

NENA IPR and Antitrust Policy Change Notice

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BACKGROUND

The NENA Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy was adopted in 2011 and revised in 2020 to provide clear guidelines for the disclosure and use of intellectual property to individuals and companies participating in development work with NENA, and to provide appropriate assurances to those who implement NENA standards in products or services. NENA Committees have operated under the Policy since its adoption and have provided feedback to Headquarters about the practical impact of the policy.

WHY YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NOTICE

At the advice of the NENA Development Steering Council (DSC) and members of the standards development community, NENA made a number of custodial and substantive changes to the IPR Policy. Because acceptance of the Policy is a condition of your membership in NENA and of your participation in the work of NENA Committees, we are providing this Notice to identify the changes we made and how they affect your rights and obligations under the Policy. Pursuant to section 3.2.2 of the existing policy, Members or Participating Entities may elect to opt-out of these changes and terminate their membership and participation in NENA Committees. Opt-out notices should be directed to crm@nena.org.

WHAT WE CHANGED

General

- Name Change: NENA Intellectual Property Rights Policy now called NENA Intellectual Property Rights and Antitrust Policy
- Update to document format
- Definitions for the NENA Office and DSC
- Removal of normative language examples and instead refer to ADM-001 (which controls NENA normative language under NENA standards development procedure)
- Previous section 7.4 renumbered section 7.5 to accommodate changes

Section 7.2

- Addition of IP rights to the notice
- Instructions for how to report violations of policy
- Added requirement that this statement is read *whenever the policy changes*, in addition to yearly, and at the first meeting of a development group

Section 7.3

- Tightened reporting requirements and including the NENA Office when there are violations to this policy

Section 7.4

- New section detailing NENA office Obligation to investigate violations



- 37 • NENA Office shall perform an investigation upon hearing that a violation has occurred (then some
- 38 examples, such as meetings with the offending party and the objector)
- 39 • NENA Office shall take corrective action (then some examples, ranging from telling the person
- 40 what they did and not to do it again, policy changes and all the way up to legal action).
- 41 This is not an exhaustive list of changes to the policy. As a member of NENA's development group, it is
- 42 your responsibility to be familiar with the policy.

43 FOR MORE ABOUT THESE CHANGES

44 If you have questions about these changes or the Policy in general, contact Dan Henry at +1
45 202.618.6369, or via email at dhenry@nena.org. Please note that NENA cannot give legal advice with
46 respect to the terms of this policy, their meaning, or their effect on you, your agency, or your company.