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<u>Via E-mail and Via U.S. Mail</u>

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<u>Re:</u> <u>Verification Code Extension for the Extensible Provisioning Protocol for gTLD: .COM and .NET for Ticket ID: P5A8X-5F5S5 dated 27 May 2016 (the "Registry Service Request")</u>

ICANN conducted a preliminary review of Verisign's request to implement the Verification Code Extension for the Extensible Provisioning Protocol pursuant to the .net Registry Agreement between Verisign and ICANN dated effective 1 July 2011 and the .com Registry Agreement between Verisign and ICANN dated effective 1 December 2012 (as amended).

Under Verisign's proposed service, Verisign would require registrars subject to regulations promulgated by the government of a particular jurisdiction to submit verification codes to demonstrate compliance with such regulations. ICANN's review of the Registry Service Request did not identify any significant competition, security, or stability issues. ICANN further determined that the Registry Service Request does not require a contract amendment. Verisign is free to deploy as proposed based on the analysis of the proposed Registry Service Request, and the conditions as set forth below and also as provided in Verisign's proposal:

Analysis

- Under Section 1.1 of Appendix 7 of the applicable Registry Agreement, the Extensible Provisioning Protocol ("EPP") is set forth as the standard domain name provisioning protocol.
- EPP was designed to allow additional features and functionality to be added to the protocol, object and command-response levels on an "as needed" basis.

Conditions

- Verisign will use non-affiliated third parties, which could include registrars, to provide the verification services for each jurisdiction. Neither Verisign nor its subsidiaries or its affiliates will perform verification services.
- Verisign will support the Verification Code Extension for Extensible Provisioning Protocol as described in https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-gould-eppext-verificationcode-03 and may support subsequent versions (including the published RFC) that do not include material changes from this version.

For the reasons noted above, Verisign is free to deploy as proposed.

Sincerely,

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