Recommended Draft Policy ARIN-2023-6: ARIN Waitlist Qualification

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Current Text (27 February 2024)

AC Assessment of Conformance with the [Principles of Internet Number Resource Policy](#):

Draft Policy ARIN-2023-6: Draft ARIN Waitlist Qualification Update, conforms to the principles of the ARIN Policy Development Process. This draft policy is found to be fair, impartial and technically sound. Based on community feedback and AC discussion we motion to move ARIN-2023-6 Draft ARIN Waitlist Qualification Update to Recommended Draft. If adopted this policy aims to clarify qualification requirements for the IPv4 waitlist based on Section 4 Policy. This is achieved by adding a sub section in Section 4.1.8. ARIN Waitlist.

Problem Statement:

Since the depletion of ARIN's IPv4 address free pool, ARIN now issues general purpose IPv4 addresses exclusively from the Waitlist, which is described in section 4.1.8. ARIN Waitlist. Currently the text found in section 4.2 Allocations to ISPs (Requirements for Requesting Initial Address Space), 4.3 End-users - Assignments to End Users, and 4.5 Multiple Discrete Networks, might give some readers the impression that meeting these conditions is sufficient to justify the issuance of IPv4 addresses. Indeed, these requirements do serve to complement section 4.1.8. ARIN Waitlist policy, as necessary - but not sufficient - conditions.

This proposal aims to make explicit the relationship between waitlist policy and the qualification for waitlist space based on section 4.2 for ISPs, section 4.3 for End-users, and section 4.5 for organizations making use of multiple discrete networks.

Policy Statement:

Add:

4.1.8.3. Qualification

ARIN staff will evaluate all Waitlist requests against the requirements of otherwise applicable Section 4 policies.

Comments:

The working group evaluated the possibility of removing or collapsing 4.2 and 4.3 and their respective subsections. However, there are differences between ISPs and End Users which remain relevant, and ARIN staff references these respective sections when processing Waitlist requests.

Timetable for Implementation: Immediate

Relevant Votes/Floor Counts:

ARIN 53 - 137 in attendance, 50 for 0 against

5/16/24 AC Teleconference – 14 for of 14 Present AC Members

Staff and Legal Review (14 February 2024)

Staff Understanding:

This policy adds a new sub section to 4.1.8 ARIN Waitlist which clarifies qualification requirements for the IPv4 Waitlist based on policy text found within section 4. Staff agrees that there is value to the policy statement but suggests that including examples is not necessary especially since future policy development could modify those examples. A more effective way to clarify the applicability of qualification requirements is to make the simple reference that all Waitlist requests will be reviewed against the requirements of otherwise applicable Section 4 policies.

Implementable as Written?: Yes

Impact on ARIN Registry Operations and Services: None

Legal Review: No material legal issue

Implementation Timeframe Estimate: 3 months

Implementation Requirements:

- Staff Training
- Updates to public documentation

Proposal/Draft Policy Text Assessed: 16 August 2023