RSEP Fast Track-Registry Lock

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Registry Operator
DotKids Foundation Limited

Request Details
Case Number: 01133954

Service Description
This service request should be used to submit a Registry Services Evaluation Policy (RSEP) request to implement the Registry Lock service. The purpose of the Registry Lock Service is to help protect against accidental or inadvertent modifications to, deletions, or transfers of domain name registration data.

The statements below reflect the standard implementation of the proposed service with no apparent significant security or stability issues as well as the standard amendment language for Registry Lock. Please note this request will be published on the ICANN org RSEP webpage upon completion of the Completeness Check, which will be within 5 days from submission.

If any of the statements below do not apply to your registry’s implementation of the proposed service, this RSEP Fast Track request may not be used. Instead, you must submit a standard “RSEP (Registry Services Evaluation Policy)” request. Please click here for more information about the process.

Complete the information requested below. All answers marked with a red asterisk are required. Click the Save button to save your work and click the Submit button to submit to ICANN.
Registry Operator Confirmation

1. My registry requests to implement the Registry Lock service for the TLDs included in this request.
   Yes

2. My registry confirms the amendment language below represents the proposed service in this RSEP request and my registry agrees to execute the Registry Agreement amendment without modification.
   Yes

   Note: amendment execution will occur once the request has successfully passed ICANN Review for security, stability, and competition.

Registry Lock

Registry Operator may offer the Registry Lock service, which is a Registry Service that allows an authorized representative from the sponsoring Registrar to request the activation or deactivation of any of the following EPP statuses: serverUpdateProhibited, serverDeleteProhibited, and/or serverTransferProhibited.

Competition Questions

1. Do you believe the proposed service would have any positive or negative effects on competition? If so, please explain.
   The Registry Lock Service would have no negative effects on competition. To the contrary, DotKids believes that this service will enhance the protection services currently offered in the market place, allow registrars to market a new service related to domain name and host protection, better enable registrars to differentiate their services and compete more effectively, and give consumers more choices.

2. How would you define the markets in which the proposed service would compete?
   The market is all current and future accredited registrars and registrants of .kids.

3. What companies/entities provide services or products that are similar in substance or effect to the proposed service?
   The Registry Lock Service will complement existing protection services currently offered by registrars, and will enable these registrars to enhance their service offerings.

   Other TLDs currently offer this service to their customers.
4. In view of your status as a Registry Operator, would the introduction of the proposed service potentially impair the ability of other companies/entities that provide similar products or services to compete? 
No. Registrars may continue to develop their own protection services and may continue to offer such services with or without the proposed Registry Lock Protect Service. The Registry Lock Protect Service is intended to complement registrars’ protection services.

5. Do you propose to work with a vendor or contractor to provide the proposed service? If so, what is the name of the vendor/contractor, and describe the nature of the services the vendor/contractor would provide.
No.

6. Have you communicated with any of the entities whose products or services might be affected by the introduction of the proposed service? If so, please describe the communications. DotKids has communicated with registrars and many have indicated that the Registry Lock Service will enhance current account and domain protection efforts, and potentially allow them to create new services to offer to their registrants.

7. Do you have any documents that address the possible effects on competition of this proposed service? If so, please submit them with your application. ICANN will keep the documents confidential.

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