

# Interconnection (Peering) Policy

## Background and Introduction

This document sets forth Peoples Policy for Settlement-Free Interconnection with Internet Networks ("Policy"), also referred to as "peering". Peoples regularly updates its Policy and maintains the current version of its Policy on the Peoples public Website at <http://www.gopeoples.net/peering/>.

This Policy details the requirements that an Internet Network requesting interconnection (the "Requester") must meet in order to qualify for settlement-free interconnection. For purposes of this Policy, an Internet Network must be a single Autonomous System ("AS"). Peoples also will consider on a case-by-case basis request for settlement-free interconnection on a national level or in other regions of the world, with the same guiding principles and with appropriately scaled interconnection requirements. This Policy also specifies the operational requirements for interconnecting networks, which both the Requester and Peoples must satisfy.

## Interconnection Requirements

1. Peoples uses PeeringDB as a single authoritative source of truth. This means peering partners must have an up-to-date PeeringDB entry before a bilateral peering session can be established.
2. The Requester shall operate facilities capable of terminating IP customer leased line connections onto a device in one of Peoples CO-Locations in Dallas, TX or Operate an open network and advertise with Equinix Multi-Lateral Peering Exchange (MLPE).
3. The aggregate amount of traffic exchanged in each direction over all interconnection links between the Requester and the Peoples Internet Network with which it desires to interconnect shall be a minimum of 100Mbps (95th percentile) with Autonomous System 40317.
4. Must maintain a minimum aggregate traffic exchange of 100M with AS40317 in the dominant direction as measured on a 24hr peak basis.
5. Must advertise routes consistent with "shortest exit routing" unless both parties agree in writing to honor the following traffic management attributes (where provided by both parties): MED (Multi Exit Discriminator), AS Path length, and Standard BGP communities.
6. Must use the same ASN at each interconnection point, except that if either party is involved in an acquisition multiple ASNs may be supported during the integration process so long as the same does not require the other party to carry traffic in an excessively inefficient manner, such as between continents.
7. Must maintain a professional Network Operations Center staffed 24x7x365.
8. Requester must provide 48 hours notice to Peoples NOC for scheduled maintenance. Requesters are encouraged to register routes or send notice in advance of announcements to allow for adjustments to those limits.

## **General Policy Notifications**

1. The two Internet Networks must be willing to enter into a Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement and a bilateral Interconnection Agreement.
2. The Requester and Peoples must be willing to sustain an equal financial burden for the costs of private interconnection via local facilities.
3. The requirements in Section 2 above must be met at the time the request for settlement-free interconnection with Peoples is made.
4. All requirements of the Policy must continue to be met to continue a settlement-free interconnection relationship. Status under the Policy will be evaluated periodically. In the case of a change in ownership or control of an Internet Network with which Peoples has an interconnection agreement, status under the Policy will be evaluated within 30 days of such change.
5. Peoples will continue to monitor the development of the Internet and traffic conditions and make appropriate changes in this Policy as the Internet continues to evolve.
6. Peoples reserves the right to modify this Policy at any time without written notification and to make exceptions to this policy at its sole discretion. It is the responsibility of the Requester to maintain compliance with this Policy. Any contractual rights shall arise out of an interconnection agreement between Peoples and Requester, not this Policy.
7. Meeting or exceeding the guidelines set forth in this Policy is not a guarantee that a settlement-free interconnection will be established with a Requester.
8. Peoples will not enter peer with any network that has been an IP transit customer within the past nine (9) months.

## **ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

You may use Peoples' Service for lawful purposes only. For more information please refer to Peoples Acceptable use Policy - <https://peoplescom.net/terms-of-service/>

**All requests for settlement-free interconnection should be submitted to Peoples at Email:  
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