Subject: Proposal#2009004, Registry-Registrar Two-Factor Authentication Service
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VIA EMAIL

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Re: Proposal #2009004, Registry-Registrar Two-Factor Authentication Service

Dear Pat,

ICANN has conducted a preliminary review of VeriSign's request for the Registry-Registrar Two-Factor Authentication Service, pursuant to the dot-com Registry Agreement between VeriSign and ICANN dated effective 1 March 2006, and the dot-net Registry Agreement between VeriSign and ICANN dated effective 29 June 2005.

Based on the information provided, ICANN's preliminary review did not identify any significant competition or security and stability issues. VeriSign may proceed to deploy as a voluntary optional service. As two-factor authentication would be a change from the current practice of authenticating registrar-registry communications, a description of the two-factor authentication may need to be added into the Registry-Registrar Agreement (Appendix 8 of the dot-com and dot-net Registry Agreements) in order to become a requirement for registrar-registry communications.

The Registrar Constituency has also requested additional time to assess the operational impact raised by the proposal. Further consultation should occur on whether the RRA needs to be updated. Following this consultation, if sections in the RRA dealing with authentication are to be updated, ICANN would publish a revised RRA for comment under established procedures.

Sincerely,

Patrick

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