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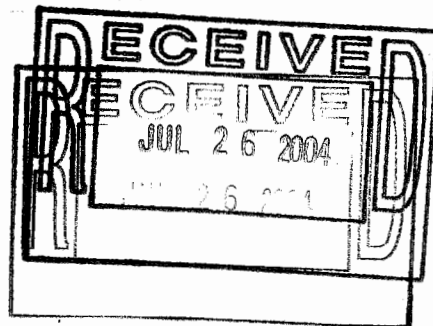
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Our reference TK45  
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Date July 16, 2004  
Re .net-Infrastructure Operation

Dear Mr. Twomey,

Deutsche Telekom is offering IP products and services in Germany and international. This is the reason, that we are very much interested in the stability of the Internet Infrastructure. Now I got to know, that ICANN wants to release a Request for Proposal regarding the future operation of the .net TLD. Deutsche Telekom uses .net within its own technical infrastructure as well as an offer to its customers. We and our customers are using the .net-domain for websites and also to perform E-commerce activities for instance. Therefore a high-level performance of the .net infrastructure is crucial for us.

We know VeriSign is operating the .net at very high performance levels and is continuously delivering a very good uptime record. This ensures, that we can meet the appropriate performance levels as expected by our customers. VeriSign has also shown their expertise remaining reliable and ensuring performance while faced with a growing rates of viruses and all sorts of hacker-attacks.



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Although there is some critics concerning VeriSign's (non-)involvement in registrar-registrar disputes, where we would like to see VeriSign being more involved as a mediator of last resort, we hope you understand this letter as an endorsement of VeriSign's performance to date.

Yours sincerely

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