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Emergency Transfer Policy for IPv4 Addresses

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History

Designated Formal Proposal	**26 AUG 08**
Public Policy Meeting	**Nassau**
Current Version	**26 AUG 08**

	Similar Proposal	
RIR Activity	AfriNIC	**NA**
	APNIC	**Continue Discussion**
	LACNIC	**NA**
	RIPE NCC	**Continue Discussion**

Proposal Text:

- **Discussion Guide**
- **http://www.arin.net/policy/2008_6.html**

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Summary

- Transfers allowed for 3 years. Recipient must document need. Original prefix may not be deaggregated into more than 4 pieces (each greater than or equal to current minimum prefix size).

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Staff Assessment

Legal: Liability Risk? – …counsel believes passage of 2008-2 or 2008-6 is better for ARIN than continuing its current policy… – Choosing between 2008-2 and 2008-6 should reflect the community evaluation of whether the additional issues addressed in 2008-2 are correctly stated, or those issues are best left to future policy development or staff interpretation.	**Less risk**
Staff Comments: Issues/Concerns? – "…without the active involvement of ARIN…" text should be removed. – In practice the minimum prefix size will be /22.	**Yes**
Staff Implementation: Resource Impact?	**Minimal** **(90 days)**

Assessment available at:
http://lists.arin.net/pipermail/arin-ppml/2008-October/012234.html

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PPML Discussion

Posts	People
82	**22**

- 3 in favor, 4 against.
- Comments:
  - Transfers for money will take place whether we all like it or not. I'd rather have it legitimized by ARIN, rather than a complete black market.
  - Based on the discussion of 2008-6 I would have to express my opposition to it. 2008-2 is preferable.
  - I still believe that a transfer policy at all is a bad idea and do not support any form.

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Rationale

- 'Potentially' allows ARIN to fulfill its mission and to facilitate a continuing supply of IPv4 addresses when ARIN resources are no longer adequate.
- Its intent is to preserve the current tradition of need-based allocation/assignments.
- This policy is not intended to create a 'market' for such transfers, condone the monetization of address resources or view addresses as property.
- This policy is intended to be 'transient' and light-weight, does not encourage a sustained or continuing role for IPv4, but helps to mitigate a transitional crisis that 'may' emerge.

Staff Comments

…"**without the active involvement of ARIN**"…. as an intermediary….

- Would pre-qualify the recipient based upon need and look to its records for current legitimate and exclusive holder or resources to be acquired.

… "**in practice the minimum prefix size will be /22**"…

- Policy says…"need in accordance with current [applicable] ARIN policy"

Impetus

- We don't know that it will be a problem…if it is, the BoT may act when they think it's appropriate.
- Between now and then, this policy could be amended to add 'features'.
- Sends the right signals of continued stewardship without abandoning principles or thwarting IPv6.
- For those who believe 'something' is needed, it provides a policy to rally around and achieve consensus….assuming 2008-2 does not.