

Charging Scheme 2010 Presentation

Introduction

At the last General Meeting (GM) there was a discussion regarding the impact of the policy entitled "Direct Internet Resource Assignments to End Users from the RIPE NCC" (2007-01) on the RIPE NCC Charging Scheme 2009. While the intent of this policy was to have an individual charge per direct assignment, the RIPE NCC Charging Scheme 2009 incorporated the direct assignments into the Billing Score of a member. There were several reasons for not including an individual charge per direct assignment in the Charging Scheme 2009:

- The material impact this change would have on the individual fees for members
- The approval of the policy just prior to the GM October 2008 left no time for members to adjust their direct assignment registrations to avoid charges for each direct assignment

Conceptually, a Charging Scheme that uses a per assignment fee for Direct Internet Number Resources would work on a very different principle to the current Charging Scheme, which includes all RIPE NCC services supplied to a member under one fee. Consequently, we propose to initiate a process that will elicit feedback from our members on the relative merits of these different approaches to the RIPE NCC Charging Scheme. The goal is to work on a more encompassing re-design of the RIPE NCC Charging Scheme model that takes into account current and future developments.

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In order to fully discuss the material consequences of this policy on the current, and forthcoming, Charging Scheme, the RIPE NCC Executive Board and the RIPE NCC Management would like to gather input and initiate discussion about this topic at the GM May 2009.

The presentation at the GM will contain the following:

1) Historical Overview

This overview will contain a summary of the reasoning behind the initial Charging Scheme and its development over the years.

2) Current Charging Scheme

This section will provide a recapitulation of the current Charging Scheme.

3) Possible Scenarios

The possible scenarios will include an explanation of the following, possible Charging Scheme scenarios together with a pro/con analysis:

- Current Charging Scheme model
- A revised model with a charge per direct assignment
- A revised model with a service fee based on a different scoring methodology (division in categories and fee per category)

4) Strategic and Future Considerations

This section will focus on the difference between a uniform service fee versus a per assignment/allocation Internet Number Resources fee. It will also include discussion of foreseeable future Internet Number Resource developments, such as IPv4 depletion and IPv6 uptake.