

Response to Documentary Information Disclosure Policy Request

To: Michael Palage

Date: 16 October 2011

Re: Request No. 20110916-1

Thank you for your Request for Information dated 16 September 2011 (the "Request"), which was submitted through the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers' (ICANN) Documentary Information Disclosure Policy (DIDP). Your Request is attached to the email forwarding this Response.

Request:

Dear ICANN Staff,

This Document Information Disclosure Policy (DIDP) request is being made regarding information contained in the CEO Monthly One – Page Metrics Report dated 15 July 2011. Specifically, the data regarding IDN Fast Track Billing Activity indicates that in connection with the 18 requests that ICANN has processed to date, ICANN has billed out \$600K but only collected \$132K. Given that there should be no difference between IDN ccTLDs and gTLDs when it comes to the safety security and stability of the Internet and the reliance upon which Internet users place in these TLDs, these CEO metric numbers raise some interesting questions:

- Can ICANN please provide any documentation regarding its actual costs to process these 18 applications and what where the actual costs (internal and external)?
- Was the \$132K sufficient to process these applications?
- If the \$132K was sufficient to pay for the review of these 18 applications, can ICANN provide any documentation reconciling these reduced evaluation fees versus the proposed \$185,000 fee for a "single gTLD" application?
- If the \$132K was not sufficient to process these applications, what funds did ICANN use to process these applications?
- On page 114 of the October 2010 Board Briefing materials there is a document entitled "IDN ccTLD Financial Overview", prepared by then ICANN Staffer Tina Dam dated 20 October 2010. This document states that ICANN has already written off as "uncollectable" \$50,000 of the \$572,000 fees. Can ICANN provide an accounting of the total amount of fees in connection with IDN ccTLDs that have been written off as "uncollectable."
- Once an IDN ccTLD application fee has been written off as "uncollectable" does this amount still appear in the IDN fees billed One Page Metrics Report?

For the avoidance of any doubt, please note that nothing in this DIDP request seeks to have ICANN identify those IDN ccTLD applicants that have not paid their fees or have had fees written off as uncollectable.

While ICANN has historically waited until the very last day of the thirty day window to post responses to DIDP requests, I would hope ICANN staff could expedite any portions of this request so that it can provide an important data point to the JAS WG teleconference scheduled for this upcoming Monday.

Response:

Information regarding costing for the IDN ccTLD Fast Track is already publicly available, including the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Implementation Plan, <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/idn/fast-track/idn-cctld-implementation-plan-16nov09-en.pdf>, as well as a June 2009 Cost Analysis of IDN ccTLDs, at <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/idn/fast-track/analysis-idn-cctld-development-processing-costs-04jun09-en.pdf>. These include information on the internal and external fixed costs associated with the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Program. Updated Billing Activity information is available in the 25 August 2011 Board Briefing Materials, at <http://www.icann.org/en/minutes/board-briefing-materials-3-25aug11-en.pdf>.

ICANN notes that many portions of this Request are not seeking documentary information, but instead seek explanation or background regarding the information contained within documentary information. Upon receipt, your Request was circulated to those who may be able to provide you with additional information. Because the DIDP is limited to requests for documentary information, the explanatory information sought is not incorporated into this Response. ICANN encourages you to propose your questions directly to staff outside of the DIDP process. Please note that outside of the publicly available documents on this issue, ICANN does not have other documentary information that is responsive to many portions of your request.

About DIDP

ICANN's DIDP is limited to requests for information already in existence within ICANN that is not publicly available. In addition, the DIDP sets forth Defined Conditions of Nondisclosure. To review a copy of the DIDP, which is contained within the ICANN Accountability & Transparency: Framework and Principles please see <http://www.icann.org/transparency/acct-trans-frameworks-principles-10jan08.pdf>. ICANN makes every effort to be as responsive as possible to the entirety of your Request.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further inquiries, please forward them to didp@icann.org.