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TOPIC -----

I tried to change the name of one our LocalTalk segments. After the change was made, I saved the changes in the Internet router. Then, I re-loaded the router, but the router would not accept the change of name. It kept on referring to the old name of the zone. There were no other routers loaded at the time. The router let me change all the other zone names including EtherTalk and TokenTalk zones. This is a total Phase 2 network.

DISCUSSION -----

There is no reason for the router to exhibit the symptoms you described. When you change a non-extended networks zone name you must follow these steps:

- 1) Set the current status to off.
- 2) Click the Zone name box for the network you want to change.
- 3) Select the zone name from the zone names list, there should be only one for non-extended networks.
- 4) Click the Delete button to remove the zone name from the list.
- 5) Type the new zone name into text box and click on the Add button.
- 6) Save the changes and restart the Macintosh.

It's easy to open the dialog box to change the zone name. Select the old name, change it in the text box and click Done without ever deleting the old zone name from the list. This causes the zone name for the network to

not be updated, and the old zone name would be used the next time the router is loaded.

The only way this could fail is if there is another router that still has the old zone name or a different zone name configured for this network. The newly-configured router would then fail with a conflicting zone name message the next time it loads. It would not fall back to the old zone name, but would fail and ask you to reconfigure and restart.

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