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ALAC Statement

On Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery (PEDNR) Initial Report

Introduction

By the Staff of ICANN

This statement on Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery (PEDNR) Initial Report was discussed by the At-Large Advisory Committee during its teleconference on July 27th, 2010 and [endorsed](#) with a 8-0-0 vote.

On July 29th, 2010, the At-Large Staff sent the Statement to the [public consultation process](#) on Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery (PEDNR) Initial Report on behalf of the At-Large Advisory Committee.

(End of Introduction)

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The PEDNR PDP was initiated through an ALAC request for Issues Report. The PDP has now issues an interim report and the following ALAC comment on the report is proposed.

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) requested the Issues Report which resulted in the Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery PDP, and it strongly supports the activities of the Working Group.

It is essential that the post-expiration “safety net” that existed several years ago be restored. Moreover, the domain industry is sufficiently robust and mature that it can and must provide a level of predictability and security to gTLD domain name holders.

In line with the desired outcomes stated in the original Issue Report request, the ALAC supports:

1. Consensus policy requiring that all registrars must allow renewal of domain names for a reasonable amount of time after expiration.
2. Consensus policy explicitly stating the minimum requirements for pre-expiration notices.
3. Consensus policy requiring clarity of how messages will be sent.
4. Consensus policy requiring that WHOIS contents to make it clear that a domain name has expired and has not yet been renewed by the registrant.
5. Consensus policy requiring that notice(s) be sent after expiration.
6. Consensus policy requiring that web sites (port 80) no longer can resolve to the original web site after expiration.
7. Consensus policy requiring that other uses of the domain name (e-mail, FTP, etc.) no longer function after expiration.
8. Consensus policy requiring clarity in the expiration terms and fees offered by registrars.
9. Consensus policy requiring that the Redemption Grace Period be offered by all registries (including future gTLDs) and by all registrars.

It is understood that there may be unusual cases where the business models of some registrars may require exceptions to some of these policies. However, the need for such exceptions should not deny the vast majority of registrants a predictable and safe gTLD eco-system.

Over and above these minimum requirements, the ALAC supports a move within the registrar community to establish the meaningful and transparent concept of “best practices”.