From: Michael D. Palage
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 11:30 AM
To: Paul Twomey
Cc: Craig Schwartz; Paul Hazen; Carolyn T. Hoover; Kurt Pritz
Subject: DotCooperation Communication

Dear Paul:

I am submitting this communication on behalf of DotCooperation LCC
(dotCoop) regarding their proposed registry contract that has been
posted for public approval. The intent of this communication is to
outline changes that DotCoop is proposing to bring to conclusion a
negotiation that commenced back in the fourth quarter of 2005.

At the outset it is important to note that dotCoop is disappointed
that despite its efforts to negotiate in good faith in accordance with
the timeline set forth in its original agreements, ICANN instead was
focused on re-negotiation of contracts with registries whose terms had
not yet concluded. This has created the unfounded concern among some
in the ICANN community that any provision in any registry agreement
might form the basis of a future request by any registry - sponsored
or unsponsored.

Although the second official comment period has ended with only one
specific comment regarding the proposed addition of a process for
DotCoop to seek an exemption to Consensus Policies in certain limited
circumstances, it has become apparent that the concerns expressed
cannot be easily addressed in a timely manner.

DotCoop is confident that with sufficient dialogue with the concerned
parties, the reasons for adding the exemption process would be able to
be justified to everyone's satisfaction. However, we envision that
this would be a time-consuming process that would detract from other
programs that are important to dotCoop and the cooperative community.

We appreciate the comments in support of this proposal by the
cooperative community as they clearly understood the desire of dotCoop
to be able to efficiently address Consensus Policies that might not
have been able to address the growing diversity of the
Internet community.   However, dotCoop will work diligently to use
the existing mechanisms to participate in the development of Consensus
Policies that do address those issues that might create an undue
burden on our community that will hopefully allow the development of
more flexible policies.

Therefore, in response to the depth of concern on this issue, DotCoop
would therefore like to request that the section 3.1.
(b).vii be dropped from the version of the contract to be presented to
the ICANN Board for confirmation in the meeting of 29 June 2007. This
would allow dotCoop and ICANN to move forward to completion on this
contract renewal.

Best regards,

Michael

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          Carolyn Hoover
          Craig Schwartz
          Kurt Pritz