

Telnic's response to Mr Nevett's comments

We write to address the issues raised by Mr. Nevett, writing on behalf of Network Solutions, LLC.

While he was careful to note that Network Solutions was not objecting to dotTel or Telnic per se, Mr. Nevett expressed concerns over three sets of provisions in the proposed dotTel Registry Agreement:

- automatic renewal;
- evaluation of Registry Services; and
- termination.

These provisions are all substantially identical (and in most cases literally identical) to provisions in the Registry Agreements for the four new sponsored top level domains already approved by the ICANN Board of Directors: dotCat, dotJobs, dotTravel and dotMobi (they are also substantially similar to the recently-approved restatement of the dotCom Registry Agreement). In the few cases where the provisions cited by Mr. Nevett are not in each of these Registry Agreements, they are in at least one other sTLD Registry Agreement that has recently been approved by the Board. For example, the statement in Section III.1(d)(iv) that, in the context of evaluating new Registry Services, ICANN will respect Telnic's reasonable objection to the disclosure of information to third party experts, has already been approved by the Board of Directors in the dotMobi Registry Agreement.

Telnic believes it would be inappropriate for ICANN to impose upon it new or different obligations than it has already approved for the other new sTLDs, or to refuse to approve provisions that it has already approved for other sTLDs.

Of course, as explained in the Registry Agreement, Telnic will always abide by consensus policies implemented by ICANN in accordance with ICANN's Bylaws, including any consensus policies that override provisions in the Registry Agreement for all sTLDs.

Yours sincerely,

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