From AISC B4.1(b) and the discussion in Part 1 of the *Manual*, the unreduced length of the 8-inch side between the corner radii can be taken as

b = 8 - 3t = 8 - 3(0.116) = 7.652 in.

where the corner radius is taken as 1.5 times the design thickness.

The total loss in area is therefore

$$2(b - b_e)t = 2(7.652 - 4.784)(0.116) = 0.6654 \text{ in.}^2$$

and the reduced area is

$$A_e = 2.70 - 0.6654 = 2.035 \text{ in.}^2$$

The reduction factor is

$$Q_a = \frac{A_e}{A_g} = \frac{2.035}{2.70} = 0.7537$$
$$Q = Q_s Q_a = 1.0(0.7537) = 0.7537$$

Compute the local buckling strength:

$$4.71 \sqrt{\frac{E}{QF_y}} = 4.71 \sqrt{\frac{29,000}{0.7537(46)}} = 136.2$$
$$\frac{KL}{r} = 105.3 < 136.2 \qquad \therefore \text{ Use AISC Equation E7-2}$$
$$F_{cr} = Q \left(0.658^{\frac{QF_y}{F_c}} \right) F_y = 0.7537 \left(0.658^{\frac{0.7537(46)}{25.81}} \right) 46 = 19.76 \text{ ksi}$$

 $P_n = F_{cr}A_g = 19.76(2.70) = 53.35$ kips

Since this is less than the flexural buckling strength of 58.91 kips, local buckling controls.

LRFD Design strength = $\phi_c P_n = 0.90(53.35) = 48.0$ kips **SOLUTION** Allowable strength = $\frac{P_n}{\Omega} = \frac{53.35}{1.67} = 32.0$ kips (Allowable stress = $0.6F_{cr} = 0.6(19.76) = 11.9$ ksi)

ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION WITH f DETERMINED BY ITERATION

As an initial trial value, use

 $f = F_{cr} = 19.76$ ksi (the value obtained above after using an initial value of $f = F_y$)

$$b_e = 1.92(0.116)\sqrt{\frac{29,000}{19.76}} \left[1 - \frac{0.38}{(66.0)} \sqrt{\frac{29,000}{19.76}} \right] = 6.65 \text{ in.}$$

The total loss in area is

 $2(b - b_e)t = 2(7.652 - 6.65)(0.116) = 0.2325$ in.²

and the reduced area is

$$A_e = 2.70 - 0.2325 = 2.468 \text{ in.}^2$$

The reduction factor is

$$Q_a = \frac{A_e}{A_g} = \frac{2.468}{2.70} = 0.9141$$
$$Q = Q_s Q_a = 1.0(0.9141) = 0.9141$$

Compute the local buckling strength.

$$4.71 \sqrt{\frac{E}{QF_y}} = 4.71 \sqrt{\frac{29,000}{0.9141(46)}} = 123.7$$

$$\frac{KL}{r} = 105.3 < 123.7 \qquad \therefore \text{ Use AISC Equation E7-2}$$

$$F_{cr} = Q \left(0.658^{\frac{QF_y}{F_c}} \right) F_y$$

$$= 0.9141 \left(0.658^{\frac{0.9141(46)}{25.81}} \right) 46 = 21.26 \text{ ksi} \quad 19.76 \text{ ksi (the assumed value)}$$

Try f = 21.26 ksi:

$$b_e = 1.92(0.116)\sqrt{\frac{29,000}{21.26}} \left[1 - \frac{0.38}{(66.0)}\sqrt{\frac{29,000}{21.26}} \right] = 6.477 \text{ in.}$$

The total loss in area is

$$2(b - b_e)t = 2(7.652 - 6.477)(0.116) = 0.2726 \text{ in.}^2$$

and the reduced area is

$$A_e = 2.70 - 0.2726 = 2.427$$
 in.²