

## STI-GA Policy Decisions Document

### Policy Decision 1: SPC Token Access Policy

In order to obtain the Secure Telephone Identity (STI) certificates they will use to sign calls, i.e. authenticate Caller ID, from an approved STI Certificate Authority (CA), service providers must first apply to the STI Policy Administrator (PA) to acquire a Service Provider Code (SPC) token. The STI-PA will vet each service provider applicant against rules set by the STI Governance Authority (GA). The STI-GA Board has determined that, to be cleared by the STI-PA for access to the STI certificates, an entity must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Have a current form 499A on file with the FCC
- 2) Have been assigned an Operating Company Number (OCN)
- 3) Have direct access to telephone numbers from the North American Number Plan Administrator (NANPA) and National Pooling Administrator (NPA) <sup>1</sup>

This policy will be reviewed at least on a quarterly basis, or as requested by the STI-GA following implementation in December 2019.

### Policy Decision 2: Terminating TN Validation

The terminating service provider (TSP) shall not perform a validation that the telephone number (TN) in the Caller ID field matches the holder of the SPC token.

### Policy Decision 3: Funding

The STI-GA Board of Directors unanimously voted on a method for determining a service provider's fee for obtaining a token to be used as part of the STI-GA call authentication ecosystem:

- The fee is based on a providers' revenue as detailed on the provider's Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet, FCC Form 499-A, and is calculated by applying a contribution factor of 0.0000385 to the amount reported on Form 499-A Revenue Lines 423 or 514 (column A), whichever is greater.
  - If the SP files more than one Form 499A for different affiliates or subsidiaries, it should total the amounts on all forms filed. It will add up all the revenues reported among all its filed forms on lines 423. It will also add up all the revenues reported among all its filed forms on line 514. It will then report the

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<sup>1</sup> While the access limitation is reasonable, signing a given call should not be limited to only the pool of numbers available to the provider via direct access. In other words, per ATIS-100074, 5.2.3, under correct conditions a qualified service provider (SP) must be allowed to sign leased numbers as well as other numbers belonging to an OCN not assigned to that qualified SP insofar as the SP can properly verify the customer's authorized use of that number.

larger of the two numbers to the STI-PA. It is this total revenue figure to which the contribution factor will be applied to determine the payment.

- Minimum and maximum annual fees have been established:
  - Maximum annual fee -- \$240,000
  - Minimum annual fee -- \$825
- Fee information will be collected as part of the [online registration process](#). Revenue information will be used by STI-PA only for the purposes of determining fees for joining the STI framework. The STI-PA will not share this information with anyone, including ATIS, any ATIS member, any successor governance authority, or any Policy Administrator affiliate or parent. An SP that does not provide the required 499A data will be assessed the Maximum annual fee by default.