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NRPM Section 6.4.1 Retirement

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Problem Statement



Current Text (11 June 2026)

Current NRPM Section 6.4.1 contains language referring to property rights of IPv6 direct allocations made by ARIN. Past references to any rights on IP resources was defined in legacy versions of the Resource Services Agreement between an entity and ARIN. Any mention of property or other rights do not belong in the Number Resource Policy Manual, this should be referenced in the Registration Services Agreement. Section 6 of the Number Resource Policy Manual was modeled on a framework the other RIRs added to their policy manuals going back as far as 2004.

Policy Statement



Retire 6.4.1 Address Space Not to be Considered Property

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Redline of Policy Statement

Original Text:

6.4.1. ~~Address Space Not to be Considered Property~~

~~It is contrary to the goals of this document and is not in the interests of the Internet community as a whole for address space to be considered freehold property.~~

~~The policies in this document are based upon the understanding that globally-unique IPv6 unicast address space is allocated/assigned for use rather than owned.~~

Results:

6.4.1. [Retired]

History

Action	Date
Proposal	11 June 2026
Draft Policy	21 July 2026



Policy Impact

This policy will achieve parity in the NRPM between IPv4 and IPv6. The terms of IP address ownership are incorporated in the member RSA.

Community Feedback

As of the date of preparation, there has been no community feedback of this policy in the Public Policy Mailing List.

Questions for the Community

What, if any, impact will this policy change have on your operations?

Do you support continued work on this policy?