COOPERATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE END OF THE IPV4 FREE POOL

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Problem Statement

- After IANA has handed out it's last IPv4 block, and one of the RIRs runs out, historical practice for address management has come to an end.
- The RIR members are not captive to their home RIR. If their home RIR has run out, those seeking space will follow the available resource.

Propose Solution

- Any RIR that has only a 30 day supply of space becomes a virtual LIR of the RIR with the largest remaining pool with respect to it's recent run rate. Effectively aggregating the requirements for the requesting RIRs membership.
- The requesting RIR would be able to get up to 3 months of their recent run rate, as long as that did not exceed 1/8 of the remaining pool at the source RIR. At the point where 1/8 is exceeded the distribution unit would shift to 1 week.

Advantage / Disadvantage

Advantage:

Existing relationships retained. Distributes the workload to where the membership is, rather than where the remaining space is.

Disadvantage:

Precludes the RIR that ends up holding the last block from receiving revenue from new members that would join from other regions.