**Reseller SPIDs for use in Alternative SPID field introduced in NANC 399**

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**Version History:**

This Best Practice was created by the LNPA WG (now known as the NPIF – Number Portability Industry Forum) and originally accepted on 11/25/2006 (Version 1). This Best Practice was reviewed by the NPIF on 06/07/2022 where consensus was reached that no changes were required.

**Background:**

**Documentation Referenced:**

[NANC 399 – SV Type and Alternative SPID Fields](https://workinggroup.numberportability.com/documents/1226/NANC_399_-_SV_Type_and_Alternative_SPID_Fields_-_v1.docx)

[PIM 117 – SPID naming](https://workinggroup.numberportability.com/documents/5347/PIM_117_-_SPID_Naming_v3.docx)

**Decisions/Recommendations**

Reseller SPIDs, for use in the alternative SPID data element of an SV, are created in NPAC’s network data only upon an NPAC User’s request.  Consistent with the historical use of an entity’s OCN as the entity’s NPAC SPID, the industry strongly encourages each reseller to obtain an OCN from NECA for use as an NPAC SPID.  This in turn allows the identity of a reseller associated with a ported number to be displayed as that number’s “alternative SPID.”  Notwithstanding this strong industry preference, an NPAC User can request that the NPAC assign a surrogate SPID to a reseller in NPAC’s network data; that surrogate SPID then could be used as the alternative SPID to identify the reseller associated with a ported number.  Surrogate NPAC SPIDs are values that NECA does not assign as OCNs.  SPID naming conventions were defined and put in place as part of PIM 117 – SPID naming, and a SPID Naming file is posted to the NPAC Customer Portal under the Knowledge Base.