



2 February 2018

Mr. Zak Muscovitch  
Interim General Counsel  
Internet Commerce Association

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

Dear Mr. Muscovitch:

Thank you for your 22 December 2017 correspondence regarding Verisign's [30 November 2017 Registry Service request](#) to release the single-character domain name O.COM. The letter has been posted the [ICANN correspondence page](#).

Pursuant to the [.COM Registry Agreement](#) between Verisign and ICANN dated effective 1 December 2012 (as amended), ICANN conducted a review of the proposed service to determine if it might raise significant Security, Stability or competition issues. In [our review](#), we did not identify significant Security or Stability issues; however, we determined the proposed service might raise significant competition issues. On 7 December, [ICANN referred](#) the matter to the appropriate governmental competition authority, the United States Department of Justice, and on 14 December, the [Antitrust Division communicated to ICANN](#) it did not intend to open an investigation on the matter.

As noted on the [RSEP status page](#) Verisign's request is in the "pending amendment" stage. You may monitor the progress on the status page as ICANN organization continues to work with Verisign on the next step of the process.

Thank you for your participation in the ICANN multi-stakeholder model.

Regards,

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