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RIPE NCC Members with Multiple LIRs

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Background

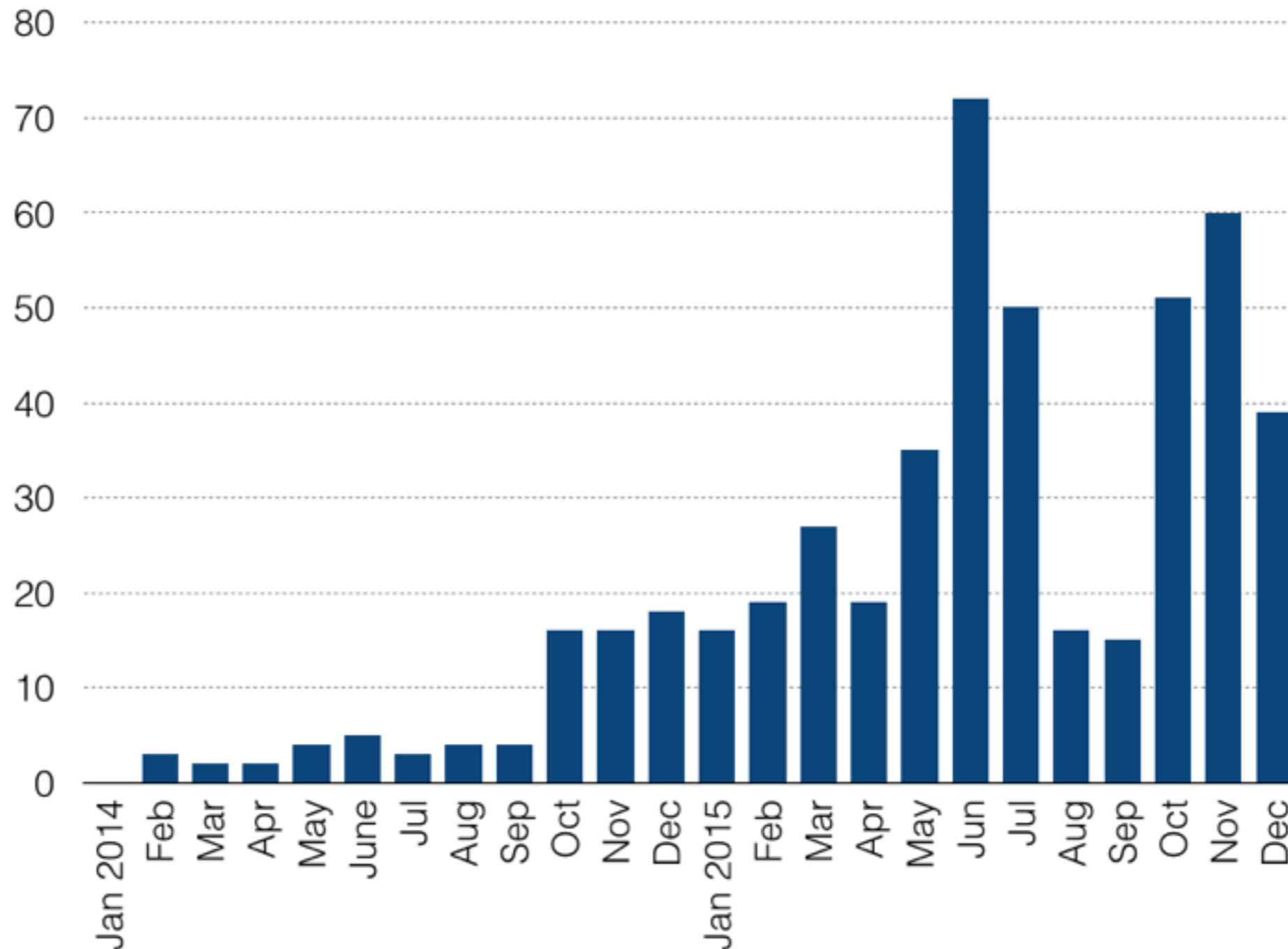


- The possibility for members to open multiple LIR accounts has always existed
- Prior to IPv4 exhaustion, this was not an issue and members had valid reasons for doing so
- It was argued that this allowed members to acquire extra /22s of IPv4 address space, contrary to the spirit of “Last /8” policy proposal
- To address this, the Board suspended the ability of members to open additional LIR accounts on 18 November 2015

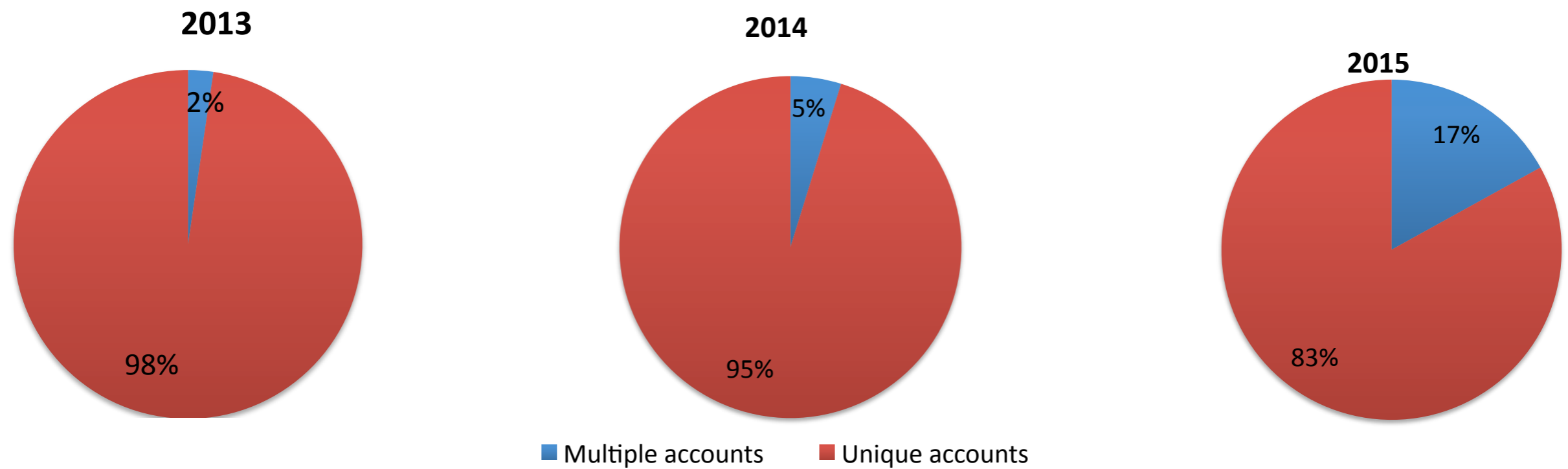
Increase in Additional LIR Accounts



Additional LIR accounts per member



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Membership Discussion



- On 11 February, the Chairman of the Board asked members two questions:
 - Is the activity of opening additional LIR accounts a problem that must be prevented?
 - If so, what action should the RIPE NCC take to attempt its prevention?
- There was a huge response from the membership - Thank you!
- At the Board meeting on 31 March, the feedback from the members was discussed

Membership Discussion



- A wide range of opinions was expressed
- Many suggestions that could have a positive effect were a matter for the Policy Development Process
- Many felt that opening additional LIRs was indeed a problem
- Many others said there were valid reasons for doing so

Executive Board Decisions



- The Board decided to include network acquisitions in the scope of the transfer policy
 - Address space acquired via network acquisitions are subject to the 24-month limitation on transfers (unless part of company acquisition, merger, bankruptcy or liquidation)
- The Board also instructed the RIPE NCC to clarify that all transfer agreements must be signed by a party authorised to do so according to a national registration authority
- Finally, the Board will ask members to vote today on issue of opening additional LIRs

Relevant Information for Members



- The RIPE NCC has noticed some effects from the decision to suspend ability to open additional LIR accounts
 - Individuals are now establishing new legal entities and becoming RIPE NCC members
 - There have been numerous membership applications from different legal entities with the same legal address or applicant
 - For example, three people have established 60 legal entities that have applied for membership
 - In some cases, fake identification has been sent to the RIPE NCC - in such cases, the member is shut down

Relevant Information for Members



- The set-up of new legal entities who become members to receive a /22 of address space poses questions for the membership:
 - Establishing a new legal entity is a trivial and inexpensive matter in many countries, so preventing the creation of multiple LIR accounts has not solved the problem
 - These separate legal entities make it difficult to establish who is holding the address space
 - These entities can easily merge to circumvent transfer policy
 - When becoming members, these entities also acquire separate voting rights per entity

Executive Board Recommendation



- By voting Yes to this resolution, the Board believes it would:
 - Bring much-needed transparency to the situation regarding holders of /22s from the last /8
 - Result in a reduction of the number of entities holding multiple voting rights at the GM
 - Allow the RIPE PDP to close loopholes relating to the “Last /8” policy rather than the membership
- The Board recommends that members vote to lift the suspension on creating additional LIR accounts



Questions



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