

## **HIP 31 Delay-the-Halving**

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### **Summary**

Requesting a delay to the first halving of the Helium (Hnt), in light of the effects Covid 19 has had on the Helium ecosystem adoption, hotspot miner production, and the world at large.

### **Motivation**

COVID-19 and the global lockdown have affected many if not all aspects of the adoption of this new marketplace and its potential. Not only the production of Helium Miners but nearly all industries have been affected by the result of the global economic shut down. This shutdown has massively affected all industries automotive, food production, personal computing, shipping and manufacturing, to name a few. By delaying the halving, the adoption of the Helium network will allow Nebra and its partner Manufacturers to catch up to demand for the miners. As well as reward both current and late adopters to participate in the Helium revolution. This adjustment would allow all participants the opportunity to have fair positioning in the growth of the network while negating the massive backlog in development and production.

### **Stakeholders**

The stakeholders for this plan include Nebra and its manufacturing partners, and current/future Helium miners. The plan for soliciting feedback on this HIP is to first, initiate discussion of this proposal on the [Helium Discord Channel](#). Specifically, the #Helium-improvement-proposal channel. From there, discussion of this proposal can be spread to social media. (youtube, reddit, twitter, etc...) Links obviously will and can be shared by the highly involved helium community.

Community input will be viewed and relevant additions to this proposal will be considered for addition or adjustment to this proposal.

### **Detailed Explanation**

The implementation of this delay to halving would be relatively simple. I propose that at the 2 year anniversary and first halving date August 1, 2021 be delayed by 1 year or until the backlog of the 200,000+/- miners are delivered. Whichever is later. At that time, helium's first halving would commence. This would be a one time delay to offset the acerbic effects left by the COVID-19 pandemic. The [helium token economy](#) was constructed outside the scope of the effects of a global health lockdown and the halt to the global economy that subsequently

occurred. This then gives nebra and its production team time to catch up to demand and adjust their manufacturing plan for the subsequent year.

### **Drawbacks, Rationale and Alternatives**

The initial drawback to this plan would be its effect on the value of the hnt. The halving of hnt is a necessity to managing the value of a hnt token. When the supply of hnt is halved (cut in half), hnt will become more valuable as long as the demand for hnt stays the same. This reduction in the supply of hnt will in effect cause the price of hnt to rise. That is the primary benefit of a crypto halving.

By delaying the halving the anticipated rise in value of hnt will be delayed by another year, approximately. But would allow the new and waiting helium adopters to gain a foothold in the hnt ecosystem.

The impact of not delaying the halving would be a loss of opportunity for the new hnt miners. There continues to be a delay in the delivery of helium miners to consumers from as far back as January 2021. As previously iterated, the pandemic has negatively affected all aspects of the global economy. There continues to be resource shortages in multiple industries, specifically the technology sector but also prolonged record setting demand placed on all shipping providers. This calamitous series of unfortunate events has led to major delays in the production chain of helium hnt. Not delaying the halving would be fostering an unnecessarily punitive circumstance to new helium adopters.

The people of the people's network have purchased miners and are held in purgatory waiting for months for items they have purchased. The antecedents to the current reality we all find ourselves in were not foreseen and could not have been avoided. Delaying the halving is the best possible solution to offset all the restrictions, shortages and adverse circumstances the COVID pandemic have laid on us all.

### **Unresolved Questions**

Put simply, not delaying the halving would be accepting punitive and exclusionary circumstances, while not adjusting to the unforeseen event of the last 15 months. Under normal circumstances people would have ordered their miners, received them in a timely manner, and set them up.

It is my belief that this HIP would be quickly adopted and supported by the helium community. I would expect this adjustment to the Helium schedule would help to merge in new users and mitigate the effects of the lockdown.

A related issue I considered slightly out of scope for this HIP but would be addressed is greater and more massive adoption of the hnt network. This will give a greater opportunity for new

people to discover this network and recognize its potential. The helium network will continue to boom and massively grow.

#### Deployment Impact

An addendum would need to be added to the Helium hnt halving schedule, noting that the first halving was delayed and would return to normal schedule at or approximately on August 1, 2022. There would not be any noticeable impact on current users and shares would adjust to the added network miners. The fixed amount of HNT per month would remain the same but will most likely reduce as the number of miners continues to grow and the pool of hnt is shared with this growing group.

#### Success Metrics

To measure the success of this HIP, the community would follow the network's growth over the following year. For Nebra and its partners to manufacture and ship the backlog of the ~200,000+ miners, Nebra would need to provide ~17,000 miners a month for a year. This number can be tracked from the total number of miners on the network as of August 1, 2021.

If the manufacturers were to catch up to demand before August 1, 2022, the next halving would still be initiated on August 1 of 2022. Conversely, if the backlog is not met by this date the halving commences as expected on the aforementioned date.

What should we measure to prove an acceptance of this by it's users?

#### Frequently Asked Questions

None as of yet...