Dear Chuck,

ICANN has conducted a preliminary review of VeriSign’s request for Two-Factor Authentication Service for .NAME, pursuant to the .NAME Registry Agreement between VeriSign and ICANN dated 15 August 2007.

Based on the information provided, ICANN's preliminary review did not identify any significant competition, security or stability issues. The proposal is very similar to VeriSign's proposal 2009004 for .COM and .NET already approved on July 2009. VeriSign may proceed to deploy as a voluntary optional service. If VeriSign were to propose implementing two-factor authentication as a requirement for registrars, this would be a change from the current practice and a description of the two-factor authentication would likely need to be added in the Registry-Registrar Agreement (Appendix 8 of the .NAME Registry Agreement). ICANN would publish a revised RRA for comment under established procedures.

Best regards,

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