



# ARIN-prop-266 Scope Petition

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## Petition against Abandonment due to Scope

ARIN-prop-266 “BGP Hijacking is an ARIN Policy Violation” was rejected by the ARIN AC due to being “out of scope” of the ARIN Policy Development Process (PDP)

A successful petition was made by the community, and this refers the matter to the ARIN Board for final determination (per ARIN Policy Development Process, Section Three, part 2.1)

(The reason that this question is referred to the ARIN Board is the implied question of whether ARIN’s PDP and/or Mission needs to be changed to make an out-of-scope proposal in scope.)

## Specifics of ARIN-prop-266

ARIN-prop-266 “BGP Hijacking is an ARIN Policy Violation” would define a “BGP Hijack” as the announcement of routes to third parties without the consent of the resource holder, and make such hijacks a “violation of ARIN policy”. It also establishes a reporting regime for suspected violations and an expert panel for review and verification. While it does not specifically define the implications of “policy violations”, it is clear that there is an expectation that ARIN would handle these in a manner consistent with other policy violations, including potential for resource revocation and/or engagement of other contractual mechanisms to encourage policy compliance.

(The description above is common to the original proposal rejected by the ARIN AC and the “Prop-266-v3” updated policy proposal submitted by the author)

## Scope of the ARIN Policy Development Process

- “The ARIN PDP is the process by which policies for the management of Internet number resources in the ARIN region are developed by the community.
- “Internet number resource policies developed through the PDP describe the policies and guidelines to be followed in number resource management, not the procedures that ARIN staff will use to implement the policies.”
- “ARIN’s general business processes, fees, and services are not within the purview of the Policy Development Process, and while policies developed through the PDP may apply to ARIN’s service offering, they cannot define or establish ARIN fees or service offerings.”

## ARIN-prop-266

- Does not provide guidance on the issuance of Internet number resources or administration of the ARIN's Internet number registry
- Does define a new service which accepts and validates reports of issues regarding the state of the Internet routing system
- The service described is not presently part of the ARIN's service offerings

Per ARIN's PDP, the establishment of new service offerings is outside of the scope of the ARIN PDP.

## Related Questions

- While not a policy matter, there remains a question whether ARIN should provide such a "BGP Hijack" reporting service?
- If ARIN did offer such a service, could (should?) a validated BGP Hijack report have any implication for ARIN number resource holders, and if "yes", what contractual changes would be necessary for that purpose?

**Discussion?**