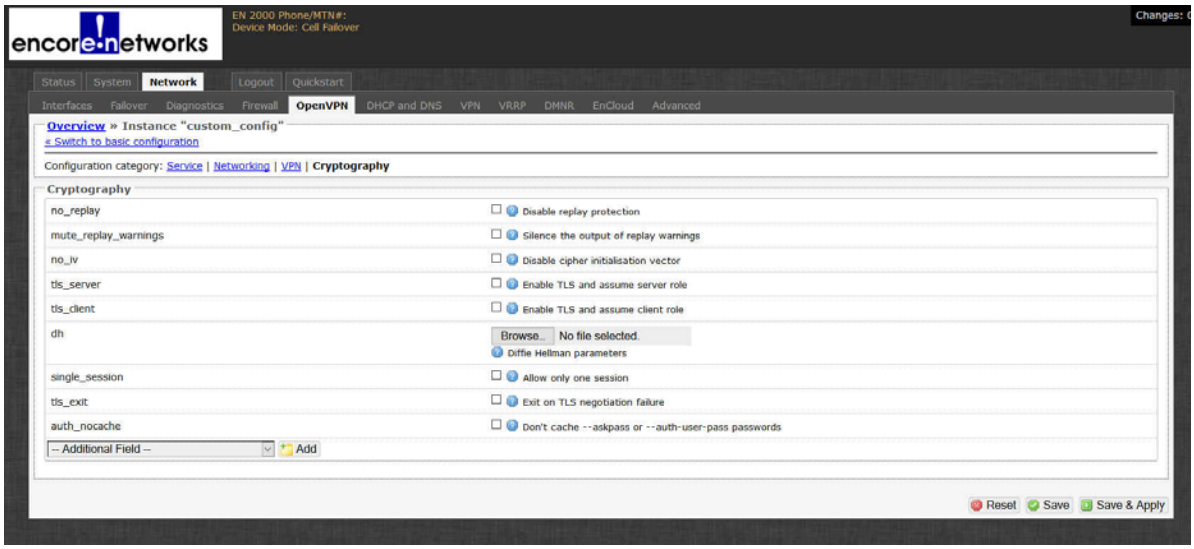


If you are configuring the **TLS server** in the OpenVPN® connection, add the following certificate entities:

- **ca:** certificate authority
- **cert:** server certificate
- **key:** server key
- **dh:** Diffie–Hellman key-exchange parameters

Note: Figure 5-26 includes the **dh** certificate field, but the certificate itself has not been downloaded yet. Select the field, and browse your computer's \easy-rsa directory to select the dh certificate to download to the EN™ Router.

Figure 5-26. Add Server Certificate for Diffie–Hellman (dh) Parameters



12 When you have finished configuring the VPN connection, select the button to **Save & Apply** the configuration (in the lower right corner of the screen).

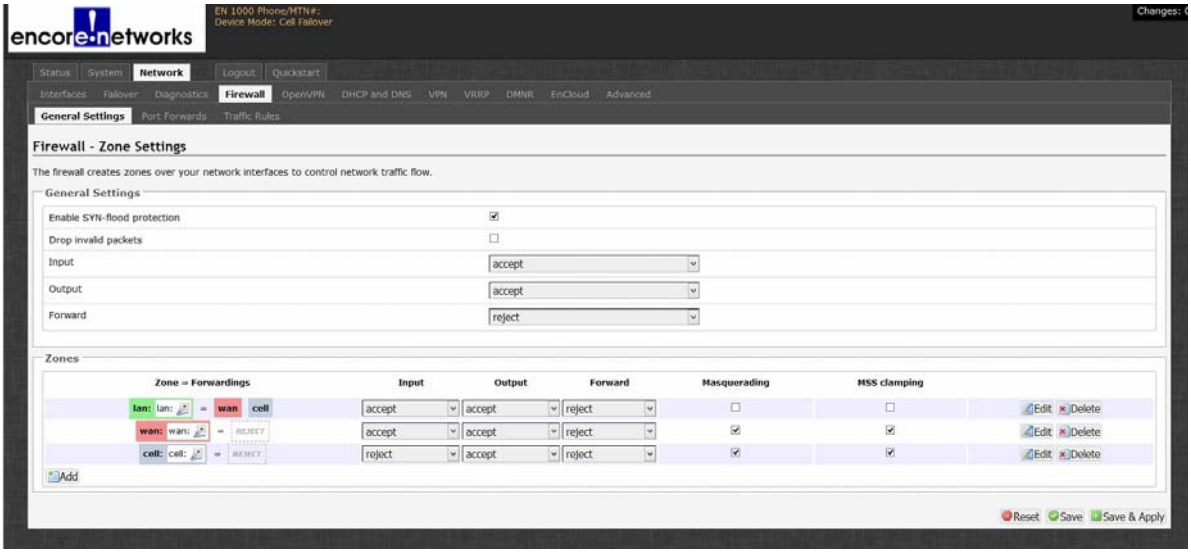
❖ The new OpenVPN® connection is displayed in the List of OpenVPN Instances.

5.5 Firewall Configuration for OpenVPN®

1 On the management configuration screen, select the tab **Network**; then select the tab **Firewall**. If necessary, select the tab **General Settings**.

❖ The screen for General Firewall Settings is displayed (Figure 5-27).

Figure 5-27. General Firewall Settings

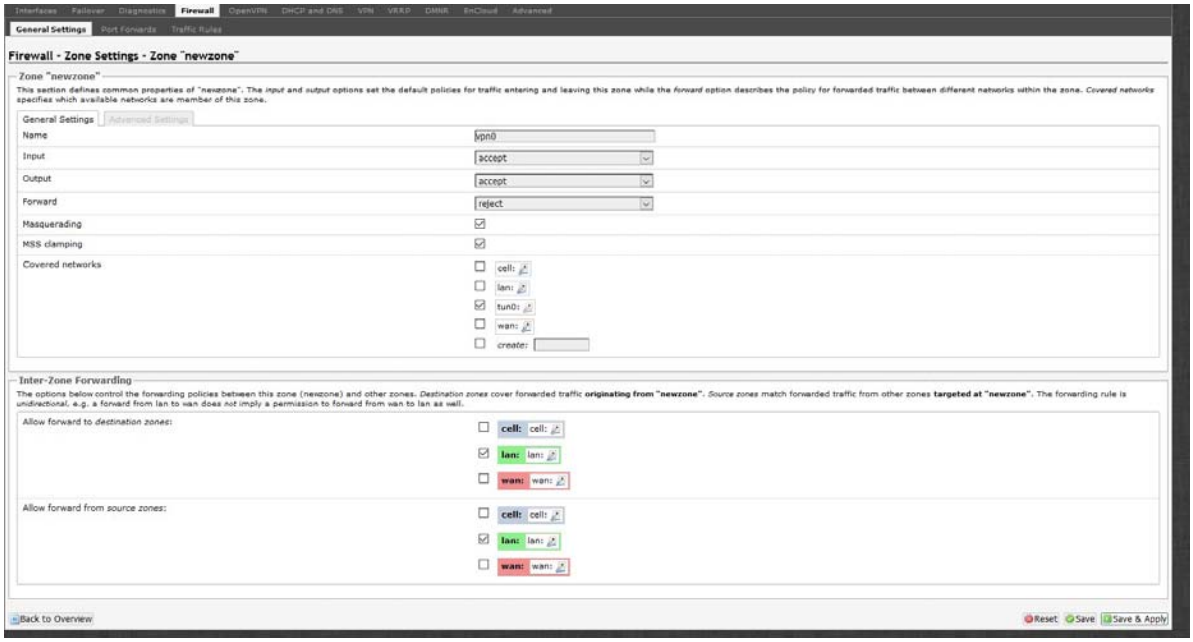


Note: We need to add a zone for the OpenVPN® tunnel that we created in Section 5.4, *Configuring an OpenVPN® Connection*, on page 10.

2 Select the **Add** button (near the lower left corner of the General Firewall Settings screen).

❖ The screen for a New Firewall Zone is displayed (Figure 5-28).

Figure 5-28. New Firewall Zone



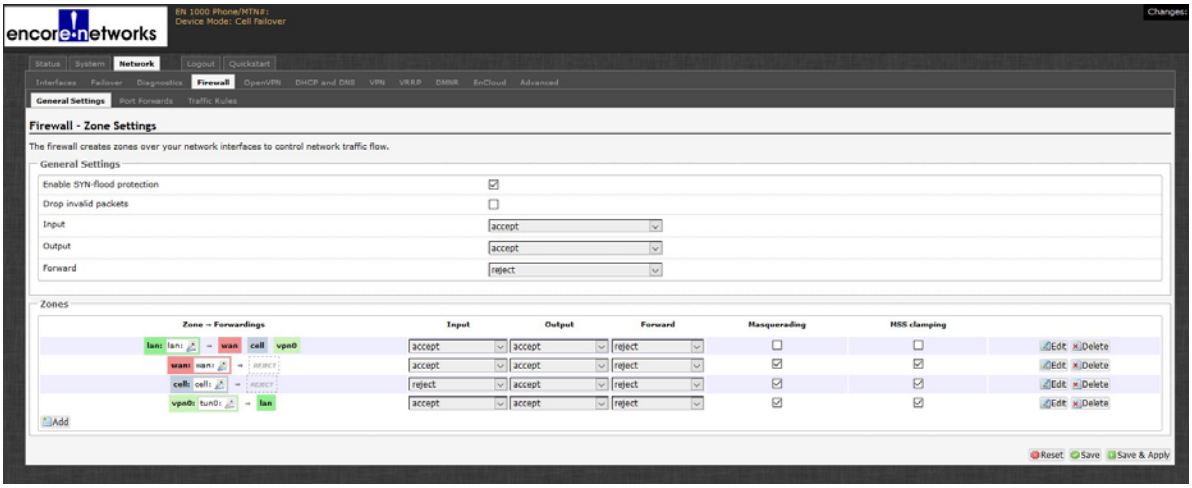
3 Configure the following settings for the new firewall zone:

• **Name**	**vpn0** (use any unique name)	
• **Input**	**accept**	
• **Output**	**accept**	
• **Forward**	**reject**	
• **Masquerading**	**on** (checked)	
• **MSS Clamping**	**on** (checked)	
• **Covered Networks**	cell	off (unchecked)
	lan	off (unchecked)
	tun0	**on** (checked)
	wan	off (unchecked)
	create (leave blank)	
• **Allow Forward to Destination Zones**	cell	no (unchecked)
	lan	**yes** (checked)
	wan	no (unchecked)
• **Allow Forward from Source Zones**	cell	no (unchecked)
	lan	**yes** (checked)
	wan	no (unchecked)

4 When you have configured the settings for the new zone, select the button to **Save & Apply** (in the lower right corner of the screen).

❖ The new firewall zone is saved, and the screen for General Firewall Settings is redisplayed (Figure 5-29). The new zone is included in the list of zones.

Figure 5-29. General Firewall Settings



5 Select the button to **Save & Apply** (in the lower right corner of the screen).

❖ The firewall settings are saved and are put into use immediately.

5.6 More Information

For a list of documents for OpenVPN® connections over EN routers, see *Reference Manual for OpenVPN® on EN™ Routers*.