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RSEP Fast Track-Registry Lock

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Registry Operator
Top Level Design, LLC

Request Details
Case Number: 00937960

Service Description

This service request should be used to submit a Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) request to implement the Registry Lock service. The purpose of the Registry Lock Service is to help protect against accidental or inadvertent modifications to, deletions, or transfers of domain name registration data.

The statements below reflect the standard implementation of the proposed service with no apparent significant security or stability issues as well as the standard amendment language for Registry Lock. Please note this request will be published on the ICANN org RSEP webpage upon completion of the Completeness Check, which will be within 5 days from submission.

If any of the statements below do not apply to your registry's implementation of the proposed service, this RSEP Fast Track request may not be used. Instead, you must submit a standard "RSEP (Registry Services Evaluation Policy)" request. Please click here for more information about the process.

Complete the information requested below. All answers marked with a red asterisk are required. Click the Save button to save your work and click the Submit button to submit to ICANN.

Registry Operator Confirmation

1. My registry requests to implement the Registry Lock service for the TLDs included in this request.

Yes

2. My registry confirms the amendment language below represents the proposed service in this RSEP request and my registry agrees to execute the Registry Agreement amendment without

modification.

> *Note: amendment execution will occur once the request has successfully passed ICANN Review for security, stability, and competition.*

> **Registry Lock**
> Registry Operator may offer the Registry Lock service, which is a Registry Service that allows an authorized representative from the sponsoring Registrar to request the activation or deactivation of any of the following EPP statuses: serverUpdateProhibited, serverDeleteProhibited, and/or serverTransferProhibited.

Yes

Competition Questions

1. Do you believe the proposed service would have any positive or negative effects on competition? If so, please explain.

The Service would have a positive rather than negative effect on competition. There is an interest from registrars and registrants to have the option of purchasing additional protections to prevent the unauthorized modification of domain, host, and registration data. Many other TLD registries provide registry-level lock services, and allowing Top Level Design to offer the Service would increase the number of protective services offered in the marketplace.

2. How would you define the markets in which the proposed service would compete?

The market is all current and future Top Level Design accredited registrars and registrants.

3. What companies/entities provide services or products that are similar in substance or effect to the proposed service?

The Service will add to existing lock/protection services offered by registrars and will enable interested registrars to enhance their offerings. Similar registry lock services are also offered by other gTLD operators.

4. In view of your status as a Registry Operator, would the introduction of the proposed service potentially impair the ability of other companies/entities that provide similar products or services to compete?

No. ICANN has approved other registry lock services in the past which have not impaired or hindered other registry operators from developing similar services or stopped registrars from offering their own security and lock services.

5. Do you propose to work with a vendor or contractor to provide the proposed service? If so, what is the name of the vendor/contractor, and describe the nature of the services the vendor/contractor would provide.

Top Level Design's registry service provider CentralNic already provides this Service directly for .ink,
.design, and .wiki registrars. They will once again leverage their experience as a registry backend.

6. Have you communicated with any of the entities whose products or services might be affected by the introduction of the proposed service? If so, please describe the communications.

Top Level Design has communicated with interest parties that have inquired about the Service. Once approved by ICANN, Top Level Design will alert its registrars to the availability of the Service.

7. Do you have any documents that address the possible effects on competition of this proposed service? If so, please submit them with your application. ICANN will keep the documents confidential.

Affected TLDs

Current Registry Operator	Top Level Domain	Registry Agreement Date
Top Level Design, LLC	gay	2019-05-23