

2007-01 revisited

“What do we do next?”



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- Goals
 - Make PA more attractive than PI
 - Prevention of abuse, hijacking, etc
 - Tighten up on sub-assignment
 - “Responsible Stewardship”
- The current proposal can work...
 - ... but only if we want to turn RIPE into an administrative monster
 - we probably don't want to do this
 - RIPE NCC is a numbers registry, not a contract management and debt collection agency

“What do we do next?”



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- We're too late to fix new IPv4 PI assignments
 - mostly anyway - we're 12 years into an projected ± 15 year life-cycle
 - at the earliest, any policy change could only be implemented by 2008-05
 - ... leaving maybe 2 years of new assignments
 - Let's acknowledge that the horse bolted years ago
- The primary focus is on:
 - IPv6
 - AS numbers
 - Existing IPv4 assignments

“We are all going on an expedition”



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- Propose the following modifications to 2007-01
 - Explicitly allow cost model for PI / ASNs, for end-user and LIR-based assignments, past and present
 - Allow end-user to maintain relationship with LIR of choice, or directly with RIPE
 - Make policy retroactive for all PI assignments since RIPE-127 (Note: not ERX and not older “allocations”)
 - Careful expiry of existing “lost” registrations, where registrant cannot be located

Create cost model



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- Rationale
 - initial process for cleaning up PI allocation records is going to be long, hard and tedious
 - this is administrative talk for “expensive”
- But
 - applying a cost model creates a natural garbage collection system
 - RIPE NCC policy is to encourage PA assignments, not PI. Zero cost PI does not reflect this policy
 - The cost-free IPv4 PI assignment regime puts RIPE NCC funding burden solely on LIRs, which is not fair
 - we need fair
- So
 - so RIPE NCC needs to charge for number resources, including PI address space and ASNs

Choice of end-user relationship



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● Rationale

- Clear that RIPE NCC cannot easily deal with expansion from 4k to 16k contractual relationships
- Nevertheless, there are situations where it is more appropriate for an end-user to have a direct relationship with RIPE NCC

● Process

- End-user can deal with RIPE NCC directly
 - envisage a web based auto-signup procedure
 - fully automated, no human interaction
 - registration expires unless bills are paid
- End-user can also use their LIR
 - LIR will bill end-user
 - RIPE NCC will bill LIR

Choice of end-user relationship



- Consequences

- some increased overhead for LIRs
- more increased overhead for RIPE NCC
- careful transfer method required, to deal with:
 - friendly transfer from LIR to LIR
 - transfer from hostile LIR at end-users' request
 - transfer from LIR to RIPE NCC
 - transfer from RIPE NCC to LIR

- But

- creates onus on LIR to maintain good records for PI end-users
- or else, end-user is obliged to maintain relationship with RIPE NCC

Make policy retroactive



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- Limitations

- not included in original 2007-01 because it is controversial and has many consequences
- does not include ERX ASNs or IPv4 PI space
- does include IPv4 space marked as PI but assigned before RIPE-127 (Registry of last resort assignments)

- RIPE NCC obligations

- chase up PI/ASN holders
- liaise with LIRs about who gets billed for what
- categorisation of lost registrations
- all these things are long, hard and tedious

Expiry of lost registrations



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- Problems
 - retroactive application of new policy - ouch!
 - some expiry will be caused by bad contact details
 - some expiry will apply to genuinely dead assignments
 - what does RIPE NCC do with expired registrations?
 - put into holding pool or recycled immediately?
 - in particular, what happens to registrations which are still used, but where RIPE NCC can get no response
 - routed on Internet vs never routed visibly, but still used
- On the other hand...
 - we are already familiar with the idea of expiry and re-use of resources (phone numbers, domain names, etc)
 - no expiry is also bad stewardship of resources
 - heresy: we require end-users also be responsible for their registrations

“And that’s that”, said Pooh*



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Soooo, let’s hear what you have to say...

- Cost model
- Choice of end-user relationship
- Make policy retroactive
- Expiry of lost registrations

* Apologies to A.A. Milne