

Arbitration Case #8

Date: 2011

Summary

There was a dispute between two LIRs over the registration of IP address blocks.

LIR "I" owed money to LIR "J". It was agreed that LIR "I" would be sold to LIR "J", and the IP address blocks held by LIR "I" were transferred to LIR "J". The sale did not materialise and LIR "I" requested the return of the IP address blocks. LIR "J" did not approve the transfer of the address blocks. The account of LIR "I" was closed by the RIPE NCC due to nonpayment of invoices.

LIR "I" requested arbitration to resolve the case.

Details of Case

LIR "I" and LIR "J" signed a contract for cooperation and LIR "I" owed money to LIR "J". Following an agreement that LIR "I" would be sold to LIR "J", IP address blocks held by LIR "I" were transferred to LIR "J". However, LIR "I" was subsequently sold to a company other than LIR "J". LIR "I" requested the return of the IP address blocks but LIR "J" refused this request.

The RIPE NCC account of LIR "I" was closed by the RIPE NCC due to nonpayment of invoices. LIR "I" requested that the account be reopened but the RIPE NCC could not do this until payment of the outstanding invoice was received.

The dispute was settled when LIR "I" agreed to pay money owed to LIR "J", and LIR "J" agreed to transfer the IP address blocks to LIR "I". The transfer could not take place until LIR "I" paid its outstanding invoice to the RIPE NCC.

Arbitration Ruling

Before the arbitration procedure was complete, the two parties agreed to settle the dispute. LIR "I" agreed to pay money owed to LIR "J", and LIR "J" agreed to return the IP addresses to LIR "I". The transfer of IP address blocks to LIR "I" could not be completed until LIR "I" reopened its account by paying an outstanding invoice of EUR 2,000 to the RIPE NCC.