

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Via E-mail and Via U.S. Mail

Mr. Patrick Kane Senior Vice President, Naming and Directory Services VeriSign, Inc. 12061 Bluemont Way Reston, VA 20190

Re: Release of single-character domain for .COM for RSEP ID: B6H5U-2X7N1

Dear Mr. Kane:

ICANN conducted a preliminary review of Verisign's Registry Service request to release the single-character domain o.com pursuant to the .com Registry Agreement between Verisign and ICANN dated effective 1 December 2012 (as amended).

ICANN conducted a review of the Registry Operator's request and has determined the request does not raise significant Security or Stability issues as defined in the Registry Agreement.

ICANN has determined that the proposed Registry Service "might raise significant competition issues." (See section 3.1(d)(iv)(E) of the .COM Registry Agreement at https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/agreement-2012-12-05-en.) Accordingly, as required under the agreement, ICANN is referring the issue to the appropriate governmental competition authority and will post the referral on the ICANN website.

Sincerely,

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