Report from the Charging Scheme Task Force

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Background

- The RIPE NCC Executive solicited participants from the membership to join TF
- From the applicants – 5 members were chosen representing each a membership category
- 4 members and 2 board members participated
- 3 meetings in Feb and March
- Final report ahead of the General Meeting

Charter

1. Define the principles of a future Charging Scheme

2. Propose an improved process for the annual Charging Scheme discussions and adoption

3. Set a pricing structure for several years for Legacy holders

4. Advise the Executive Board on a discussion or resolution for the General Meeting in April 2011

Structure of Report

- Handle principles by topic
- Short explanation on topic
- Discussion / argumentation on topic
- Pro / con analysis if applicable
- Recommendation

General recommendations

- A Charging Scheme should aim to be: Transparent, fair, simple and have longevity
- The Charging Scheme model that is decided upon should be applicable for several years
- There should be stable per member
- A small number of members should not pay most of the membership fees

Principles

- Differentiation in membership fees
- Membership fees based on category fees and not on individual fees
- Membership fees cover all RIPE NCC services
- Sign-up fee - gatekeeper function versus a low barrier entry
- Charging for IPv6
- Charging for Independent Resources (IPv4 PI, IPv6 PI and ASNs)
- Charging based on period or based on a specific date
- Charging based on service portfolio and not on RIPE NCC workload
- Charging based on Internet number resources

Principles I

- Differentiate in membership fees
  - “larger members pay more than smaller members”
- Membership fees based on category fees
  - no individual fees
- Membership fees cover all RIPE NCC services
- Charging based on service portfolio
  - no direct relation to workload

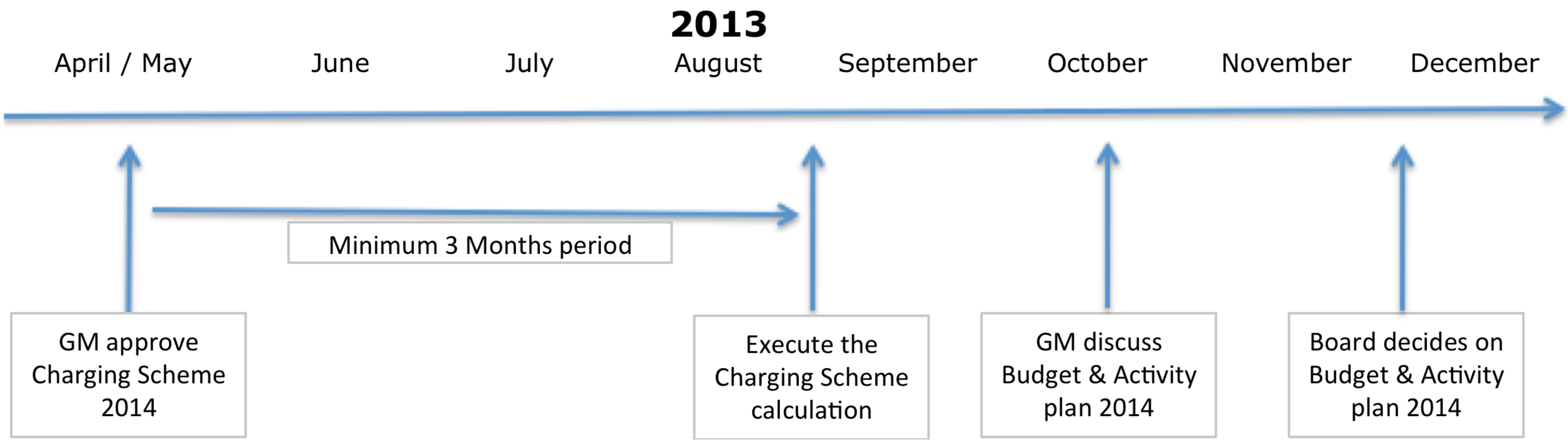
Principles II

- Continue model based on Internet number resources
  - Remove time factor from the equation
- Include IPv6 in the Charging model
- Sign-up fee - gatekeeper function
  - Retain sign-up fee in line with current fee
- Charge based on account information on a specific date
  - No period view but snapshot on a date

Charging for Independent Resources

- PI address space should be charged separately and there should be no double charging.
- There should be a differentiation in charge depending on assignment size, e.g. a /18 is charged more than a /24
- There is no need to charge for ASNs. If the Executive Board decides to charge for AS Numbers it should be identical to PI
- No distinction between IPv6 PI and IPv4 PI

Process improvement for Charging Scheme



Legacy resources

- Charge for legacy resources in the same way as for PI space and legacy resources should be counted as one block.
- Allow legacy resource holders to register their space for free until a date to be decided and charge them after that date.
- Legacy resource holders who register their space should be given the option to convert it to PA space and then it should be charged accordingly.
- Legacy resource holders should have the option to choose between signing the RIPE NCC Standard Service Agreement or a Direct Assignment User contract.

Questions?

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